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Senior General Than Shwe visits State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tournament

YANGON, 6 Dec—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe arrived on 4 December at Yemon Kyunthaya Golf Course in Hlegu Township where the 2004 State Peace and Development Council Chairman's trophy Golf Tournament was held.

On arrival at the golf course, Senior General Than Shwe was welcomed by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and the ministers.

Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted golfers participating in the tournament.

Senior General Than Shwe inspected golf accessory shops, sportswear shops, food stalls and Winthuza shops of the Ministry of Industry-1 and left in the afternoon.

On 5 December, Senior General Than Shwe arrived at Yemon Kyunthaya Golf Course at 10.45 am.

Senior General Than Shwe watched golfing by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin



Senior General Than Shwe inspects golf accessory shops at Yemon Kyunthaya Golf Course in Hlegu Township. — MNA

Maung Than and Lt-Gen Tin Aye and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein,

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Chairman of Golf Tournament Organizing Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang. Next, Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted the golfers and left the golf course in the afternoon.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe watches State Peace and Development Council Chairman's trophy Golf Tournament. — MNA



Mr Bounnhang Vorachith. — MNA

Curriculum Vitae of H E Mr Bounnhang Vorachith, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

YANGON, 6 Dec — Mr Bounnhang Vorachith was born on 15 August 1937 at Na Village, Tha Pang Thong District, Savannakhet Province. He joined the revolutionary movement in 1952 and worked for the Propaganda Unit of the Armed Forces in Savannakhet Province. In 1954 he was stationed at No 605 Battalion in Hua Phan Province and joined the Defence Unit of the two liberated Provinces of the Pa Thet Lao Force. In 1957 he went to Vietnam for studies. In 1961 he was based at the No 01 Battalion of the Pa Thet Lao Force and helped the Commanding Committee in its preparation for the liberation of Luang Nam Tha Province in 1962. After the liberation of Luang Nam Tha, he went to Vietnam to study at a military college.

In 1964 he was stationed at No 613 Battalion and became Chief of the Organizational Committee of Xieng Khuang Province in 1969 and later in 1972 he was appointed Deputy Chief of the North Front, Luang Prabang Province. He joined the coalition in Luang

Prabang and became Party Secretary of Defence Unit of Neutral Luang Prabang City in 1974. In 1975 he became Party Secretary and Political Chief of the North Armed Force. Then in 1978 he studied political theory in Vietnam. In 1980 he became Party Secretary and Political Chief of Central Armed Force. From 1982 to 1992 he served as Party Secretary as well as Governor of Savannakhet Province. From 1993 to 1996 he was Party Secretary and Mayor of Vientiane Prefecture. He was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Lao-Vietnam Cooperation Committee from 1996 to 1999. From 1999 to March 2001, he served as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. On 26 March 2001, he was elected as Prime Minister of the Lao PDR by the 7th Ordinary Session of the 4th Legislature.

Mr Bounnhang Vorachith is married to Madame Khammeung Vorachith and has three sons and two daughters. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 7 December, 2004

Cooperation between the government and people : key to emergence of democracy

The 10th waning day of Tazaungmon, 1366 ME, is the 84th anniversary of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar. It was on this day that the national education movement was launched and this movement served as a most powerful lever for independence.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe sent a message on the 84th anniversary of the National Day as previous years. In his message, the Head of State said that, at a time when the fruits of the national education promotion plans were flourishing, it was necessary for the government and the people to work together for the emergence of a peaceful, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy, enlisting the united strength of highly-qualified human resources.

Throughout the history of Myanmar, her national people were 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 loss of sovereignty and independence for a certain period of time in history, the entire nation was able to regain the status as an independent nation and an independent people. It was due to the strong and dynamic patriotism, national spirit and Union Spirit of the national people.

Our national goal is the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Thanks to the correct leadership of the government, its plausible policies and the united and enthusiastic participation of the entire national people, there have been favourable conditions and results. In the education sector, for instance, the enrollment rate at the elementary level has increased up to 96.56 per cent. It is because the national education promotion projects are being implemented with the cooperation of the people. At present, there are over 7.64 million students attending classes at basic education schools. In the higher education sector, the number of universities and colleges has increased up to 156 and over 900,000 students are studying at these higher learning institutions.

Because of the rapid development 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. Therefore, we must have constant national awareness to ward off their perpetration. We would like to urge the entire national people to fully cooperate with the government in implementing the national education promotion plans and building the nation into a new democracy.

Chinese delegation leaves for home

YANGON, 6 Dec — The six-member Chinese delegation led by Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China Mr Wu Dawei left here for home by air this afternoon after paying an official visit to Myanmar.

The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Political Department Director-General U Thaung Tun, Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun and officials.

Before their departure for home, the Chinese delegation visited the Shwedagon Pagoda in the morning and made cash donations towards the funds of the pagoda. The guests on December 4, visited the Myanmar Gems Museum on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.

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People's Desire

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

Home Affairs Minister attends cash donation ceremony for doyen literati

YANGON, 6 Nov—

A ceremony to donate cash for the seventh time to doyen literati through the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association by the Printers and Publishers Central Registration Board under the Ministry of Home Affairs was held at the Press Scrutiny and Registration Division of the General Administration Department on Winkaba Road, Bahan Township, here, this morning, with an address by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

In his address, Maj-Gen Maung Oo said that the Ministry of Home Affairs has been donating cash to doyen literati and it donated over K29.9 million from the first to sixth time and K 11,841,900 for the seventh time totalling over K 41.9 million; that the aim of the cash donation is not only to contribute cash for the ceremony to pay respects to doyen literati but also to forge unity between publishers and those from recording studios. In other words, it is aimed at ensuring development of periodicals and recording world.

The government is



Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo presents cash assistance to MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung). — MNA

making all-out efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In this connection, it has laid down and is implementing the seven-point Road Map. Writers and musicians, who have been dutiful in successive eras, are to participate in successful realization of the seven-point Road Map by doing their bit. There are 5,141 printers, 1,009 publishers and 1,262 from recording studios. They are the ones who have emerged in the time of the State Peace and Development Council and are running their work freely.

Therefore, they are to publish literature capable of serving the interest of the State and the people,

realizing the gratitude of the Government.

There are still widespread fabrications manufactured by internal and external destructive elements who do not want to see the national development.

They are manufacturing fabricated news under the name of press freedom. Thus, writers and entrepreneurs are to strive together with the government in accord with the press policy for national development while endeavouring for development of literary and music world.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo presented K 11,841,900 donated by publishers, liter-

ary houses, recording centres, owners of press, computers and copiers for doyen literati to Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association (Central) U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) who presented certificates of honour to the well-wishers.

Later, U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted those present on the occasion.

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Yangon Mayor attends honouring ceremony of winners of Yangon Division

YANGON, 6 Dec —

A ceremony to honour the prize winners of Yangon Division in State level essay, quiz, article and

poster contests to mark International Rice Year 2004 was held at the head office of Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Devel-

opment Association in Bahan Township this afternoon, attended by CEC member of the USDA, Chairman of Yangon City

Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

The mayor spoke on the occasion. Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department, Director-General U Aye Kyu of No 3 Basic Education Department (Yangon) and General Manager U San Lin of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation presented prizes to the winners of Yangon Division respectively and the ceremony ended.

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Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presents a prize to a winner of State level essay, quiz, article and poster contests to mark the International Rice year 2004. — NLM

Indonesia drafting stricter air safety rules after plane crash

JAKARTA, 5 Dec— In the wake of a plane crash that killed 26 people this week, the Indonesian Ministry of Transportation is preparing a regulation that will require air transportation operators to employ more experienced pilots.

Minister Hatta Radjasa was quoted Saturday by *The Jakarta Post* newspaper as saying that the regulation would, among other things, set minimum flight hours for pilots who fly commercial planes and ensure the airworthiness of the aircraft before takeoff.

"The operators will undergo a safety audit, where a team from the transportation ministry will check whether their pilots meet the minimum flight hours requirement and regular fleet maintenance is conducted," Hatta said.

He added that the regulation was also aimed at encouraging the operators to beef up ground checks of their planes for the sake of passenger safety.

The minister did not go into details,

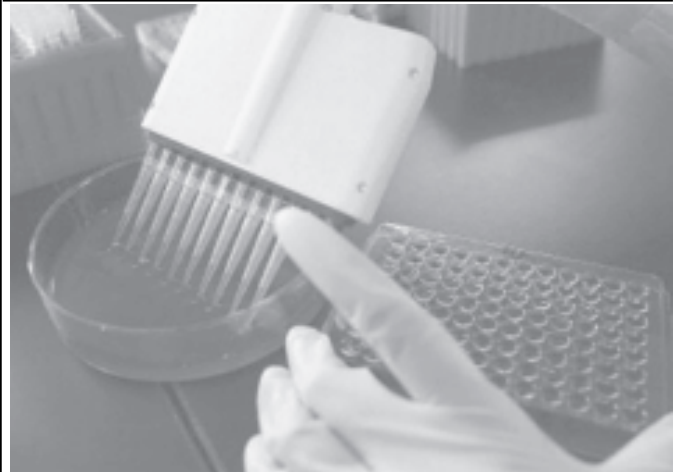
saying the regulation was being drafted.

An MD-82 aircraft belonging to budget carrier Lion Air crashed at Adi Sumarmo Airport in the Central Java town of Solo on Tuesday after it skidded off the wet runway during a heavy rain and smashed into a wall.

Another aircraft belonging to Bouraq and an F-16 jet fighter also skidded off the runway at Hasanuddin Airport in Makassar.

"I am not going to say whether it was human error or a mechanical error or bad weather which caused the crash, because we are still conducting the investigation and we will announce the result after we have completed all necessary data," the minister said.—MNA/Xinhua

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Scientists test blood in Beijing on 5 Dec, 2004. China's government announced that a vaccine for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) has emerged from the first phase clinical test as both safe and effective.—INTERNET

Indonesia delivers military plane to Pakistan

JAKARTA, 5 Dec—Indonesia's state aircraft manufacturer PT Dirgantara Indonesia (DI) delivered a CN-235 aircraft to the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) on Friday.

The 40-seater airplane is the third of four airplanes ordered by the PAF, the company's president director, Edwin Sudarmo, was quoted as saying by the official Antara news agency.

PAF technical representative Sajid Mehmood and Pakistani Ambassador to Indonesia Sayed Mustafa Anwar Husain were also present at the ceremony at the Dirgantara factory in the West Java capital of Bandung to witness the delivery.

Edwin said a similar type of aircraft designed for the Pakistani President will be delivered in January.

Under the 54-million-US-dollar contract signed in 2004, the company delivered the first of the four airplanes to PAF in February this year and the second last September. "Three of the four airplanes will be used to carry troops and the other will be used as a presidential or a VIP airplane," Edwin said.—MNA/Xinhua

China punishes two companies for violating Microsoft's copyright

BEIJING, 5 Dec— Two Chinese companies were punished by the National Copyright Administration (NCA) for producing software violating Microsoft's copyright, said an NCA official on Friday.

The two companies, Beijing Zhongxinlian and Tianjin Minzu, produced recovery discs of Window XP Home Edition for Lenovo computers without authorization from Microsoft, said Wang Ziqiang, the NCA spokesman, at a Press conference Friday. The administration started investigation into the two companies after receiving a request from Microsoft in June this year, he said.

Beijing Zhongxinlian had produced 55,000 discs

of the Microsoft software from November 2001 to July 2003 for a Beijing-based TV and movie entertainment company, Beijing Yanjing Tianbao. Tianjin Minzu made 4,000 discs of the same kind in 2002 for a technology company named Fangxiaojun Technology, according to the NCA. The administration

confiscated the income of 10,405 yuan (1,258 US dollars) of the Beijing Zhongxinlian and fined the company 80,000 yuan (9,673 US dollars), which was the ceiling amount for such a violation according to the Regulations on Protection of Computer Software, Wang said. Tianjin Minzu was fined 10,000

yuan and confiscated its illegal earning of 600 yuan from this deal. "The two companies were the executors in the violation. As for Beijing Yanjing Tianbao and Fangxiaojun Technology who asked them to do so, as far as I know, Microsoft is going to take them to the court," Wang said.—MNA/Xinhua

Gasoline prices to drop in Thailand

BANGKOK, 5 Dec—Retail prices of premium and regular gasoline on the domestic market will be further cut by 0.40 baht (0.1 cents) a litre, taking

effect as of early Saturday morning, the *Thai News Agency* reported Friday.

The new drop of the domestic gasoline prices followed continual falls

of oil prices on the US market — by around six US dollars a barrel — over the past days, said the agency.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Marine searches a building in the central Iraqi city of Mahmudiyah, south of Baghdad on 5 Dec 2004.—INTERNET

1,271 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

BAGHDAD, 5 Dec—As of Sunday, 5 December, 2004, at least 1,271 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 over the weekend.

The AP count is eleven 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, 1,133 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:

Two US soldiers died Saturday after coming under fire during a patrol in Mosul.—Internet

Four US troops, 16 others killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Dec—Suicide car bombs struck Iraqi police and Kurdish militiamen in Baghdad and northern Iraq on Saturday, killing at least 16 people and wounding dozens, while four US soldiers died in separate attacks, again demonstrating the lethal reach of Iraq's guerrilla just weeks ahead of crucial elections.

Meanwhile, the guerillas pursued their deadly campaign against American troops and Iraqi security forces.

Two US soldiers were killed by roadside bombs in Baghdad and near Baqouba Saturday, and two other American soldiers were killed and four wounded when their patrol came under attack in

the northern city of Mosul.

Also Saturday in Mosul, a suicide bomber exploded his vehicle alongside a bus carrying Kurdish militiamen in the city, killing at least nine people, including seven militiamen and two passers-by, and wounding nine more, officials said.

Internet

Putin inaugurates “BrahMos” complex in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, 5 Dec— Russian President Vladimir Putin inaugurated Saturday an Indo-Russian joint venture complex here that will produce and market the supersonic *BrahMos* missiles, the *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

India's Defence Research and Development Organization and the Federal State Unitary Enterprise NPO Mashinostroyeniya of Russia are the joint venture partners of the company.

Inauguration of the BrahMos Joint Venture Complex at BrahMos Aerospace at Kirby Place here was the last engagement of the Russian leader in the capital before he left for Bangalore, India's technology capital.

Putin, who had the annual summit talks with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Friday, also held talks with Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee and Vice-President Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Saturday.

The BrahMos joint venture is engaged in the design, development, manufacture and marketing of the supersonic anti-ship cruise missile systems with the participation of multiple Indian and Russian institutions and industries.

According to the company, the Joint Venture BrahMos is an example “integration and promotion of jointly developed high technology military products to the world market”.

The first flight-test of the *BrahMos* missile was conducted in June 2001 at the Interim Test Range on the eastern Indian state of Orissa coast. Since then variants of the missile have been successfully tested. — MNA/Xinhua

HK welcomes 20 millionth tourist

HONG KONG, 6 Dec— A female tourist from The Netherlands has become the most lucky overseas tourist to Hong Kong in 2004 — the 20 millionth tourist to Hong Kong who received a package of rewards.

Barbara Wallerbosch, who arrived in Hong Kong at about 8:00 am at Hong Kong International Airport on Sunday was recognized by Hong Kong's Immigration Department as the 20 millionth tourist to Hong Kong in 2004.

Hong Kong Tourist Development Board (HKTDB) has offered her a 12-minute Helitours at night, week-long Museum Pass, guided heritage tour, guided Lantau Island monastery tour, Hong Kong Winter-

Fest guided tour, hotel upgrade, transfer to hotel from airport and dinner, crystal junk and about 10 souvenirs from the HKTDB.

Surprised at the gift offering, Wallerbosch said she was very happy to be the most lucky tourist to Hong Kong.

She said she was most interested in the helicopter tour at night during which she could observe the well-known charms of Victoria Harbor.

She said this is her first trip to Hong Kong. During her one-week stay in Hong Kong, shopping was one of her major destinations as she planned to buy jewellery items, a digital camera, fashions and gifts for friends.

MNA/Xinhua

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PM says Pakistan enjoys full economic sovereignty

ISLAMABAD, 5 Dec— Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz Friday said Pakistan has achieved full economic sovereignty and entered a new era of economic self-reliance.

“Pakistan of today and tomorrow is not the Pakistan of yesterday,” the local news agency *News Network International* Friday quoted the Prime Minister as saying in Pakistan's economic capital Karachi.

“Only two nights ago the Board of IMF (International Monetary Fund) received our request for saying goodbye to them and this was graciously accepted,” he said.

“We have shown to our people and the world that instead of living from tranche to tranche, we are entering a new era of self-reliance in Pakistan,” Aziz said. The Prime Minister said Pakistan's economy has gone through a major change and transformation over the last five years.

However he said this does not mean that Pakistan will not be disciplined and prudent, the

report said.

Shaukat Aziz said that last fiscal year (from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004) Pakistan had a growth of 6.4 per cent in GDP.

The Prime Minister said that for this year the target for growth is 6.6 per cent. The figures of the first four months of this fiscal year suggest that Pakistan will meet and exceed the target of 6.6 per cent growth rate.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese Internet firm Softbank said it aims to enter the mobile phone industry supplying third-generation (3G) services, which are currently only in the hands of NTT DoCoMo.—INTERNET

Five Jordanian drivers arrested in Iraq

AMMAN, 5 Dec— Jordanian government spokeswoman Asma-Khader said on Sunday that the US-led coalition forces in Iraq seized five Jordanian drivers on 3 December, the official *Petra* news agency reported.

Khader said that the government contacted the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad to seek ways to free the drivers. She added that the government is following up the issue with concerned parties, refusing to reveal more details about the reason of the arrest.

The drivers are Farhan Adnan, Mamdouh Joma, Ali Yassin, Ali Ahmad and Muhammad Ahmad, according to the report.

Internet

70 die as Iraq violence escalates

BAGHDAD, 5 Dec—Guerillas in Iraq mounted a third straight day of serious attacks yesterday, killing 17 people when they opened fire on buses delivering workers to an ordnance disposal site.

At least 70 Iraqis, many of them members of the police and security forces, have been killed

since Friday in attacks across central and northern Iraq.

The organized violence underlines the guerrilla's continued strength despite last month's US military assault on Fallujah and suggests that attacks will intensify in the run-up to next month's general election.

In southern Iraq, the Black Watch returned to base in Basra at the end of a controversial month-long deployment southwest of Baghdad.

A Ministry of Defence source said there were no plans to send more British troops outside their area of responsibility.

At 8.30 am yesterday gunmen in Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's home town north of Baghdad,

opened fire on two buses delivering Iraqi workers to a weapons dump, the US military said. At least 17 people were killed and 13 were injured and taken to hospitals.

The Iraqis were working for a civilian contractor, Bushmaster, according to *Reuters*.

Shortly afterwards, 30 miles north in the town of Baiji, a suicide car bomber drove into a convoy of National Guardsmen, killing the local commander, Mohammad Jassim Rumaied, and three bodyguards. Several others were hurt. Another attack on National Guardsmen in Samarra, to the south of Tikrit, killed one man and left four injured.

Internet

Nepal's garment export to US slips in November

KATHMANDU, 5 Dec—Nepal's ready-made garment export to the United States decreased by 33 per cent in November compared with the same period last year, according to the latest figures released by the Garment Association of Nepal on Saturday.

Garments valued at 5.37 million US dollars were exported to the United States last month, while the figure was eight million dollars in November 2003, the data revealed—MNA/Xinhua



Smoke and steam rise from a mass of vehicles destroyed by two car bombs which detonated in front of a police station near a checkpoint to Baghdad Green Zone on 4 Dec, 2004.—INTERNET



An elderly musician performs among the crowd, wearing colourful traditional dress of China's ethnic Bai group, as they gather at the market place of Sideng town recently.—INTERNET

Cambodia launches public financial management reform programme

PHOM PENH, 6 Dec — Cambodia announced on Sunday afternoon to formally launch its Public Financial Management Reform Programme to deepen its reform efforts in order to reach the regional and international standard of public financial management by 2015.

"What makes this reform programme different from other previous programmes is that this programme was developed with a clear structure and realistic action plan," said Keat Chhon, Minister of Commerce, at the launching ceremony.

"Through implementation of this reform programme, step by step, the royal government will be able to promote efficiency and strengthen public financial management capacity," added Keat Chhon.

What is more important is that the programme is launched at the time

when the Cambodian Government will meet with its donor countries on Monday and Tuesday to ask for money assistance for the next three years.

Prime Minister Hun Sen said at the ceremony that "Cambodia has long recognized the fundamental importance of improving its administration of public finances and some necessary measures have been set out and implemented."

Cambodia's development partners applauded the programme, saying "the programme is well conceived, prioritized and sequenced".

MNA/Xinhua

Schroeder says Germany, China important force for world peace

BERLIN, 6 Dec — Germany and China share common views on many international issues and can make important contributions to securing peace and stability in the world, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said.

In a written interview with Xinhua on the eve of his three-day visit to China starting Monday, Schroeder said his talks with Chinese leaders will aim at deepening "strategic partnership" and continuing the "very close political dialogue" between the two countries.

The talks will cover a broad range of topics such as how to double bilateral trade volume by 2010, expand cultural and environmental protection, deepen people-to-people contact and contribute to solving international problems, he said.

Both countries share identical views on sustained economic development, protection of global resources and environment, and narrowing of the North-South gap, he said.

By cooperating in those international fields, Ger-

many and China can make important contributions to safeguarding peace and stability in the world, he said.

On economic issues, Schroeder said Germany is ready to engage strongly in the revitalization of China's industrial northeastern region. He will visit northeast China in the company of a large German business delegation and hold talks with governors of three northeastern Chinese provinces.

He noted that China had made changes to its foreign trade and enterprise rights laws, which makes foreign investment in China more attractive and also represents a step closer to the recognition of China's market economy status by the European Union.

MNA/Xinhua

Annan pledges help for Philippine flood victims

UNITED NATIONS, 5 Dec — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Friday pledged help for victims after powerful storms struck the Philippines in recent days.

"The Secretary-General is profoundly saddened by the large-scale loss of life and destruction wrought by the powerful storms that have struck the Philippines in recent days," Annan's spokesman Fred Eckhard told reporters in New York.

"He extends his sincere condolences to the families of the deceased and to all those affected by this catastrophe," said the spokesman, reading out a statement by the UN chief.

Eckhard said that the world body has been working closely with Philippine authorities in responding to needs created by the disaster and has made emergency cash grants available for the purchase of relief supplies.

MNA/Xinhua

China to construct six projects in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 6 Dec — The Chinese Government will immediately undertake construction of six important projects aimed at helping Nepal's development, Chinese Ambassador to Nepal Sun Heping told Xinhua on Sunday.

"Three projects will be implemented in the first phase and three others in the second phase as part of Chinese cooperation assisting Nepal's development," Sun said.

Among the projects slated to be undertaken in the first phase are the Civil Servants' Hospital, Polytechnic College and the Syaphrubesi-Rusuwa Road. Projects to be constructed in the second phase include the Outer Ring Road in the Kathmandu Valley, Ayurvedic Hospital and laying of a fibre optical system up to the road in Nepal via Zhangmu in China. — MNA/Xinhua

Four Iraqi guards killed in car bomb north of Baghdad

BAIJI (Iraq), 6 Dec — A suicide car bomb attack killed the Iraqi National Guard commander in Iraqi guerilla stronghold of Baiji and three of his bodyguards, a National Guard officer in the town said.

Abu Bakr Salim said the attack targeted a convoy carrying Mohammed Jassim Rumaied, the local National Guard commander, who was killed.

Fourteen people were wounded in the attack, Salim said. Guerillas fighting US-led troops and the interim Iraqi government have concentrated most of their attacks in recent months on Iraqi security forces.

MNA/Reuters

17 Iraqis killed in ambush north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 6 Dec — At least 17 Iraqi civilians working for a US contractor were killed and 13 others wounded Sunday when they were ambushed on their way to work in Tikrit, north of Baghdad, the US military said.

The attack took place at about 8.30 am (0530 GMT), the military said in a statement.

"Anti-Iraqi Forces in two vehicles opened fire on civilian buses that had stopped to let the workers off," it added.

Guerillas fighting the occupation forces have frequently launched attacks against civilians working with multinational troops, accusing them of collaboration.

MNA/Xinhua

Two US troops killed, four wounded in Mosul

BAGHDAD, 6 Dec — Two US soldiers were killed and four others wounded on Saturday when guerillas attacked a US military patrol in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, the US military said on Sunday.

The soldiers were part of the US Task Force Olympia based near Mosul, and were shot dead by the attackers at some 3 pm (1200 GMT) Saturday, according to a military statement.

The wounded soldiers were evacuated to a Mosul military hospital for treatment. — MNA/Xinhua



Armed guerillas take to a street in the northern Iraqi town of Mosul, on 5 Dec, 2004.—INTERNET

Russian film festival opens in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 6 Dec — The Russian Film Festival on the World War II kicked off here Sunday to commemorate the victory of joint forces against the fascism in 1945. The three-day festival is organized by the Russian Embassy to Nepal and the Russian Centre of Science and Culture based in Kathmandu on the eve of the 60th anniversary of the victory in the World War II. "It is a commemoration of the then Soviet people and Soviet armies who boldly fought against the fascism," said Sergey F Kiselev, director of the Russian Centre.

"The Eastern Front," a film on the German invasion in 1941; "Ballad of a Soldier," one of the famous war movies; "The Cranes are Flying," a love story; "At Dawn It's Quiet Here..." a patriotic movie; and "The Star", a movie on World War II in the former Soviet Union, will be showcased during the festival. — MNA/Xinhua



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and congregation receive the Nine Precepts at a ceremony to enshrine relics in Yandaing Aung Hsutaungpyi MyoU Pagoda in Lashio. — MNA

Secretary-1 attends ceremony to enshrine relics in Yandaing Aung Hsutaungpyi MyoU Pagoda in Lashio

YANGON, 6 Dec—A ceremony to enshrine relics in Yandaing Aung Hsutaungpyi MyoU Pagoda to be built on Wizayabumi Maha Aungmye Hill in Lashio was held in conjunction with the 7th cash presenta-

Ovadacariya Presiding Sayadaw of Lashio Kanmaing Kyaungtaik Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Muninda, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman

bers of Shan State (North) District/Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials, national race leaders of Shan State (North) Special Regions, social and religious associations, local people and others. The

Sangha recited parittas.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented Yadana Seinbudaw, Shwehtidaw, eight requisites, Shwe padethabin, Ngwe padethabin, gold casket, a Buddha image and offertories donated by

Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, a Buddha image and offertories; Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint, Yadana gold plate, Shwehtidaw, Bodhi tree and offertories

ister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone and family; K 200,000 by Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut and family; K 5 million by Asia World Co Ltd; K 2.7 million by Hsenwi Station; K 2.7 million by Tangyan Station;



Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents Yadana Seinbudaw, Shwehtidaw, golden and silver padethabins and gold casket donated by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, and family to a Sayadaw. — MNA

tion ceremony at the pandal on the hill yesterday morning, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Sangha led by State

of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, mem-

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

The congregation led by the Secretary-1 received the Nine Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Muninda.

Next, members of the



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts K 200,000 donated by Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut and family.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Muninda.

Later, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented Yadana Hngetmyatnadaw, eight requisites, two Buddha images, one stupa, two Ngwe padethabins and offertories donated by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and family to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Muninda. After that, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing presented a Buddha image, religious objects, cash and offertories to members of the Sangha.

Next, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone presented a Buddha image and offertories; Minister for

donated by Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut and family; Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, a Buddha image and offertories; Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, a Buddha image and offertories; Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, a Buddha image and offertories; and Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence, silver casket and offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Muninda. This was followed by cash presentation ceremony.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepted cash donations for the pagoda—K 500,000 by Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and wife Daw Khin Thant Zin and family; K 100,000 by Minister at the Prime Min-

K 2.7 million by Lashio Station; and K 2.7 million by local construction engineering unit and Major Ohn Maw-Daw Phyu Phyu Lin and family—and presented certificates of honour to the well-wishers.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe accepted cash donations—K 1 million by Special Region-1; K 1 million by Special Region-2; K 100,000 by Special Region-3; K 500,000 by Special Region-5; K 500,000 by Special Region-7; K 100,000 by U Sai Swunt; K 1 million by Panhse People's militia group led by U Kyaw Myint; K 100,000 by U Zaw Kun; K 3 million by UMFCCI President U Win Myint—and presented certificates of honour to the well-wishers.

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Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presents offertories donated by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, and family to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Secretary-1 attends...

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After that, Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister Col Thein Nyunt and Minister Col Zaw Min accepted cash donations—K 3 million by U Thein Than of Diamond Palace Co; K 2.5 million by U Kyaw Myint of Tiger Head Co; K 2.5 million by U Shwe Chauk of AAA Cement; K 2 million by U Ah Phon; K 36 million by U Sai Aye of So So Pye Pye Co; K 1 million by Yoma Bank; K 1 million by U Lauk Hti; K 530,000 by Lashio Degree College; K 300,000 by Lashio Rice Merchants Association; K 100,000 by Dr Sai Maw Kham and K 100,000 by U Duwa Zok Khaung—and presented certificates of honour to the well-wishers.

The 7th cash donation for the pagoda amounted to K 197,407,000.

Afterwards, Secretary of Lashio Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Khayo Pariyatti Sarhintaik Bhaddanta Sumana delivered a sermon and the congregation led by Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein shared merits gained.

Next, the ceremony to enshrine relics in Yandaing Aung Hsutaungpyi MyoU Pagoda followed.



Lt-Gen Thein Sein sprinkles scented water onto relics. — MNA

First, the Secretary-1 and party and Upathakas flanked by regal processions conveyed relics round the pagoda clock-wise.

At the auspicious time, the Secretary-1 and party put the relics in the reliquary of the pagoda.

Next, they sprinkled scented water onto the relics and enshrined them.

Next, they sprinkled scented water onto the reliquary.

Afterwards, the ceremony to sprinkle scented water onto Maha Bodhi tree in the compound of the pagoda was held with the recitation of Namo Tassa three times by the congregation led by the Secretary-1 and party.

Later, the Secretary-1 and party sprinkled scented water onto Mah Bodhi tree.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party went round Maha Bodhi tree clock-wise three times with the recitation of religious verses.

The ceremony ended with the recitation of Buddha Sasanan Ciram Titthatu three times.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein performed the rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the success of the ceremony.—MNA



Lt-Gen Thein Sein sprinkles scented water onto Bo Tree at Wizayabumi Maha Aungmyay Hill in Lashio. MNA

Secretary-1 presents prizes to outstanding students from northern Shan State

YANGON, 6 Dec— Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended a prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students from northern Shan State who passed the 2004 matriculation examination, for schools and townships that stood positions from 1 to 10 and for education fund at the city hall in Lashio on 5 December.

Also present were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of

the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, ministers, senior military officers, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental officials, local authorities, school heads, national race leaders from special regions, members of social organizations and students.

Secretary of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyaw Shwe reported

on the prize presentation and establishment of education fund for northern Shan State.

Shan State (North) Additional Education Officer U Ngwe Toe reported on efforts for emergence of outstanding students and arrangements for promotion of education. Next, the Secretary-1 presented prizes to the outstanding students from Shan State (North) and provided stipend for 11 outstanding students attending institutes and colleges.

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BEHS students in Lashio entertain Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party with songs at a ceremony to honour outstanding students in Shan State (North). — MNA

Deputy C-in-C of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attends prize presentation...

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deputy ministers, senior military officers, the director-general of the SPDC Office, departmental heads, members of the subcommittee for the golf tournament, and contestant golfers from 34 teams.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, and Chairman of the Leading Committee for Golf Tournament Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung opened the tournament by teeing off smoke balls.

On the first day of the tournament, the golfers played 18 holes.

The second day and the last day of the tournament took place at the same venue yesterday morning. After the competitions, the award ceremony was held at the Club House in the evening. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attended the ceremony.

Before the ceremony, vocalists entertained the guests with songs to the accompaniment of the Myanma Modern Music Band. On the occasion, Minister U Aung Thaung gave a brief account of the tournament.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, on be-



General Thura Shwe Mann tees off a smoke ball to open the State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tournament. — MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win tees off a smoke ball to open the State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tournament. — MNA

half of State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, presented championship awards to the leader of the Ministry of Defence team in the team handicap event and the leader of the Ministry of Defence team in the scratch event.

For the handicap event, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung presented third prize to the Ministry of Forestry team; Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, second prize to the Ministry of Home Affairs team; and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, first prize to the Ministry of Defence team.

For the scratch event, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe presented third prize to the Ministry of Transport team; Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, second prize to the Ministry of Home Affairs team; and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, first prize to the Ministry of Defence team.

Next, Minister U Aung Thaung presented cash awards to the manager, who accepted on behalf of the markers of the Yangon City Golf Course for their contribution to the tournament.

He also gave away cash awards to the leaders of the best losers in the team handicap and scratch events.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi presented awards to golfers who won Most Eagle, Most Birdie, Most Par, Longest Drive and Nearest Pin.

Next, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation

Maj-Gen Htay Oo presented first, second and third prizes to golfers in the individual handicap event; and Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, to those in the team scratch event. Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha presented best stroke awards to golfers. Minister for

Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein presented prizes to golfers who ranked fourth to twentieth in the individual handicap event.

After the award ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister U Aung Thaung and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint posed for a group photo together with award-winning golfers.

In the team scratch event, the Ministry of Defence team stood first with 503 strokes in total; the Ministry of Home Affairs team, second with 517 strokes; and the Ministry of Transport team, third with 527 strokes.

In the team handicap event, the Ministry of Defence team stood first with 395 strokes in total; the Ministry of Home Affairs team, second with 413 strokes; and the Ministry of Forestry team, third with 428 strokes.

In the single handicap event, Major Maung Maung Myint of the Ministry of Defence won first prize with 127 strokes in total; Major Than Oo of the Ministry of Defence, second prize with 130 strokes; and U Myat Ko Ko of the Ministry of Forestry, third prize with 136 strokes.

In the single scratch event, Major Maung Maung Myint of the Ministry of Defence won first prize with 163 strokes in total; U Thurein Kyaw of the Ministry of Labour, second prize with 165 strokes; and Major Than Oo of the Ministry of Defence, third prize with 166 strokes.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein tees off a smoke ball to open the State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tournament. — MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects extension project of Yangon International Airport. —MNA

Prime Minister inspects Yangon International Airport Extension Project

YANGON, 6 Dec — Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win inspected the Yangon International Airport Extension Project this morning.

Accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Prime Minister arrived at the project at 10.30 am and was welcomed

by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, departmental heads and officials of Asia World Company.

At the briefing hall, the Prime Minister heard a report on salient points of the

project, presented by the Minister for Transport, and Managing Director of the company U Tun Myint Naing on progress in implementing the project and the designs of the buildings with the help of audio-visual aids.

The Prime Minister spoke of the need to systematically and effectively implement the project, to strive to meet the set standard, to complete it in time, and to give work proficiency courses for staff to run the international airport with efficiency.

He observed the progress in constructing the extended buildings and a parking lot, installation of a transformer, a generator and machines. He then went around the project and gave instructions to officials.

Yangon Interna-

tional Airport has been extended to become an advanced facility handling the landing and taking off of jumbo jets. The project was launched in April 2003 and over 35 per cent of the work has been completed.

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Secretary-1 presents prizes...

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Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min presented cash and prizes to distinction winners and Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing presented prizes for producing outstanding students to officials of the schools.

Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min presented prizes

to education officers from Hsipaw, Kyaukse, Lashio and Nawnghkio townships. Secretary of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyaw Shwe presented K 1 million to Shan State (North) Additional Education Officer U Ngwe Toe. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min accepted K 2.23 million from the wellwishers. Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint accepted K 5 million for the fund of Tatmadaw Education Schools.

Commander Maj-Gen



Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts K 60 million for savings account book presented by Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing. — MNA

Myint Hlaing presented K 60 million for savings account book to the Secretary-1. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min reported on Myanmar's education promotion pro-

grammes in order to catch up with the international standard.

The Secretary-1 and party arrived back here in the afternoon.

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Self-reliant library opened in Mongnaung

YANGON, 6 Dec — A self-reliant library was opened on 2 December in Mongnaung, Shan State

(South).

At the inauguration ceremony, Brig-Gen Thaung Aye of Mongnaung Station and township Health Officer Dr Aung Kyaw Win handed over 170 books on general knowledge including journals and periodicals provided by officers and other ranks of the station and Mongnaung Health Department.

Inspector Htay Aung Kyaw of Mongnaung Police Station and Head of the township Information and Public Relations Department formally opened the library.

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Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents a prize to an outstanding student. — MNA



Students of Dagon BEHS-2 and 3 entertain with dance and song at the celebration of 84th Anniversary National Day at the hall of BEHS-2 Dagon. — NLM



Lt-Gen Soe Win plants an Ingyin Tree near the southern entrance of Maha Pathana Cave. (News on Page 16) — MNA

Prime Minister's gifts for monastic education schools in Yedashe

YANGON, 6 Dec — Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win presented 324 dozens of exercise books, pencils and ball pens for monastic education schools in Yedashe Township, and Patron Bago Division Union Solidarity and Development Association Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and USDA Central Executive Committee member Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen

Aung Min, on behalf of the Prime Minister, handed over the gifts, this afternoon.

Five Sayadaws led by Chairman of Monastic Education Schools Supervisory Committee in Yedashe Township Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita of Kanmyint Monastery attended the ceremony. The Sayadaw founded the first monastic education school at his monastery in the township, with 18 students in

1999. Five more monastic schools have been opened in the township including in hill regions, and 324 students are attending classes at the schools. The minister met with USDA members in Toungoo District USDA Office, Pyu Township Office and Bago Division Office, and urged them to take part in the successful materialization of the seven-point future policy programme of the State. *MNA*



Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Ministers U Aung Thaung and Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint pose for a documentary photo together with golfers of the Ministry of Defence Team. — MNA



Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects Photo Exhibition on the Essence of Buddhism at Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Thabin Hall. (News on Page 16) — MNA



Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents the bowl to Ministry of Defence Team who comes first in State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tournament. (News on Page 16) — MNA

National Day observed at basic education...

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Similarly, the 84th Anniversary National Day ceremony took place at No 1 BEHS in Latha Township, attended by Minister for Education U Than Aung and officials. The Latha Township PDC chairman read the message of the Senior General. The minister and officials presented prizes to the winners of essay and

poem competitions.

Similarly ceremony took place at No 6 BEHS in Bohtataung Township, attended by Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and officials. The township PDC chairman read the message of the Senior General and presented prizes to the winners of essay and poem competitions.

Likewise, the National Day ceremonies were held at No 1 BEHS in Pabedan Township, No 1 BEHS in Lanmadaw Township, No 2 BEHS in Hlinethaya Township, and No 1 BEHS in Thanlyin Township, where the Senior General's message was read out. And the prizes were awarded to the winners of essay and poem competitions. — *MNA*

Extension project of Yangon International Airport in progress. (new on page 9) — MNA



Hailing the World Buddhist Summit of the Union of Myanmar

Ba Sein
(Religious Affairs)

We all Buddhists throughout the world are honoured and very pleased to learn that the World Buddhist Summit will be held in the Union of Myanmar in December 2004. This great and grand Buddhist Summit will be sponsored by the Government of the Union of Myanmar. The aims and objectives of holding the World Buddhist Summit are mainly contributing to promotion and propagation of Buddhism throughout the world and to construct and enhance cooperation and profound friendship and solidarity among Buddhists and Buddhist communities all over the world and also to attach great importance to creation of global peace, and to reduce tensions and conflicts among nations in the World. It is learnt that in order to effectively and successfully hold the World Buddhist Summit, the Government of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has formed the Advisory Board of Mahatheras, the Steering Committee, the Organizing Committee and respective Sub-committees.

We all Buddhists throughout the world firmly believe that the World Buddhist Summit will surely gain a concrete momentum for global peace and generate more positive changes in exercising loving-kindness, compassion and tolerance among human-beings for creating to reduce tensions, conflicts and sufferings and making the world a better and peaceful place to live in.

According to historical records of Buddhism, it is further learnt that the *Fifth Great Buddhist Council (Synod)* was held in the city of Mandalay, Myanmar in the year 2415 of the Buddhist Era (1871 CE). Two thousand and four hundred venerable elders (Buddhist monks) attended the Council to recite and approve the scriptures of the Buddha which were then inscribed on stone slabs, and also, the *Sixth Great Buddhist Council (Synod)* was internationally held in the Union of Myanmar in the year 2498 of the Buddhist Era (1954 CE) and

sponsored by the Government of the Union of Myanmar. Two thousand and five hundred venerable elders (Buddhist monks) from five Theravada Buddhist nations, other Buddhist nations and Buddhist communities all over the world attended the Council to recite and verify the scriptures of the Buddha which were later put into print. With a view to purification, perpetuation, promotion and propagation of the Buddha Sasana (the noble teaching of the Buddha) at home and abroad, the First, the Second, the Third, the Fourth and the Fifth Congresses of the Sangha of All Orders of the Union of Myanmar were successfully held by the Government of the Union of Myanmar in 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000 respectively. Each congregation was attended by one thousand and five hundred Sangha representatives representing over five hundred thousand members of Sangha throughout the country.

And now, it is further learnt that under the guidance and instructions of the Steering Committee and Organizing Committee, the respective Sub-committees have already completed necessary arrangements and requirements for successfully holding the World Buddhist Summit.

It is learnt that heads of State, delegates, Buddhist leaders, participants and observers from 37 countries are invited and expected to attend the World Buddhist Summit.

We all Buddhists throughout the world firmly believe that the World Buddhist Summit will surely gain a concrete momentum for global peace and generate more positive changes in exercising loving-kindness, compassion and tolerance among human-beings for creating to reduce tensions, conflicts and sufferings and making the world a better and peaceful place to live in.

We all Buddhists all over the world would like to express our sincere thanks to the Government of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar to successfully hold the World Buddhist Summit, and earnestly wish the World Buddhist Summit every success.

Thaddamma Waiponla Ordination Hall inaugurated in Dagon Myothit (South)

YANGON, 6 Dec — A ceremony was held in the compound of Thaddamma Zotikayon Pariyatti School in Dagon Myothit (South) Township today to lay the cornerstone of a two-story building and inaugurate the Thaddamma Waiponla Ordination Hall. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein were present.

The commander, the minister and officials laid the cornerstone. The commander covered the centre cornerstone with the stone slab and sprinkled scented water on it.

The minister, Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein and donor Dr Khin Khin Yi formally opened the Thaddamma Waiponla Ordination Hall. The commander unveiled the signboard.

Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kondaljitika administered the Five Precepts. The Sayadaws recited parittas. The congregation presented offertories to Sayadaws. The Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared the merits gained. The commander, the minister and party offered 'soon' to the Sayadaws. — MNA

First CLMTV-ECS Trade Fair-2004 continues

YANGON, 6 Dec—The First CLMTV-ECS Trade Fair-2004 continued for the fourth day at the Myanmar Convention Centre here today.

Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the Trade Fair Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun and officials viewed around the trade fair which was packed with visitors.

At the fair, wood-based furniture, electronic appliances, traditional medicines, plastic pipes, personal goods, seafood, traditional costumes, paints, foodstuff and sculptures are on display. Cultural troupes from the Fine Arts Department of Myanmar and traditional cultural troupes from Thailand and Cambodia entertained the audience with dances. Eight ministries, 135 local companies and 21 foreign companies participated in the fair, and the number of today's visitors totalled to some 60,000. Today's sale of the trade fair fetched K 17,924,838. The sale from the beginning to date fetched K 32,901,451 and the trade fair continues until 7 December.—MNA



Booth of UMFCCI being displayed at First CLMTV-ECS Trade Fairs-2004.

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News from the Districts

Tube-wells inaugurated in rural areas

BUDALIN, 27 Nov — A two-inch tube-well sunk with the contribution of wellwishers was put into service in PyuTu Village in Budalin Township, Sagaing Division on 15 November.

Local people in PyuTu Village in Budalin Township now get sufficient drinking water.

Wellwishers U Kyaw Ho and Daw Thin Yin of Yangon provided K 1.25 million for sinking the tube-well.

Newly-sunk tube-well now supplies 1500 gallons of water per hour to local people.

Budalin Township Development Affairs Department is sinking tube-wells in the township under the supervision of Sagaing Division DAD.

Similarly, as part of a rural area water supply project, Pinlebu Township Development Affairs Department has made arrangements for sinking 11 tube-wells using the fund of the township DAD in the villages.

Up to 17 November, altogether seven tube-wells have been sunk in the township.

The Development Affairs Departments under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient clean water in rural areas in states and divisions where water is scarce. — KYEMON

Cash provided for school building

MYITNGE, 30 Nov — As part of a rural area development project, Mandalay Division Union Solidarity and Development Association provided cash assistance for construction of a school building in Maetawsu Village in Amarapura Township.

At the cash donation ceremony, Secretary of Mandalay Division USDA U Ko Ko Lay explained the purpose of the donation and handed over K 200,000 to Headmistress Daw Tint Tint Khaing.

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Photo shows opening ceremony of a library in Minlatpan Village in Myawady Township.

KYEMON

Self-reliant libraries inaugurated

MINHLA, 24 Nov — A self-reliant library was opened in ShaPhyuKwin Village in Minhla Township, Bago Division (West) on 20 November.

At the opening ceremony, township Information and Public Relations Department and wellwishers donated 150 books on general knowledge to the library.

Similarly, a self-reliant library was opened in Minlatpan Model Village in Myawady Township.

Myawady Township IPRD and local people provided books and cash for the library. —KYEMON

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Cage film tops box office for 3rd weekend

BEIJING, 6 Dec — Nicolas Cage logged a third weekend atop the North American box office on Sunday with his action-adventure "National Treasure".

One of the hardest-hit films was director Oliver Stone's "Alexander," which earned an estimated \$4.7 million in the three days beginning Friday, losing about two-thirds of its opening-weekend tally as it dropped one place to No 7.

"National Treasure" dug up an estimated \$17.1 million, taking its total to \$110.3 million. The Walt Disney Co picture is on track to surpass 1996's "The Rock" (\$134 million) as Cage's biggest movie.

The only new entry in the top 10 was director Mike Nichols' potty-mouthed adultery drama "Closer," which opened at No 6 with \$7.7 million, a hefty number for a limited release.—Internet



Nicolas Cage logged a third weekend atop the North American box office on Sunday with his action-adventure "National Treasure".—INTERNET

Millions of children to die for rich countries' failed promises

LONDON, 6 Dec—About 45 million children around the world will die in the next decade because rich countries have failed to meet their aid promises, humanitarian agency Oxfam said on Monday.

"The world's poorest children are paying for rich countries' policies on aid and debt with their lives," said Oxfam director Barbara Stocking.

In a report titled "Paying the Price", the British

aid agency said countries like United States, Germany and Japan had reneged on pledges made in 1970 to make available 0.7 per cent of their gross national income (GNI) in aid and as a result up to 45

million children would die by 2015.

"Thirty-four years on none of the G-8 members have reached this target and many have not even set a timetable," it said.

The aid budgets of

rich nations are half what they were in 1960, Oxfam said, while poor countries are having to cough up 100 million US dollars a day in debt repayments.

MNA/Reuters

Seven killed, 20 injured in SAfrican road accidents

JOHANNESBURG, 6 Dec — Collisions on South Africa's roads on the first weekend of the festive season have claimed the lives of at least six adults and a five-month-old baby and left 20 people injured, officials said on Saturday.

The baby and its mother were killed when a BMW speeding along the N1 highway from Cape Town lost control at Bellville and jumped the median, landing on top of the family's Audi, on its way from Paarl, not far away from Cape Town.

The child's father and a four-year-old brother were in critical conditions in the Kuilsrivier Mediclinic, according to a report from South African Press Association.

All three occupants of

the BMW, thought to have been drunk at the time, were killed, one of them decapitated, in the extremely gruesome crash, said Land Transport Regulation chief director, Wendy Watson.

No penalty was harsh enough for the killing of an innocent family, particularly over December when Christmas would forever be a reminder for them of the loved ones they had lost, she said. Drunk drivers are responsible for half the road

crashes in South Africa. A recent survey showed 55 per cent of drivers in road crashes in 2003 were under the influence of alcohol.

In a second collision, a woman died and 18 people were injured when a horse and trailer ploughed into a minibus on the Clairwood off-ramp of the M4 south, near Durban, at 9 a.m. (0700 GMT) on Saturday, said KwaZulu-Natal traffic spokesman, Colin Govender.

MNA/Xinhua

Oman pledges equal attention to HIV patients

ABU DHABI, 5 Dec — Omani Health Minister Ali Bin Muhammad Bin Musa has said that Oman offers equal opportunities to both men and women HIV/AIDS patients and both genders have equal access to public awareness and health services, the *Khaleej Times* reported on Friday.

The minister made the remarks when the country marked the world AIDS day, which fell on 1 December with emphasis on reducing the vulnerability of women and girls to AIDS-related diseases.

"Efforts to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS have paid off in the country," Musa was quoted as saying. There are 902 HIV/AIDS patients in Oman, 30 per cent of whom are women. The first case of HIV/AIDS in Oman was reported in 1984, but the rate of infection has remained low, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

BA investigates security lapses at Heathrow Airport

LONDON, 5 Dec — The British Airways (BA) launched an investigation into major security lapses at Heathrow Airport following a report released Friday that an undercover journalist entered the airline's restricted areas without any check.

Sky News reported that its reporter had repeatedly accessed restricted areas at the world's busiest airport, saying airport offices containing confidential security documents and out-of-bounds airspace areas were easily breached.

He managed to walk by passenger planes just hours before they were due to take off, Sky News said.

The reporter returned to the airport on a number

of occasions at night and carrying only a broom, which was used to escape the attention of security. Only once was he challenged by security staff, but even then not asked for security credentials before being allowed to carry on.

He also entered an un-locked BA office with key manuals inside. The manuals detailed the airline's security procedures, such as how staff are supposed to respond

to bomb threats, how they are vetted before joining and procedures for negotiating with hijackers.

On another occasion, the reporter broke through what should have been a watertight cordon keeping the public away from restricted areas of the airport. From the public viewing platform on top of Terminal 2, he found a gap in razorwire and slipped through.

MNA/Xinhua

Bombs explode in five pumping stations of Madrid

MADRID, 5 Dec — Bombs exploded Friday in five pumping stations of Madrid, leaving no victims, but causing material damage, said the Spanish Interior Ministry.

The attacks occurred at 1830 hours, local time and responsibility was claimed by separatist organization Basque Homeland and Freedom (ETA).

These service stations had been evacuated beforehand, after an anonymous phone call on behalf of ETA, warned Basque daily *Gara*, on the imminent explosions. — MNA/Xinhua

15 Nigerians killed in road accident

LAGOS, 6 Dec — Fifteen people were killed in a road accident in the central Nigerian state of Kogi, local radio reported Saturday.

The accident occurred on Friday as a truck lost control and ran into a bus on a road linking Ankpa and Abejokolo, two towns in eastern Kogi.

Vehicles speeding, overloading and reckless driving are blamed to be the main causes of road accidents in Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation.

MNA/Xinhua



A Russian model sports creation by a young fashion designer during an avant-garde fashion show contest in St Petersburg, recently.—INTERNET

Spain, Morocco reinforce cooperation against terrorism

MADRID, 5 Dec — Spain and Morocco decided to reinforce cooperation against terrorism during the third Hispano-Moroccan Judicial Meeting, General Council of the Judicial Power of Spain said on Friday.

The meeting, held last week at the Moroccan capital of Rabat, was attended by the judicial bodies of Spain and Morocco to discuss fighting terrorism and organized crimes in an effective way.

The General Council of the Judicial Power of Spain and the Supreme Court of Morocco announced in the final declaration that they have made great progress in protecting the rights of the

victims of the most violent crimes.

The meeting also produced a list of liaison judges between the two countries for further co-operation.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

USADA to investigate Marion Jones taking banned drugs

HELSINKI, 6 Dec— US anti-doping officials plan to question Victor Conte after the BALCO head claimed he saw sprinter Marion Jones taking banned drugs, world athletics body the IAAF said on Saturday.

"The IAAF has made contact with... the relevant prosecuting authority in the US, in this case USADA (US Anti-Doping Agency)," International Association of Athletics Federations spokesman Nick Davies told reporters.

"Now Conte has broken his silence, they will be seeking him for further information. The IAAF will follow the situation," he said. "All links with BALCO are being investigated."

Jones has consistently denied using performance-enhancing drugs but Conte said in an interview on ABC television on Friday that he had seen the former Olympic champion inject herself with steroids in a drug programme he devised.—MNA/Reuters

Premier League leading scorers

LONDON, 6 Dec— English Premier League leading scorers after Saturday's matches:

- 13 - Thierry Henry (Arsenal)
- 9 - Andy Johnson (Crystal Palace), Robert Pires (Arsenal)
- 7 - Milan Baros (Liverpool), Craig Bellamy (Newcastle United)
- 6 - Jose Antonio Reyes (Arsenal), Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink (Middlesbrough), Nicolas Anelka (Manchester City), Yakubu Aiyegbeni (Portsmouth), Henrik Pedersen (Bolton Wanderers)



Thierry Henry struck two late goals to help Arsenal maintain the pressure on leaders Chelsea with a 3-0 victory over Birmingham City at Highbury.

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- Eidur Gudjohnsen (Chelsea), Jermain Defoe (Tottenham Hotspur), Kevin Davies (Bolton Wanderers)
- 5 - Andy Cole (Fulham), Paul Dickov (Blackburn Rovers), Luis Boa Morte (Fulham), Alan Shearer (Newcastle United), Shaun Wright-Phillips (Manchester City), Robert Earnshaw (West Bromwich Albion)
- 4 - Darren Huckerby (Norwich City), Lee Hendrie (Aston Villa), Anders Svensson (Southampton), Marcus Bent (Everton), Fredrik Ljungberg (Arsenal), Nolberto Solano (Aston Villa), Wayne Rooney (Manchester United), Radhi Jaidi (Bolton Wanderers), Ruud van Nistelrooy (Manchester United), Damien Duff (Chelsea), Thomas Gravesen (Everton), Paul Scholes (Manchester United)

MNA/Reuters

Spain wins Davis Cup

MADRID, 5 Dec— Carlos Moya crushed Andy Roddick on Sunday to win the Davis Cup for Spain, giving the home team an unbeatable 3-1 lead.

Moya won over the American 6-2, 7-6 (7-1), 7-6 (7-5) before a 27,000



Carlos Moya crushed Andy Roddick on Sunday to win the Davis Cup for Spain.—INTERNET

sellout crowd to leave the 31-times Davis Cup champions without a victory in the tournament since 1995.

The former world No. 1 took the match and the Davis Cup when Roddick netted a backhand off Moya's serve.

The United States had given themselves a chance of an unlikely comeback when the Bryan twins won the doubles on Saturday having lost both the singles on Friday.

"This has been incredible - the moment I've been waiting for years," said Moya. "I've prepared myself for this day. I knew that playing on clay I would have my chances to win."

"The Davis Cup is my dream. I can't ask for more. There is nothing bigger than what I've lived today."

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IAAF chief says anti-doping policy needs govt's help

HELSINKI, 6 Dec — Athletics is committed to a zero-tolerance anti-doping policy but needs the help of governments to snare drug cheats, IAAF chief Lamine Diack said on Saturday.

"The war against doping is a fight that sports people cannot win alone. The struggle also demands strong help from countries' governments," Diack, the head of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), told daily Helsingin Sanomat in an interview.

"(But) we are ready for the doping war. Our approach is zero-tolerance. Cheats must be caught and disciplined."

Diack is in the Finnish capital for a meeting of the IAAF Council, which will decide on the host city for the 2009 world championships as well as hear a report from the athletics body's anti-doping task force, set up in the wake of the Athens Olympics.

The world championships will be held in Helsinki next year and the IAAF has promised stringent testing with roughly one in four of the more than 2,000 athletes giving samples. Diack said that the greater popularity enjoyed by track events over field disciplines, changes should be made to the way athletics events are staged — one possibility being to limit the number of throws or jumps.

"In the Golden League there is a limited time. Not all the disciplines will fit in 2-3 hours," Diack said. "The field event rules must be adjusted. It is not possible that there are six throws or jumps. These could be reduced, even radically."

MNA/Reuters

Berlin to host 2009 World Athletics C'Ships

HELSINKI, 6 Dec— Berlin won the right to host the 2009 world athletics championships on Saturday.

The German capital beat off rival bids by Valencia and Split in a vote of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Council.

Berlin was the favourite to win, with a stadium already built and its huge market a lure for sponsors. Its bid was given extra clout by German Interior Minister Otto Schily, who was in Helsinki on Saturday to lobby for the event.

IAAF President Lamine Diack declined to give details of the vote but said: "It was a decisive victory... now we are going to a great athletics country, and capital in Europe and the world."

The fact that the 1999 championships were held in the Spanish city of Seville was seen by some as a negative factor for Valencia.—MNA/Reuters

Kashiwa Reysol beat Avispa Fukuoka 2-0

FUKUOKA (Japan), 6 Dec— Kashiwa Reysol took a big step towards ensuring their survival in the top flight of the J-League with a 2-0 win over Avispa Fukuoka in the first leg of a promotion/relegation playoff on Saturday.

Fukuoka, who finished third in the Second Division this season, now face an uphill battle in the second leg on December 12.

Reysol went ahead three minutes into the second half when midfielder Harutaka Ono's cross found the back of the net via a wicked deflection in rain-lashed Kyushu.—MNA/Reuters

Bundesliga match reports

BERLIN, 6 Dec— Brief reports of Bundesliga matches played on Saturday:

SC Freiburg 0 Werder Bremen 6

Greece striker Angelos Charisteas scored a hat-trick after Miroslav Klose had put away two in thick fog. Johan Micoud was the third player on the scoresheet for Bremen. There was fresh speculation that Freiburg's coach Volker Finke might be sacked after his side fell to the bottom of the table with just nine points.

Arminia Bielefeld 1 Hansa Rostock 1

Patrick Owomoyela scored his fourth goal of the season two days after Germany coach Juergen Klinsmann added the son of a Nigerian father and German mother to his team but it was not enough for Bielefeld, who slipped two spots to ninth. Rostock climbed off the bottom of the table with their second draw in three matches since new coach Joerg Berger arrived.

Bayer Leverkusen 2 VfL Wolfsburg 1

Franca's goal gave Bayer Leverkusen a last-minute win over former league leaders Wolfsburg four days before their Champions League showdown against Dynamo Kiev. Diego Klimowicz' superb header gave Wolfsburg the lead in the fourth minute but Andriy Voronin equalized after the break. Wolfsburg goalkeeper Simon Jentzsch celebrated his first invitation from Klinsmann to join Germany for their Asian trip with several good saves.

Hertha Berlin 6 Borussia Moenchengladbach 0

Hertha extended their unbeaten streak to six with an explosion of goals, including five in the second half, to climb two spots to seventh. Yildiray Basturk got two goals for Hertha after Guissepe Reina opened the scoring at Olympic stadium with his first goal of the season in the 38th minute and Nando Rafael got a

second in the 54th. It was the third successive defeat for Dutch trainer Dick Advocaat's side.

Hamburg SV 2 Hannover 96 0

Surprising Hannover, who have lost only one of their last 10 matches, climbed a spot to fourth and ended Hamburg's three-match winning streak. American Steve Cherundolo and Daniel Stendel scored for Hannover. Hamburg were missing their top scorer Sergej Barbarez and central defender Khalid Boulahrouz, both suspended.—MNA/Reuters



Dortmund's midfielder Markus Brzenska (L) vies against Schalke's Brazilian striker Ailton during their 16th day Bundesliga football match at the Westfalenstadion in Dortmund.—INTERNET

Cuba to conduct large-scale military drills

HAVANA, 6 Dec — Cuba will conduct large-scale military drills on December 13-19 due to threats from the United States against the island, Raul Castro, Minister of the Revolutionary Armed Forces, said in a statement released Saturday by local Press.

Raul Castro, brother of President Fidel Castro, termed as "gigantic" the "Bastion 2004" drills in which millions of Cubans will participate.

The first five days of the exercises will be attended by 100,000 troops, including reserves. In the last two days, millions of Cubans will join the exercises, said the second-in-command of Cuba's political leadership.

"What matters is that everyone knows at least what is indispensable in order to combat the enemy," he said. "Definitely, all these we are planning are to guarantee your future and that of your children," the mini-

ster was quoted as saying.

The Bastion 2004 is to be conducted due to the continuous threats of aggressions by the US Government, according to a communique of the Ministry of the Cuban Revolutionary Armed Forces. The armies have the duty to assess "the degree of preparation of the whole society to cope with an armed aggression", the communique said.

It stressed that all seemed to indicate the government of US President George W. Bush will keep its hostile policy towards Cuba as was the case during his first term.

MNA/Xinhua

Peruvian police seize 140 kilos of cocaine

LIMA, 6 Dec — Peruvian police seized 140 kilos of cocaine and arrested 10 suspected drug pushers, including nine Peruvians and one Colombian, during an anti-drug sweep in the capital on Saturday, the National Police of Peru said. The police swooped a house in the eastern capital, where 100 kilos of cocaine were confiscated, and a couple were arrested.

The rest of the drugs were found in two other houses. Meanwhile, a clandestine drug-processing laboratory was also found. With an annual output of 250 tons, Peru is the world's second largest cocaine producer after Colombia. Peruvian police have confiscated more than 10 tons of drugs since the beginning of the year. — MNA/Xinhua

Ex-boss of Colombia's Cali cocaine cartel held in US prison cell

MIAMI, 6 Dec — The former boss of Colombia's Cali cocaine cartel was in a US prison cell on Saturday after an extradition that capped a 14-year investigation into his multibillion dollar drug business.

He was being held in a cell until an initial court appearance on Monday, the official said on condition of anonymity. No details were available.

Known in the 1980s and early 1990s as the "Chess Player" for his ability to outwit police, the now gray-haired 65-year-old capo was one of the last of Colombia's legendary outlaws to run the cocaine business from jungle laboratories to overseas distribution.

Colombian authorities say he continued to run his empire from jail after being arrested in 1995 and after a ban on extraditions was lifted two years later.

He and other defendants named in indictments in Miami and New York face charges of conspiracy to import and distribute cocaine and of money laundering. If convicted, he faces life imprisonment on the drug charges and up to 20 years prison time for money laundering.

US justice authorities want the courts to seize 2.1 billion US dollars — the amount they say was involved in the money laundering conspiracy run by Rodriguez

Orejuela.

"At one time, Gilberto Rodriguez-Orejuela and his organization were believed to be responsible for about 80 per cent of the cocaine shipped to the United States, as well as countless murders and a reign of terror in Colombia," said Michael Garcia, Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for US Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

"Today, Gilberto is under arrest in the United States, where he ranks as arguably the highest-level drug trafficking figure to ever occupy a US prison cell," Garcia said in a statement late Friday.

Rodriguez Orejuela and his brother, Miguel, took near control of Colombia's cocaine industry after police gunned down rival drug lord Pablo Escobar in 1993. Miguel is in a Colombian jail.

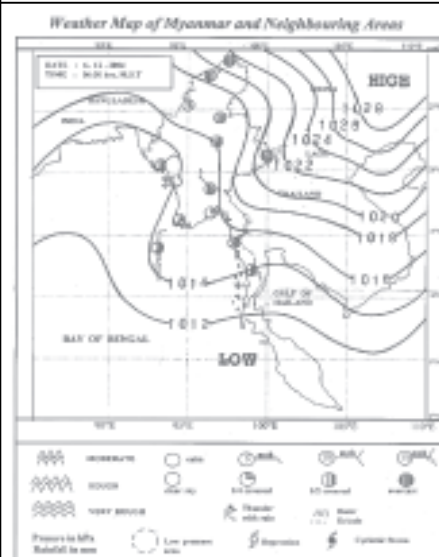
MNA/Reuters

S Korean President ends Polish trip with focus on economy

WARSAW, 6 Dec — South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun ended his two-day visit to Poland Saturday, the first ever by the country's head of state since the two nations established diplomatic relations 15 years ago. With a focus on economic cooperation, Roh's trip was hailed by both sides as a chance of boosting bilateral economic ties.

On Saturday, Roh and his Polish counterpart Aleksander Kwasniewski attended a forum on development of bilateral economic relations. The two said the economic ties face a new chance of development. Kwasniewski called on South Korea to open wider to Polish goods. He told Roh that his country has achieved the fastest-growing economy among the European Union (EU) countries, which is expected to increase 5 per cent this year. He hopes South Korea will pay more attention to Poland.

Roh said Poland has faced a new opportunity of development after it joined the EU on May 1 and South Korean companies can use the chance to expand their investments to gain profits. Last year, bilateral trade totalled 702 million dollars. —MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 6 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 (6°C) above normal in Kachin State and (3°C) above normal in Mon State, (3°C) below normal each in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Namsam, Mindat and PyinOoLwin (7°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 5-12-2004 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 6-12-2004 was 60°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 6-12-2004 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 5-12-2004 was (7.4) hours approx. Rainfall on 6-12-2004 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 5 mph from Northeast at (12:00) 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 7-12-2004: Except for the possibility of isolated light rain in eastern Shan State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperature in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-12-2004: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-12-2004: Fair weather.



Tuesday, December 7
View on today:

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. ကဗျာနိဗ္ဗာန်

8:00 am

6. Song of yesteryears

8:10 am

7. အကြောင်း

8:20 am

8. ဓမ္မတိတော

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Let's go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အဝေးသံတက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးသင်တန်း အားလုံး (သတ္တဝါ၊ ရုက္ခဗေဒအတွဲ၊ အားလုံး) (သတ္တဝါ)

5:15 pm

6. Dance of national races

5:30 pm

7. ခံစားစားသုံးစားတောဝင်

5:45 pm

8. Sing and Enjoy

6:15 pm

9. နိုင်ငံခြားကဏ္ဍနံးစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ "ဓမ္မတိတော" (အပိုင်း-၄၈)

6:30 pm

10. Evening news

7:00 pm

11. Weather report

7:05 pm

12. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာတေး

7:20 pm

13. သားငါးဖွဲ့ပြီး ပြည့်အကျိုး

7:35 pm

14. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies

7:35 pm

15. Hill of Dhamma

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ

"သမိုင်းဓမ္မတိတော" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

20. The next day's programme



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye tees off smoke ball to open the State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tournament 2004. — MNA

Deputy C-in-C of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attends prize presentation

YANGON, 6 Dec — State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tournament 2004 started at Yemon Kyunthaya Golf of Course in Hlegu Township here on 4 December. State Peace and Development Council Vice-Chairman, Defence Services Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye took part in the tournament.

The opening ceremony was attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the SPDC, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, (See page 8)

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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We all Buddhists all over the world would like to express our sincere thanks to the Government of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar to successfully hold the World Buddhist Summit, and earnestly wish the World Buddhist Summit every success.

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Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

Prime Minister attends rehearsal of World Buddhist Summit

YANGON, 6 Dec — Chairman of the Leading Committee for holding of the World Buddhist Summit Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win attended a rehearsal of the World Buddhist Summit held in Maha Pasana Cave at Kaba Aye here this morning.

Also present to pay respects to the Sayadaws led by Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara and Chancellor of Sitagu International Buddhist Academy Sayadaw Dr Nanisara, were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the chairman of Yangon City Development Committee the mayor, deputy ministers, the vice mayor, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, chairmen and members of the work committee and subcommittees, officials and nuns.

On arrival at the Cave at 7.30 am, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win was welcomed by the commander, the ministers and members of the leading committee.

The Prime Minister inspected the landscaping in the compound of the Cave and made arrangements to facilitate the work.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara planted a Bo tree conveyed from Bodhi Gaya at the south-west corner of the Cave, and the Prime Minister, an ingin tree conveyed from Lumbini at the south-east corner near the southern entrance to the Cave simultaneously.

The Prime Minister observed the rehearsal, and left words for necessary arrangements. He also visited the (Myanmar-India) Photo Exhibition on the Essence of Buddhism at Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Thabin Hall.

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects rehearsal at Maha Pasana Cave for World Buddhist Summit. MNA

National Day observed at basic education schools

YANGON, 6 Dec — The 84th National Day was observed at the basic education schools in Yangon City this morning, and the message sent by Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services was read out at the respective schools.

The ceremony was held at No 2 BEHS in Dagon Township, attended by Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Thet Htay, wife of Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command, Minister for Education U Than Aung,

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlements Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, officials, teachers and students and guests. Minister U Than Aung read the message of the Senior General. Next, the ministers, the deputy ministers and Daw Khin Than Nwe presented awards to the outstanding students of No 2 BEHS and No 3 BEHS in Dagon Township and well-wishers made cash donations.

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