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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends Buddha Pujaniya of Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon), offers Shwekyar Thingan to Buddha Image, donates rice to members of the Sangha



Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party receive Nine Precepts from Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara at 11th Buddha Pujaniya of Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon). — MNA

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Tipitakadhara Tipitakadharakovida Sayadaws, Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon), members of the Sangha from International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, the rector of State Pariyatti Sasana University, chairmen Sayadaws of all ganas of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committees and invited members of the Sangha totalling 45, Daw Mya Mya San, wife of 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, Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of Prime Minister General Soe Win, Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, wives of members of the SPDC, wives of the Commanderin-Chief (Navy) and the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander and wife, (See page 6)

YANGON, 4 Nov — In commemoration of the Buddha Pujaniya of Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon), the consecration ceremony, the Shwekyar Thingan offering ceremony and the rice offering ceremony were held at the pagoda on Dhammapala Hill in Mayangon Township this morning.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe offered Shwekyar Thingan to Dhammaçakka Mudra Buddha Image.



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

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PERSPECTIVES

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Collectively take part in urban and rural development tasks

Having formed with those who cherish the nation and the people, who want to forge national solidarity, who are desirous of community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order and who want to preserve national culture, the Union Solidarity and Development Association stands firmly as a strong national force.

For 13 years, members of the association based on common idea, outlook and functions served the interest of the State and the people by doing their bit. They have actively participated in nation-building endeavours while exercising a constant vigilance against possible dangers to peace and stability of the State.

Giving priority to the interest of the State and the people is a contributing factor for the association to win the trust and recognition of local people. As a result, it is gaining a large membership from all walks of life.

Nowadays, more USDAs at township, ward and village-tract levels are being formed in the states and divisions. All the association members are now actively taking part in regional development tasks in the respective regions.

In league with social organizations and the people, the association members are contributing their services in such activities as building of roads, sinking of self-reliant tubewells, installing of windmill generators, digging of lakes, collective planting of physic nut plants and donation of desks to the schools.

Now is the time when the government and the people are making concerted efforts for the emergence of a modern and developed nation. At such a time, we firmly believe that the USDA will throw itself into urban and rural development tasks while striving for improvement of its capabilities.

Family members of MRTV offer Kathina robes to Sayadaws

Yangon, 4 Nov— Under the patronage of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, family members of Myanma Radio and Television held its first Kathina robes offering ceremony at Aung Theikdi Monastery in Ywagauk Ward, Pyinmana, this morning.

Members of the Sangha led by Thabyetaung Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Kammathana Dhammarcariya Bhaddanta Jagara graced the ceremony with their presence. Also present were Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Deputy Director-General U Thein Aung of MRTV and family members.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from Thabyetaung Monastery Sayadaw. Next, mem-

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

F&R Ministry holds Kathina robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 4 Nov— The 10th Kathina robe offering ceremony of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at the Dhammayon of the Internal Revenue Department, northern stairway of the Shwedagon Pagoda this morning.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of members of the Sangha led by Maha Gandhayi Sayadaw Ashin Panava and was also attended by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe and wife and officials. A Sayadaw invested the congregation with the Five Precepts.



Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe and wife offer Kathina robes to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Next, the congregation offered Kathina robes and alms to Sayadaws. Afterwards,

Maha Gandhayi Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained. After the ceremony, the congregation offere alms food to members of the Sangha.

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Asian Archery Grand Prix, SEA Archery C'ship in progress



MWSF Work Committee Chairperson
Daw Aye Aye awards prize to Ms Amaya Paz
(Philippines) who stood first in Women's 50-m
compound event at 3rd Asian AGP 2006 and
2nd SEA Archery Championship.

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Yangon, 4 Nov — The 3rd Asian Archery Grand Prix 2006 and the 2nd Southeast Asian Archery Championship continued at Kyaikkasan Archery Range this afternoon.

Secretary of Central Committee for Myanmar Women's Sport Federation Daw L Khun Yi and

bers of the Sangha recited the Parittas.

The Deputy Director-General and family members offered Kathina robes and alms to members of the Sangha. Thabyetaung Monastery Sayadaw delivered a sermon followed by sharing of merits gained.

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Chairperson Daw Aye Aye, Philippine Archery Federation President Dr Lenora Fes Brawner, World Archery Federation Vice-President Mr Sanguan Kosavinta, Vice-President of Asian Archery Federation Maj (Rtd) Baharuddin Jamil, member of Asian Archery Council Vice-President of SEA Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe (Zay Gabar) and General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaung Htaik presented awards to winners in final matches of the women's and men's compound and recurve events and team events.

In today's archery events, Myanmar women's team won a bronze medal in the women's compound team event. Zaw Win Htaik also secured one bronze medal in the men's recurve singles knockout event. So far, Myanmar archery team has bagged two gold, two silver and four bronze medals. — *MNA*



A four-member Myanmar delegation led by Myanmar Crab Entrepreneurs Association Chairman U Mya Nyein on return at the airport after attending the 3rd ASEAN-China Expo 2006. — UMFCCI

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Chinese V-P proposes three goals for Sino-African cooperation

Beijing, 3 Nov— Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi put forward three proposals here Friday for future Sino-African cooperation, saying both China and African countries should make further effort to tap cooperation potentials.

Wu made the proposals at the opening ceremony of the Third Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, a mechanism for collective dialogue and cooperation jointly established by China and Africa to cope with new challenges and facilitate common development.

In her first proposal,

Wu said the two sides | fully tap cooperation should always instill new vitality into the Forum, and draw up plan for future cooperation and carry out follow-up activities to turn the Forum into a pace setter in promoting China-Africa all-round friend-

She said in her second proposal that the two sides, with an eye on new developments, should boosting international

potential and draw on each other's strengths to broaden and upgrade cooperation.

The two sides should be guided by the principle of being open and inclusive, take a creative approach and benefit from each other's experiences so as to enable the Forum to play a major role in

cooperation in development, she added.

Wu finally called on the two sides to enhance coordination to ensure smooth progress in cooperation.

"The two sides should give full play to the role of the Forum as a mechanism of collective dialogue, keep close consultation, develop new consensus, closely study new trends in cooperation, expand common interests and appropriately address new problems arising in the course of cooperation, so as to turn the Forum into an effective platform for safeguarding the common interests of the two sides," she said. —MNA/Xinhua



Chinese students perform hula hoop dances in downtown Beijing on Thurday,2 Nov, 2006, to celebrate the weekend's Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation scheduled for 4-5 Nov.—Internet

Six killed in hotel fire in US

Washington, 3 Nov — Six people were killed in a fire at a hotel in the western US state of | Wednesday,

Nevada overnight, and a | reports said. woman believed to have set the fire was arrested

The fire at Mizpath Hotel, Reno, Tuesday media night also injured some 30 people.

The reports said a woman, Valerie Moore, set fire to a mattress in her hotel room, which touched off the blaze at the threestorey historic brick building at the city's casino district, killing six people and injuring some 30 others.

Local police were still trying to find out why the woman had set the fire, the city's deadliest since 1962. *— MNA/Xinhua*

UN says Iraqi humanitarian crisis worse than before war

Washington, 4 Oct—The United Nations refugee agency says the humanitarian crisis they are facing in Iraq is now even greater than at the start of the Americanled invasion in 2003.

The office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees says there are now at least 1.6 million

been able to capture nor

track down the crocodile.

MNA/Xinhua

| Iraqis displaced internally.

It says another 1.8 million are displaced externally in neighbouring countries such as Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Iran. The UN says it has less than two-thirds the funding it had three years ago, and is now dealing with five times as many refugees. The agency says many of its staff in the region are volunteering to go without their salaries so crucial humanitarian projects can continue.

The office of UN High Commissioner for Refugees says alarming levels of violence are forcing more than 50,000 Iraqis to flee their homes each month.—Internet



Manila, 3 Nov — An eight-year-old boy died after a crocodile attack on Halloween night at Palawan Island in the western Philippines, local reported radio Thursday.

The boy suffered serious injuries from the crocodile attack as he was crossing a river at the southern most tip of Palawan, a report by radio station dzBB said.

The victim, Dodoy Crisostomo, died Wednesday afternoon in the company of relatives in Bataraza Town, some 775 kilometres to the southwest of Manila, the report said.

The office of the municipal mayor confirmed the attack. But authorities have neither

A visitor takes a photograph of a Chinese wood block print in Xi'an, capital of central China's Shaanxi Province, on 2 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Car bomb in Baghdad's Sadr city kills seven, wounds 45

Baghdad, 3 Nov— A car bomb killed seven people and wounded 45 when it ripped through a crowded market in Baghdad's Shiite Sadr City District on Thursday, an Interior Ministry source said.

The car bomb, detonated by remote control, was aimed at shoppers in the Shiite slum's Mureydi Market. Police said the casualty toll could rise.

The densely populated area is often targeted by Sunni militants.

The Prime Minister ordered the US and Iraqi military to lift a blockade of the impoverished district on Tuesday that was imposed after a US soldier of Iraqi descent was suspected to have been kidnapped by a powerful militia controlling much of the slum. MNA/Reuters





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Vice President of Xinhua News Agency Ma Shengrong (C) visits staff of the official website of FOCAC Beijing Summit in press center, on 3 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Indonesian Govt not to nationalize foreign firms

JAKARTA, 3 Nov— Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudho-yono said here Thursday that the Indonesian Government did not have any plan or wish to take over or nationalize foreign companies in Indonesia and he asked foreign firms to continue doing business in the country without any worry.

"I guarantee that there will be no nationalization of foreign companies," the head of state told 400 foreign businessmen from 20 countries taking part in the Indonesian Regional Investment Forum.

Yudhoyono said it was high time for foreign investors to do business or increase their capital in the country as today Indonesia had a population of more than 200 million, not to mention an increasing per capita income.

"Per capita income will hopefully rise to about 1,500 US dollars late this year or up from 1,300 US dollars late last year,"

Antara news agency quoted the President as saying.

provincial administration officials to utilize the forum and forge cooperation with Yudhoyono asked investors.—MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam charges three US citizens with "terrorism"

HANOI, 3 Nov-Seven people, including three Vietnamese-born US citizens, will be prosecuted on charges of plotting violence against Vietnam's Communist Government, officials said on Thursday.

The prosecutor included charges against a US citizen whose 13-monthlong detention has drawn attention in the United States before President George W Bush's visit to Vietnam on 17-20 November.

US Senator Bill Martinez of Florida has linked the detention of Orlando, Florida resident Nguyen Thuong Cuc (alias Foshee Thuong Nguyen) to passage of a bill granting Vietnam permanent normal trade relations status. Martinez has said she should be charged or released. Washington and Hanoi signed a new trade

Thousands evacuated, 23 dead as storm lashes India

HYDERABAD (India), 3 Nov— At least 23 people were killed and more than 100,000 evacuated from their homes as heavy rains and strong winds lashed Andhra Pradesh State in southern India on Wednesday for the third straight day, officials said. Cyclonic storm Ogni had hovered over the Bay of Bengal for two days before hitting the mainland on Monday, where it flooded towns and villages and cut power supplies leaving thousands of households in darkness.

Most of those killed were workers in paddy and shrimp farms in the southeastern districts of Prakasam and Guntur where some 400 villages and 15 towns were submerged, disaster management officials said.

Some were killed in house collapses or when trees and electric poles fell on them. Others were drowned. MNA/Reuters deal on 31 May that helped Vietnam toward next week's expected accession to the World Trade Organization.

Vietnam is the fastestgrowing market for US goods in Asia and the two countries have built a friendship mainly through business ties since restoring diplomatic relations in 1995, 20 years after the end of the US war in Vietnam.

MNA/Reuters

Twenty-four African leaders arrive Beijing for historic summit

Beljing, 3 Nov—Leaders from 24 African countries have arrived in China by Thursday, two days before a high-profile summit that highlights traditional friendship and cooperation between China and Africa.

Fifteen African leaders arrived in Beijing Thursday, including presidents of Zambia, Ghana and Kenya, while nine others had arrived earlier for the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), which attracts 48 African countries that have diplomatic relations with China. The summit, slated for November 4-5, will focus on "friendship, peace, cooperation and

development".

Chinese and African leaders will exchange indepth views on further development of Sino-African relations at the summit, and blueprint their future all-round cooperation in various fields, said Wei Jianguo, secretarygeneral of the Chinese preparatory committee for the summit, at Thursday's closing ceremony of a Senior Officials Meeting.

On Friday, Chinese and

African ministers will be attending the Third Ministerial Conference. Following the 2000 launching of the FOCAC, two ministerial conferences were held in Beijing and Addis Ababa.

FOCAC is a mechanism for collective dialogue and cooperation jointly established by China and Africa to cope with new challenges and facilitate common development.

MNA/Xinhua



African visitors view an exhibit during an exhibition of select artworks from Africa at the National Museum in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Nov, 2006. Over 300 artworks were on display on Thursday, including woodcarvings, copper carvings, stone carvings, paintings, straw articles and porcelains.—XINHUA

Malaysian surgeons succeed in 2nd mechanical heart opeartion

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Nov— Surgeons from the Malaysian National Heart Institute has success fully performed their second mechanical heart operation, Malaysia's national news agency Bernama said here on Wednesday.

A team of cardio-

This photo shows a new model car on display during the Istanbul Auto Show 2006 in Istanbul, Turkey, on 2 Nov, 2006. The auto show, opened on Thursday andwill endon 12 Nov, displayed more than 100 auto brands by world famous auto manufacturers. XINHUA

throacic surgeons from the institute placed an external left ventricular support system outside the abdomen of a 13-year-old girl from southern

Malaysia, which was connected to the girl's heart to improve cardiac output.

The surgeons spent about five hours to finish

the job to implant the heartassist system called Thoratec Paracorporeal Ventricular Assist Device (PVAD) on 29 September.

MNA/Xinhua



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Two-thirds of teenagers too fat

to be soldiers

discloses today. The military has had to relax its criteria over the physique and

London, 3 Nov — The British army is planning to extend its training for young recruits because so many potential soldiers are obese, an official report

Summit's success helps promote **China-ASEAN** relations to new high

Nanning(China), 2 Nov- The success of the summit commemorating the 15th anniversary of the dialogue partnership between China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) will improve the China-ASEAN cooperation to a higher level, Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said here on Wednesday.

Chinese and ASEAN leaders agreed at the summit to push the dialogue relationship to a new strategic high, which will surely contribute to

peace, stability, cooperation and development in the region and the world as a whole, said Dung while addressing a forum on economic cooperation between Vietnam and China.

The leaders have also reached consensus on further accelerating the establishment of the China-ASEAN free trade area and facilitating the liberalization of service trade and investment, he added.

The outcomes from the summit will help ASEAN nations including Vietnam develop the mutually beneficial cooperation with China in more effective, comprehensive vigorous way, he noted.

MNA/Xinhua

obesity and resultant health problems reduces the number of young people able to join the services", warns the National Audit Office, parliament's independent watchdog. It points to research by the army last year which showed that only a third of all 16 year-

"Increasing levels of

Earlier this year, the army changed the index targets for male recruits from 28 to 32 because of the increased levels of obesity among Britain's youth.

olds would pass the body

mass index set for all

recruits to the forces.

weight of recruits as a result of the problem. The NAO report also warns that the armed forces undermanned, suffering from severe shortages in crucial roles, and that the problems have been compounded by more service personnel across the ranks leaving early.

It paints a picture of an

army, navy, and airforce struggling to cope with the demands placed on them in Iraq and Afghanistan, with no end in sight to a tempo of operations more intense than military planning chiefs ever envisaged.

Internet

Chinese

actress Liu

Xin, left, and

film director

Lu Yue pose

Tokyo

Film

XINHUA



This photo shows China's FC-1 fighter. The 6th International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition, whichkicked off in South China's Zhuhai city on 30 Oct, 2006, shows the most sophisticated technologies in the aviation and aerospace industries and ranks among the world's top five exhibitions of its kind.—XINHUA

Two NATO soliders hurt in Afghan suicide raid

KANDAHAR (Afghanistan), 2 Nov — A suicide bomber hit a NATO convoy in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday, wounding two soldiers, the force said, the latest attack in the bloodiest wave of militant violence since the Taleban's ouster.

The pair were evacuated by helicopter soon after the car attack, which took place close to a small bazaar on the main highway leading to a NATO base outside Kandahar City, an official for the alliance in the area said.

Afghanistan has this year seen the most intense violence since US-led forces overthrew the Taleban government in 2001.

Over 3,100 have been killed in the Taleban-led insurgency and operations by foreign forces in the past 10 months.

MNA/Reuters



Lebanese pop diva Haifa Wehbe speaks during an interview with Reuters before her performance at Casino Du Liban near Beirut, on 28 Oct, 2006.



Internet

for photo as their film 'Thirteen **Princess** Trees' won the Special Jury Prize during an awarding ceremony of the 19th International Festival on 29 Oct, 2006.

Car bomb hits wedding ceremony in Baghdad, 15 killed

@ 19th TOKYO

BAGHDAD, 1 Nov—Fifteen people were killed and 19 were injured when a car bomb ripped through a wedding ceremony in northeastern Baghdad on Tuesday, a well-informed Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

The blast occurred at about 5 pm (1400 GMT) when the convoy of the wedding in Ur District in northeastern Baghdad was hit by a explosive-laden car parked nearby, the source said on condition of anonymity. Fifteen people were killed and 19 others wounded in the bombing, the source said, adding that women and children were among casualties. Weddings are often public events in Iraq, making them relatively easy targets for attacks.— MNA/Xinhua

Two men transport a motorcycle through a flooded street after a downpour in the southern Indian city of Chennai on 30 Oct, 2006.—Internet

Ugly US Senate race in New Jersey still up for grabs

CHERRY HILL (New Jersey), 1 Nov— With control of the US Senate in the balance, New Jersey's Bob Menendez is the Democratic incumbent most vulnerable on 7 November and so the race has been dirty, even for a state known for bareknuckled politics.

Menendez has been

painted as corrupt, lining his pockets with kickbacks and enriching cronies. Republican Thomas Kean Jr has been accused of trading on the reputation of his father, a former New Jersey governor, and taking campaign cash from corporate crooks.

"This has been a very nasty campaign, but neither of them are telling the truth," said Mel Zimmerman, 69, of Cherry Hill, who plans to vote for Menendez.

Marie Brea, 70, of Cherry Hill, said, "They are all corrupt. I'm going for Kean — give him a chance to get his hand in the cookie jar."

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Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends Buddha Pujaniya of Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon), offers Shwekyar Thingan to Buddha Image, donates rice to members of the Sangha

(from page 1) ministers, the Mayor and deputy ministers, the Vice-Mayor, departmental heads, the Leading Committee for Organizing the Buddha Pujaniya, the work committee and subcommittees, members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and guests.

First, Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered 'soon' and fruits to the pagoda.

the deputy ministers and the vice-mayor donated 'soon' to members of the Sangha.

Adviser U Arnt

Maung acted as MC.

First, members of the Sangha consecrated nine Buddha images in different Mudras and the pagoda.

Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara administered the Nine Precepts. Osadhabhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered Shwekyar Thingan to Dhammaçakka Mudra Buddha Image. Daw Mya Mya San donated Shwekyar Thingan to Varada Mudra Buddha Image. Daw Khin Lay Thet offered Shwekya Thingan to Uttara Bodhi



Daw Mya Mya San offers Shwekyar Thingan to Varada Mudra Buddha Image. — MNA

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Daw Mya Mya San, Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe, Daw Khin Khin Win, wives of SPDC members,

Members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Daw Mya Mya San, Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe and Mudra Buddha Image. Daw Than Than Nwe presented Shwekyar Thingan to Labha Mudra Buddha Image. Later, Daw Khin Khin Win offered



Daw Than Than Nwe offers Shwekyar Thingan to Labha Mudra Buddha Image. — MNA

wives of the Commanderin-Chief (Navy) and the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, the commander and wife, the ministers, the Mayor,

Daw Khin Khin Win offered robes and alms to the Sayadaws.

Secretary Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Nyaungdon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Shwekyar Thingan to Maha Karuna Mudra Buddha Image.

Daw San San Yi, wife of SPDC member Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, donated Shwekyar Thingan to



Daw Kyaing Kyaing offers Shwekyar Thingan to Dhammacakka Mudra Buddha Image.— MNA

Jhana Mudra Buddha Image; Daw Mar Mar Tint, wife of SPDC member Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, offered Shwekyar Thingan to Bhumiphassa Mudra Buddha Image; Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of SPDC member Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, presented Shwekyar

dha Image.

Later, the rice offering ceremony followed. Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Daw Mya Mya San, Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe, Daw Khin Khin Win, wives of SPDC members, wives of the Commanderin-Chief (Navy) and the Commander-in-Chief members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, social organizations and wellwishers offered rice to members of the Sangha.

Today's donations of departmental families, local authorities and wellwishers totalled K 22,640,075.



Daw Khin Lay Thet offers Shwekyar Thingan to Uttara Bodhi Mudra Buddha Image. — MNA

Thingan to Santi Mudra Buddha Image; and Daw Aye Aye, wife of Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, offered Shwekyar Thingan to Patihariya Mudra Bud(Air), Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, the commander and wife, the ministers, the Mayor, the deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, departmental heads, local authorities,

After the ceremony, Deputy Director U San Thin Hlaing of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana shared merits gained. — MNA



Daw Khin Khin Win offers Shwekyar Thingan to Maha Karuna Mudra Buddha Image.— MNA

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Daw Kyaing Kyaing offers 'soon' and fruits to Buddha Images.— MNA



Daw Mya Mya San donates provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Daw Than Than Nwe offers provisions to a Sayadaw. MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence offers provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Daw Kyaing Kyaing offers provisions to a Sayadaw. MNA



Daw Khin Lay Thet offers provisions to a Sayadaw.



Daw Khin Khin Win donates provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win donates provisions to a Sayadaw. MNA

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Myanmar looks forward to...

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First, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for Third ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Summit and China Council for the Promotion of International Trade Mr Wan Jifei delivered an opening address. Secretary of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Regional Committee of Communist Party Mr Liu Qibao gave an introductory speech.

Philippines President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo delivered a speech.

Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao delivered an address. Next, the opening ceremony of the summit concluded.

At 2.30 pm, the Third ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Summit resumed.

Prime Minister General Soe Win delivered an address. He said that I am pleased to note that this Summit has created a momentum of collaboration of trade, investment, business and tourism between ASEAN and China. The numbers speak for themselves. Ever-growing trade, investment and tourism figures are the testimony of our success. We are now aiming for 200 billion dollars of trade between ASEAN and China in next five years. However, we are going to surpass 150 billion dollars of trade even this year. The future prospects are also promising. Chinese economy has grown double digit, 10.5 per cent this year.

ASEAN countries are also expected to grow at 5.4 per cent this year. They have enjoyed broad based development and continue to be a major destination for foreign direct investments in the region.

As you are aware, ASEAN is establishing an ASEAN Economic Community by 2020 to create a stable, prosperous, and highly competitive ASEAN economic region in which there is a free flow of goods, services, investment and a freer flow of capital, equitable economic development and reduced poverty and socio-economic disparities in year 2020.

I appreciate China very much for its continuing support to ASEAN Community building process. I do hope that more integrated ASEAN will emerge as an economic powerhouse in the region complementing each other.

Today, I wish to talk about consolidating Sector Collaboration in particular and promoting the overall economic cooperation in general. Since the signing of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between ASEAN and China in November 2002, the economic cooperation between ASEAN and China has been broadened and deepened.

I am very much encouraged that there is progress in the ongoing negotiations towards the establishment of an ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA). I am also delighted to learn that ASEAN and China are speeding up the tariff reduction process to facilitate establishment of the free trade area. I am encouraged to learn that China's average tariff on ASEAN exports has been reduced from 9.9 per cent to 8.1 per cent last



The 3rd ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Summit in progress. — MNA

year and it will drop to 6.6 per cent in 2007. I am hopeful that tariff reduction will continue its schedule to meet the deadline of 2010, when 93 per cent of products exported from ASEAN countries will be tariff-free to China.

In promoting trade between ASEAN and China, we should also pay attention to trade facilitation, market access and removal of non-tariff barriers so as to really benefit both ASEAN and China.

We welcome the Chinese national policy of "Going Global" to encourage Chinese enterprises to invest abroad and ASEAN. We looked forward to seeing an increasing figure of Chinese investment in ASEAN in the near future. I see a lot of potential for Chinese overseas investment with its huge trade surplus and foreign reserves, which is expected to exceed 1 trillion dollars this year. I hope that China will achieve a target of 60 billion US dollars for outbound investment during the 11th Five Year Programme and I do believe that significant portion of the investments will go into ASEAN countries particularly to the CLMV countries.

I must recall that at the 9th ASEAN-China Summit held last year in Kuala Lumpur, we endorsed five additional priority areas of cooperation, namely energy, transport, culture, public health and tourism, in addition to the existing five priority areas of agriculture, information technology, two-way investment, human resources development and Mekong River Basin Development.

As we try to widen our sector collaboration, I also wish to highlight the collaboration of some of the sectors that can be further deepened.

Agriculture remains a mainstay of most of the ASEAN countries. I wish to see more ASEAN-China cooperation in agriculture sector such as in HRD, technical exchange and cooperation, and demonstration and trade promotion projects.

As our economies have experienced higher economic growth in recent years, we need to sustain our growth momentum. We have to seriously think about

We have to seriously think about energy security for our future. We have to strengthen cooperation on energy security, particularly on largescale development of alternative and renewable energy sources, intensifying oil and gas exploration, and promotion of energy conservation and energy efficiency.

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There is growing trends that the citizens of ASEAN countries have increasingly chosen China as their travel destination and 3.74 million tourists from ASEAN have visited China in 2004.

Promotion of tourism not only have positive effects on economies but also encourage people to people contacts and promote better understanding and appreciation of each other's culture and tradition. Therefore, we should promote tourism. We should seriously consider mutual visa exemptions, establishment of sister cities, designation of ASEAN-China Tourism Year and open skies policy.

We noted that the digital gap remained wide and that a possible mean to narrowing this gap is through increased connectivity, access and affordability. In this connection, we welcomed the Chinese proposal to establish an ASEAN-China information superhighway and hope that the GMS information superhighway could be realized as soon as possible.

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Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao delivers an address at the opening ceremony of 3rd China-ASEAN Expo 2006. — MNA

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Prime Minister General Soe Win attends opening ceremony of Third China-ASEAN Expo

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win attended the opening ceremony of the Third China-ASEAN Expo at the Nanning International Conference and Exhibition Center in Nanning of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China at 9.30 am on 31 October.

Also present on the occasion were Premier of State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, ministers and deputy ministers of China and ASEAN countries, entrepreneurs of China, ASEAN and Myanmar, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong and officials, correspondents of international news agencies including ASEAN countries.

Chinese Minister for Commerce Mr Bo Xilai explained matters related to the Third China-ASEAN Expo.

Governor of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bing delivered an opening address.

Next, Philippine President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo delivered an address.

"Our Union — A hundred fruits on a single stem"

- Chin, Kachin, Kavin, Kavah, And nationalities all abound. Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan All of same mind. It's been many, many years But we don't part in this land. No egg broken, no nest disturbed Hands clasped firmly.
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- As Myanmar nation is fresh and green The pollen of peace spreads In fragrance and beauty. With world famous Ruby and sapphire Varied jade added **Resources in our nation** They're so plentiful.
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Soe Moe (Pathein) (Trs) (Hailing the Annual General Meeting 2006 of **Union Solidarity and Development Association)**



Prime Minister General Soe Win and Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries open 3rd China-ASEAN Expo. — MNA

Afterwards, Premier of the State Council Mr Wen Jiabao delivered a speech. After that, fire works were set off in commemoration of the expo.

Later, the audience were presented with documentary photos on China and ASEAN countries, the documentary films on first and second China-ASEAN Expos.

Chinese Minister for Commerce Mr Bo Xilai, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Regional Committee of Communist Party Secretary Mr Liu Qibao and ASEAN

Myanmar looks forward to ...

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In the globalizing world and in the 21st century, knowledge and education will be critical factors for sustained growth and competitiveness. I very much welcome the Chinese President's recent announcement that in the following three years, China would provide training for 30,000 personnel from developing coun-

I wish to draw your attention to the cooperation in development of SMEs. It is widely accepted that SMEs will play a key role in economic development of the globalizing world. Most of the enterprises in ASEAN countries are in fact SMEs.

Therefore, SMEs in ASEAN countries should be transformed and modernized itself to fit into the globalizing world.

I am pleased to note that China is willing to cooperate with ASEAN in SMEs development particularly SME policy dialogue, SME information exchange, and SME training programmes and study tours and SME industrial clustering. I wish to see more of such cooperation in SME development.

One of the important sectors outside economic arena is the cooperation in public health sector. Since an estimated 70 per cent of the poultry stock is raised on small farms, with animals and humans in close proximity, lower-income farmers are the most vulnerable to both potentially serious economic and health impacts of further avian flu outbreaks.

Therefore, we need to deepen our cooperation to combat avian influenza to take necessary actions to prevent and combat it, including through the setting up of a regional network of anti-viral drugs stockpile, and other emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases. I am heartened to note that the first ASEAN-China Ministerial Meeting on Health on Emerging Infectious Disease has been held in June 2006 in Secretary-General Mr Ohn Keng Yong pressed the buttons to uplift the dais for opening of the expo.

Premier Mr Wen Jiabao, Prime Minister General Soe Win and Heads of State/Government of ASEAN Countries unveiled the expo.

Before the opening ceremony, Prime Minister General Soe Win inspected sales of marine and forest products, jewellery, handicraft and foodstuff at cooperative societies, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and private entrepreneurs at the hall on the second floor of the International Conference and Exhibition Center.

Next, the Prime Minister and party viewed the National Booth of the Union of Myanmar at the hall on the first floor. Officials of the Ministry of Commerce and UMFCCI conducted them round the booth.

Later, the Prime Minister and party visited the National Booths of China and ASEAN countries.

Yangon, Myanmar. The Meeting signifies our determination of cooperation in public health sector particularly in emerging infectious diseases.

In consolidating sector collaboration and promoting overall economic cooperation, private sector plays a key role.

Deepening sector collaboration will not go without strengthening public-private sector cooperation. This investment and business Summit and the ASEAN-China Expo are the best example of the public-private sector collaboration. This Summit has created the best environment for private-public sector dialogue for the future prosperity of ASEAN and China. We attach great importance to this Summit and Expo and will continue to support for its success. — MNA

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Prime Minister General Soe Win meets Yunnan Province Governor

Nay Pyi Taw, 4
Nov — Prime Minister of
the Union of Myanmar
General Soe Win met
Governor Mr Xu
Rongkai of Yunnan
Province at the Guest
House No 8 of Liyuan
Hotel in Nanning of the
Guangxi Zhuang
Autonomous Region of
the People's Republic of
China on 29 October.

Present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing

Thein, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace Development Council Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department and Deputy Director-General Daw Than Than Political Htay of Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Yunnan
Province Governor was
accompanied by Deputy
Secretary Mr Li Jiheng of

Yunnan Provincial Committee of Communist Party of China, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and senior officials.

At the meeting, they held comprehensive discussions on sectorwise between Myanmar and Yunnan Province, progress cooperation made in transborder normal trade, prospects of India-Myanmar-China trade, bilateral cooperation in the fight against drugs and future programme for social and economic development of the two peoples. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win shakes hands with Yunnan Province Governor Mr Xu Rongkai.

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Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Governor hosts dinner in honour of Prime Minister General Soe Win and party

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win received Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bing at Guest House No (10) of the Liyuan Hotel on 31 October.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Electric Power No (1) Col Zaw Min, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu, Deputy Governors of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Guo Sheng Kun and Mr Zhang Wenxue and high-ranking officials.

Governor Mr Lu Bing said that he was pleased with the visit of Prime Minister General Soe Win despite a lot of duties and the three-year consecutive visit.

He said he believes that at such an opportune time

when China-ASEAN Expo 2006 and the Third ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Summit are in progress, measures can be taken for bilateral cooperation and boosting economic sector.

Prime Minister General Soe Win said that the holding of China-ASEAN Expo 2006 and the Third ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Summit will make a substantial contribution towards continuous cooperation in various sectors not only between Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and ASEAN countries but also between China and ASEAN region.

He said that he was also accompanied by Myanmar businessmen, and so agreements on economic cooperation between businessmen from the two sides and agreements on mutual benefits will be ratified, as done previous year. The Myanmar-China trade volume for 2004 was targeted to meet 1 billion US dollars. Now, the two sides are trying to increase to 1.5 billion US dollars.

Mr Lu Bing said that an economic zone is being established in Nanning, and Premier of the State Council Mr Wen Jiabao is giving encouragement for bilateral trade. He requested Myanmar, one of Paukphaw nations of China, to give encouragement for ensuring smoother trade between China and ASEAN.

After the call, Mr Lu Bing hosted a dinner in honour of Prime Minister General Soe Win and party at the same venue. — *MNA*

Prime Minister General Soe Win meets...

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of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw and Deputy Director-General of Political Department Daw Than Than Htay. And Prime Minister of Thailand General Surayud Chulanont (Retd) was accompanied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Health and high-ranking officials.

At the meeting, Prime Minister General Soe Win expressed his belief that as Myanmar and Thailand have a fine tradition of cementing friendship and cooperation the two nations will be able to continue strengthening cooperation, and said that the two nations are enhancing cooperation with neighbouring nations, countries in the region, ASEAN member nations and dialogue partners while striving for national development of their own; that the two nations will continue cooperating in all spheres including border trade and mercantile trade for socioeconomic development of their people; that the two nations are trying their utmost for smooth transition of own internal affairs; that Myanmar is successfully convening the National Convention for the emergence of a new State constitution; and that he expressed his thanks towards Thailand for its stance over the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.

Prime Minister of Thailand General Surayud Chulanont (Retd) said that Thailand does not agree to the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC; that Myanmar is not a nation that poses a threat to international peace and stability; that it is the Thai policy that internal problems of a nation are to be solved only by itself; that Myanmar and Thailand will continue implementing the tasks including poppy-substitute income generating task in the fight against narcotic drugs as well as construction of roads linking the two nations.—*MNA*



Prime Minister General Soe Win receives Governor Mr Lu Bing of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. — MNA

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects irrigation facilities, agricultural tasks in Myingyan, Meiktila, Yamethin Districts

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspected Meiktila Lake and greening of its environs in Meiktila on 1 November.

At Kyatmauktaung Dam in Kyaukpadaung Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on rainfall, matters related to the dam and cultivation of crops presented by Mandalay Division Director U C Zar Kho of Irrigation Department. The commander and officials gave supplementary reports.

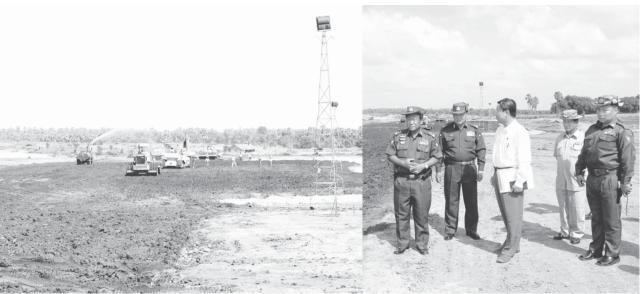
At Taungyay Dam, Director U Myo Tun of Irrigation Department presented reports on irrigation facilities and cultivation of crops. Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected supply of water through the tunnel.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, Taungyay Dam was built as a supporting facility for Kyatmauktaung Dam to irrigate farmlands. The dam construction project is aimed at storing water from Pin Creek at Kyaukdaga Dam and then the dam is to supply water to Kyatmauktaung Dam via Taungyay Dam. This year, Kyaukdaga Dam could support 28,800 acre feet of water.

At the site of Shanmange Dam construction project, officials reported on implementation of the dam project. Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected land preparations for the dam.

On arrival at Mondaing Dam near Mondaing Village of Meiktila Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on salient points of the dam presented by Assistant Director UTin Wan of Irrigation Department, and gave necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected construction of the



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects Shanmange Dam construction project. — MNA

earth road for Yangon-Mandalay 8-lane Highway near Thigon Village.

The highway, 154 miles long, is under construction from Thagara-Swa to Pyinsi Village (Myingyan-Natogyi). They also viewed Nyaunggon Dam and its facilities and thriving monsoon paddy and other crops plantations in West Kanni Village. While in the region, he inspected irrigation facilities of Latkhokpin Dam, Lunzin Dam and Chaunggauk Dam, and urged departmental officials to make efforts for extension of irrigation areas and sown acreage of paddy cultivation.

Chaunggauk Dam is supplying surplus water to

Meiktila Lake through canal via Lunzin, Latkhokpin and Nyaunggon dams. This year, 8,850 acres feet of water has been supplied to the lake.

At Yindaw Lake in Yindaw Village of Pyawbwe Township, Chairman of Yamethin District PDC Lt-Col Aung Kyi Shein and officials reported on supply of water from the lake to 2,282 acres of monsoon paddy plantations in the township. After giving necessary instructions, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected Yindaw Lake and its environs.

Later, they left the lake and arrived back here via Pyawbwe in the afternoon.

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Nyaungshwe Township NLD did not spare even drunken and insane persons in signature collection campaign

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—Local people are increasingly disturbed that their names may be put in the list without their knowledge and approval while Bogale Township in Ayeyawady Division is witnessing collection of fake signatures of people in the ongoing signature public campaign.

It is reported that Bogale Township NLD Chairman U Aung Khin Bo and three members deceived local people in Bogale Township to be able to send a lot of public signatures to the NLD Headquarters in Yangon in time; that 20 members of Bogale Township NLD wrote their signatures on the list in the presence of local people to organize them, but the majority of the people did not satisfy their wish; that nonetheless, Township

NLD members wrote many fake signatures of their acquaintances without seeking their approval; and that local people are therefore disturbed that their names will be put in the list.

Similarly, it is widespread criticism in Nyaungshwe Township in Shan State (South) that the collection of fake signatures is abhorrent to local people.

Member Nyaungshwe Township NLD Social Welfare Committee Kyaw Ko Ko Zin persuaded and forced Ko Thet (a) Thar Bo, drinking in the pub in Mongli ward, to write signature; Ko Thet wrote his signature on the list without scrutinizing what is stated in the sheet; and Township organizing NLD committee registered the name of Ma Win Shwe, an insane person, and

deceived her into writing her signature on the paper.

Thus, such dishonest activities are attracting criticism and resent from local people in respective townships.

Members of Ayadaw Township NLD quit the party of their own accord

Yangon, 4 Nov — Members of Ayadaw Township National League for Democracy in Sagaing Division UShwe Tun, Daw Gwat Htaw, Daw San Win, U Kan Tun, U Khin Maung, U Win and U Tin Maung of Thalebar village, U Thein Aye and U Moe Win of Zayit village and U Chit Kyaw, U Aung Shein, U Aung Kho, U Mya Ngwe, U Myo Thin, U Soe Shwe, U Tin Tun, U Mar Kyaw, U Win Bo and U Tun Khin of Minywa Sanpya village resigned from the party of their own accord, sending their resignations to NLD Headquarters authorities concerned on 24, 25 and 27 July respectively.

In the resignation letters sent by 19 members of Ayadaw Township NLD

to Sagaing Division Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, they said they quit the NLD as they lost interest and trust in the party and its acts. Moreover, they wish to participate in the regional development tasks in cooperation with local authorities. That's why they quit the party, they said.

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Christianity, Islam followers issue declarations denouncing political stunt of so-called '88' generation students

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—The '88' generation student group and its cohorts launched a prayer campaign as a political activity in the name of religion on the platform of the Shwedagon Pagoda. Regarding this, the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees lodged a complaint to the Township Police Station.

The foreign media aired fabricated news as to such political stunt.

Christianity and Islam followers issued declarations, protesting such heinous act, it is learnt.

The foreign broadcasting stations in collusion with internal destructive elements aired fabricated news to the '88' generation student | ceremony. group launched multireligion prayer campaign; that the campaign successfully launched with Jimmy (a) Kyaw Min Yu as an organizer of Buddhism followers, Mya Aye as an organizer of Islam followers and Mi Mi (a) Thin Thin as an organizer of Christianity followers; that the bishop of St Marry Roman Catholic Church in downtown Yangon held a prayer campaign for

prisoners, fire and flood victims and for those who get into troubles, and over effect that the so-called 200 followers attended the

In his declaration, Bishop Charles Bo said that a Sunday service was held at the St Marry Roman Catholic Church on 29 October in conjunction with the initiation of five novices into monks. It was just a religious ceremony free from party politics; the news stories of the foreign broadcasting stations are fake ones, and it is a political exploitation in the name of religion: that they don't let religion

mingle with party politics; and that they strongly protest such perpetration, exploiting religion.

Likewise, Myanmar-Muslim Association in Pazundaung Township, Yangon sent a letter of declaration the authorities to concerned.

In the letter, it is stated that in Myanmar, people have the right to profess religion of their choice, and Islam followers will in no way make political exploitation in the name of religion; and that they protest and denounce such political stunt.— MNA

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Norway may reduce order for new US jet fighters

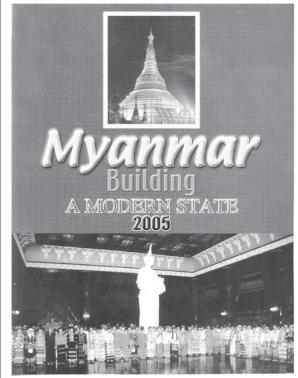
STOCKHOLM, 3 Nov — Higher price for the US Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) may force Norway to reduce its order from the 48 planes in the original plan, said reports reaching here from Oslo on Wednesday.

The Norwegian Air Force is planning to replace its aging F-16 jet fighters in 2008, and the JSF is one of three competitors for the Norwegian order, Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK) reported.

Norway had planned to buy 48 planes at an estimated coast of 40 billion Norwegian krone (6.12 billion US dollars), but on Tuesday it was revealed that it would cost 70 billion Norwegian krone (10.7 billion dollars) to purchase the US planes, according to NRK.

There are two other manufacturers competing for the Norwegian order, the report said.

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Renault to invest 450m euros in high-tech centre in Romania

Bucharest, 3 Nov — Dacia Renault will invest no less than 450 million euros in a high-tech centre located in Titu, north of Bucharest, where the French carmaker will design its new cars, Oana Marinescu, spokesperson of Romanian Government, said on Wednesday.

The centre will employ some 3,000 engineers and experts as well, Marinescu said.

Romanian Government approved on Wednesday | national Marine | partnerships, Dr Song | Census of Marine Life, said the establishment of a working group headed by the Premier's economic adviser Alexandru Ene, that will join representatives of several ministries, local authorities and of Renault Co, the spokesman said.

According to the spokesperson, Renault Group will transfer to Titu its entire production flow for the Renault and Dacia brands, covering the technical conception and design thereof.

Titu will host the global conception and design centre for all the automotives produced under the Renault brand, from the blueprint stage to that of prototype. Thus, all Renault cars will take shape in Titu before they enter series production in the various plants the French company owns worldwide.

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Managing Director, Myanma Machine Tools and Electrical Industries, Ministry of Industry (2), Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

7th Asia-Pacific Marine Biotechnology **Conf begins in India**

Kochi, 3 Nov — The three-day '7th Asia Pacific Marine Biotechnology Conference' began in Kochi on Thursday with special focus on the benefits of marine biotechnology.

Biotechnology strategy "to chart out a long term action plan", in the field, according to Dr P K Abdul Azis, Vice-Chancellor, Cochin University of Science and Technology who inaugurating the conference.

Organized by the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa, the conference will provide a platform for scientists to exchange their Qin, Chairman, Asia Pacific Marine Biotechnology Society said in his presidential address.

The conference, which was being held in India for the first time, has received tremendous response from researchers of different countries, he added.

Dr D Chandramohan, Consultant, NIO Regional Centre and Member International

India requires a expertise and develop Steering Committee of NIO during the last six years has successfully isolated molecules from one Marine organism (the Indian Mussel), for treating malaria, osteoporosis, HIV

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China's "Shenzhou VII" Spacecraft under assembly

ZHIHAI, (Guangdong), 3Nov — China's third manned spacecraft is under assembly, a chief Shenzhou spacecraft consultant said here Thursday.

"All the equipment of the separate systems has been delivered to China's space aviation centre for assembly," Qi Faren, chief designer of China's first five Shenzhou spaceships, and chief consultant for Shenzhou VI and VII, said at a major air show here in Guangdong Province.

Qi said three astronauts will man Shenzhou VII and they are expected to carry out spacewalks during the third manned space flight planned for 2008. Yang Liwei, China's first astronaut in space, said he and the astronauts on China's second manned spacecraft, Fei Junlong and

Nie Haisheng, were all being trained for Shenzhou VII, and would possibly be chosen for the third mission.

Yang said that since astronauts would carry out spacewalks the first time, the mission required even higher physical, technical and

psychological standards.

Astronauts will and perform work outside the capsule such as installing equipment and "tightening screws". Yang said. Qi also said the centre was drawing up plans for other manned missions.

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Over 70% of Dutch connected to Internet

Brussels, 3 Nov-Almost 11 million out of the 16.3 million inhabitants in Netherlands have an Internet connection and 82 per cent of those connected have broadband, the Dutch Central Statistics Bureau (CBS) said on Wednesday.

The CBS said the number of Internet connections was growing, but slowly.

In 2005 the country counted 10.7 million Internet con-nections compared with 8.9 million in 2001.

There has been a significant jump in broadband connections as only 23 per cent of Internet users had one four years ago.

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Africans studying in China perform traditional dances in downtown Beijing on Thurday, 2 Nov, 2006.—Internet

India's Silicon Valley changes name

New Delhi, 3 Nov — Bangalore, capital of south Indian state Karnataka and India's Silicon Valley, changed its name to "Bengaluru" Wednesday.

The Karnataka Government announced the name changes of eight cities in the state including the well-known IT brand Bangalore Wednesday. All of them have a new name base on Kannada, the locally spoken language.

"Karnataka's state

capital Bangalore and other major cities in the have state been anglicized.

This is shameful for all Kannadigas (Karnataka people). So it is important to change the names," said Kannada Development Authority Chairman Siddalingaiah in an interview with Indian TV channel CNN-IBN.

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Indonesian police nab software copiers

Jakarta, 3 Nov — The Indonesian police have arrested two alleged illegal software copiers in Jakarta and confiscated evidence in the latest

crackdown on the illicit trade, a report said Thursday.

Under Indonesian law, copyright offenders face up to five years in prison and a fine of as much as 500 million rupiah (54,932 US dollars).

Authorities said both companies used original digital software as master copies and then installed copies on computers before distributing them in Jakarta's busiest markets such as Mangga Dua and Senen, reported The Jakarta Post newspaper.

The software copied included products from Microsoft, Symantec, Borland, Adobe, Cisco Systems, Macromedia and Autodesk.

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(1) Newsprint Paper (48.8 Gsm) ၁၇၀၀ တန် (28 1/4". 30". 40")

(2) Woodfree Paper (30") (70/80 Gsm) (Roll) ၁၂၀ တန် (3) ത്രെത്വേ Art Card (ജയ്യ) (260/275Gsm) 31"x43" (Sheet)

(4) ပုံတူကူးဖလင် (Orthofilm) (50shts/Pkt) 22"x32")၅၀ ထုပ် (5) Negative Plate

(1) 1035x740x0.3 mm ၅၀၀ ချပ် (2) 889x609x0.3 mm ၂၉၀၀ ချပ် ၇၀ လီတာ (6) Wipe on Developer (7) Stitching Wire (23 Gauge) ၈၀၀ ကျိုင် (8) Stitching Wire (24 Gauge) ၆၀၀ ကျိုင်

သတင်းနှင့် စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း

(1) Newsprint Paper (48.8 Gsm) (30") ၁၄၀၀ တန် (2) Web Offset Ink (Black) ၂၁၀၀၀ ကီလို ၂၆၀၀ ကီလို (3) Sheetfed Offset Ink (Black) (4) P/S Negative Plates

(a) 915x626x0.3 mm ၁၃၀၀ ချပ် (b) 889x609x0.3 mm ၄၀၀၀ ချပ် (c) 889x586x0.3 mm ၆၃၀၀ ချပ်

(5) Wipe on Aluminium Plates (a) 745x635x0.24 mm

၂၅၀၀ ချပ် (b) 650x550x0.24 mm ၂၀၀၀၀ ချပ် (6) Coating A+B Set ၇၀၀ စုံ ၄၅၀ လီတာ (7) P/S Negative Developer

(8) Developing Lacquer ၇၀၀ လီတာ (9) Ortho Film (Roll) Agfa) (24"x200") ၈၅ လိပ်

(10) Ortho Film (Sheet) (Agfa) (22"x32") (50 sht/Box)

၃၀၀ ဘူး (11) Agfa Developer (10 Ltrs/Bot) ၂၀၀ ဘူး (12) Agfa Fixer (5 Ltrs/bot) ၂၀၀ ဘူး (13) A3 Toner HP Laser Jet 5000N

(14) Rubber Blanket Roll(28 Mx1075 MMx1.95 MM) ာ လိပ် (15) Rubber Blanket With (890x625x1.95 MM)

(16) Stencil Paper (100 sht/Box) ၂၀၀ ဘူး (17) Gestetner Ink Tube (Duplicating Ink Tube) 290 ဘူး

(18) Gum Arabic ç00 vsm

(19) Imagesetter

(a) Film (55.9 cmx61 m) ၁၆ လိပ် 260 vg 2000 (b) Developer ၃၆၀ လီတာ (c) Fixer

(20) Imagesetter

၂၇ လိပ် (a) Film (55.8 cm x 60 m) ၂၇၀ လီတာ (b) Developer ၂၇၀ လီတာ (c) Fixer

တင်ဒါပေးသွင်းမှုကို (၁၃–၁၁–၂၀၀၆) ရက် (၁၆း၃၀)နာရီတွင် ပိတ်ပါမည်။ တင်ဒါပုံစံနှင့် အသေးစိတ် အချက်အလက်များကို အောက်ပါလိပ်စာတွင် လာရောက်စုံစမ်း ဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

ပြည်တွင်း/ပြည်ပ ပစ္စည်းများဝယ်ယူရေးနှင့် ထုခွဲရောင်းချရေးကော်မတီ ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန မြန်မာ့အသံနှင့် ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား ပြည်လမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့



Young Barbary Macaques (Macaca sylvanus) sit in the Cedras Forest in Middle Atlas, part of the Atlas mountain range in Morocco, on 3 Nov, 2006. — INTERNET



Two models at Air Show China in Zhuhai, southeast China's Guangdong Province recntly.—XINHUA

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SPORTS

Drogba signs new 4-year deal with Chelsea

London, 4 Nov—Chelsea striker Didier Drogba has signed a new four-year contract that will keep him with the English champions until 2010, the club said on

Drogba, who signed from Olympique Marseille in 2004 for a reported 24 million pounds (45.78 million US dollars), had less than two years left on his old deal.

"I am not playing well just because I wanted to sign a new contract, I am playing well because I feel good and I am happy to train with my friends," Drogba told the club's website.

"I want to say thank you to (manager) Jose (Mourinho) for believing in me since the beginning and now we will be together for a long time. The best period of my career I think. "I am happy because when I came here it wasn't easy for me to say I would be signing a new contract with Chelsea, because everybody knows the first year was difficult.—MNA/Reuters

Bochum win battle of Bundesliga strugglers

BERLIN, 4 Nov—Bochum climbed off the bottom of the Bundesliga thanks to a 2-0 win at fellow strugglers Hanover 96 on Friday.

Czech defender Pavel Drsek put Bochum ahead in the fourth minute, arriving late at the far post to tap in a free kick from the left.

Theofanis Gekas missed two easy chances to increase the lead when he was put clean through on goal but the Greece striker made amends in the 76th minute when he ran on to a header to poke the ball past the keeper.—MNA/Reuters

Davydenko ends Ancic's **Masters Cup hopes**

Paris, 4 Nov- Russian Nikolay Davydenko ended Mario Ancic's hopes of qualifying for the Masters Cup when he beat the Croatian 6-3, 6-3 in the quarterfinals of the Paris Masters on Friday.

Ancic's defeat left only two players, American James Blake and German Tommy Haas, in contention for the last remaining slot at the season-ending event in Shanghai which starts on 12 November.

Blake, who was knocked out of the Paris indoor event on Thursday, will make the trip to China unless Haas wins the title in the French capital.

World number five Davydenko next meets Spain's Tommy Robredo, who defeated Finn Jarkko Nieminen 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.

Robredo, seeded sixth, recorded his fourth victory over Nieminen in as many meetings but was made to work hard in a match that lasted two hours 44 minutes. —MNA/Reuters



Ajax Amsterdam's Urby Emanuelson (R) challenges Rapid Vienna's Jocelyn Blanchard during their UEFA Cup Group F soccer match in Amsterdam on 22 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA



Tottenham Hotspur's Dimitar Berbatov (C) celebrates with his teammates after scoring the equalising goal against Club Brugge during the UEFA Cup Group B match at White Hart Lane in London on 2 Nov, 2006 . Berbatov scored two and Robbie Keane got the other as Tottenham Hotspur came from behind to beat FC Bruges 3-1 and all but secure their place in the knockout stage of the UEFA Cup.—XINHUA

Ferguson still looking to the future

Manchester (England), 4 Nov- Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson says he has no thoughts of retirement as he celebrates 20 years in charge at Old Trafford.

"I enjoy working, that's the important thing. It's scandalous that some people think I should retire. I have every right to work hard. I am going to continue working," the 64year-old told reporters on Friday. Ferguson almost stood down at the end of the 2001/02 season but after changing his mind has set no new date to call

time on his trophy-laden spell in charge of the Premier League leaders.

"There has been criticism (from the media) over the years to retire and hang up your boots and I don't think they have a right to do that. People are entitled to work. I want to work and I shall continue working," said the Scot.

Ferguson has led United to a record haul of 17 major trophies since becoming the club's manager on 6 November, 1986.

"You are going to be judged on trophies, no doubt about that," he said. MNA/Reuters

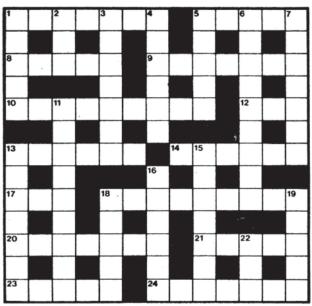
France to entertain Argentina in friendly in February

Paris, 4 Nov—France will meet Argentina in a rare international between the two sides at the Stade de France on February 7. the French FA announced on Friday.

They will also play each other in a second friendly "somewhere in Europe but outside France" by 2009, the French FA confirmed.

The two countries, who between them have appeared in five of the last eight World Cup finals, have only met eight times since their first meeting in the inaugural World Cup in 1930.—MNA/Reuters

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Ronaldo frustrated by bench role at Real Madrid

MADRID, 4 Nov—Brazil striker Ronaldo says he does not understand what he has to do to earn a return to the Real Madrid starting line up under coach Fabio Capello.

The worst thing about not playing is not having the confidence of the coach and not knowing how to win it back," Ronaldo said in an interview with Spanish daily *ABC* on Friday.

The 30-year-old international was Real's top scorer with 14 league goals last season despite suffering a number of niggling

But with Capello now installed as coach, Ronaldo has lost out to Dutchman Ruud van Nistelrooy, with the Italian rigidly adhering

David Nalbandian (R) of Argentina and Tommy Robredo (L) of Spain secured the tickets to the Masters Cup tennis tournament, by winning at the Paris Masters here on 2 Nov. 2006. —XINHUA

to a system that plays with one out-and-out striker.

Ronaldo underwent a minor operation on his left knee after the World Cup finals and missed the start of the season.

But since then he has only played 100 minutes in the league and the Champions League, has yet to score a goal and has yet to start a game.

"I don't know what the criteria are to win a place in the starting line up. I am in very good shape, with my weight and everything. What I have to do is to try and prove it," said Ronaldo.

"Capello doesn't have faith with me at the moment. If he did he would have played me more."

MNA/Reuters



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People perform meritorious deeds on **Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon**

Yangon, 4 Nov — Today is Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon also called Samaññaphala Day. Pagodas and stupas in Yangon were crowded with devotees and pilgrims who performed

meritorious deeds.

At Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees organized the 22nd Mathoe Thingan offering ceremony on the platform of the pagoda. At dawn

today, members of the pagoda board of trustees presented prizes to winners in the Mathoe Thingan weaving contest. At night, the Tazaungdine lighting festival was held at the pagoda.

Similar ceremonies were held at Sule, Botahtaung, Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye, Maha Wizaya Pagodas, Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, Shwephonepwint Pagoda, Kyaikwaing, Kyaikkasan and other pagodas.

At monasteries in townships, communal Kathina ceremonies were held. In addition, lighting celebrations and fun fairs were held at urban and suburban areas. Furthermore, members of the Sangha administered Desanas to the congregations.





Tazaungmon.— MNA



Sunday, 5 November View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓဇမဟာရဋ္ဌ ဂုရ၊ အဘိဓဇအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္က ဝိစိတ္ကသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဆန္တသိရိန္မာ ဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟော ကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတ သန္တိ ပါဠိတော်

25 am

3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning news

7:40 am

5. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ

(၃၈)ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာ 8:10 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

8. International news 8:45 am

5. Say it in English

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. တန်ဆောင်တိုင်တေးများ

11:25 am

3. Round up of the week's international news

11:35 am

4. Yan Can Cook

11:50 am

5. Myanmar movie: "မေတ္တာရေစင်" (ဝင်းဗိုလ်၊ ခင်သန်းနှ၊

ထားထားနွယ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–ထွန်းမြင့်ထွန်း)

1:50 pm

6.Musical programme

2:05 pm

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:15 pm

8. ရခိုင်ချောင်တံတား 2:30 pm

9. "မျှော်သူမမောစေချင်"

(စိုးသီဟ၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)

2:45 pm

10. International news

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. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)

5:00 pm

5. Song of national races

5:15 pm

6. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

7. Evening news

6:30 pm

8. Weather report

6:35 pm 9. သီရိဂေဟာ

7:00 pm

10. Discovery

7:10 pm

11. နိုင်ငံခြား "ဟေမာန်ဆောင်းရဲ့ နေ့ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း–၂၂)

8:00 pm

12. News

13. International news

14. Weather report

15. နိုင်ငံခြား ဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ 'မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်" (အပိုင်း–၃၄)

16. The next day's programme

Sunday, 5 November Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news **8:35 am** Music:

> -Man of mystery ... The Shadow

8:40 am Perspectives 8:45 am Music:

-Lovething... Jimmy Summeruille

8:50 am National news/ Slogan

9:00 am Music:

-Tell me... Cleve 9:05 am International

news 9:10 am Cultural images of

Myanmar 9:20 am Music:

-She's been making me blue...

Smokie 1:30 pm News / Slogan 1:40pm Children's delight

-Story for children -Songs for children

9:00pmWeekly news review

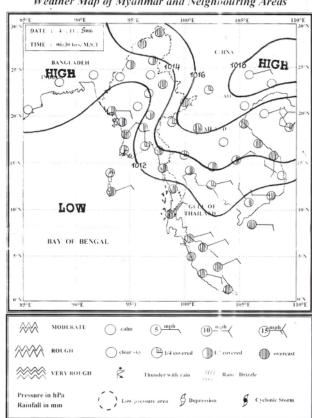
9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Music/latest hits/ Let's improve English through songs -My love... Paul

Mc Cartney -Oh girl... The Chillites

9:45 pm News / Slogan **10:00 pm** PEL

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 4 November, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30

hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State and Mandalay Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin State and Mandalay Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taunggyi (0.08) inch and PyinOoLwin (0.04) inch.

Maximum temperature on 3-11-2006 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 4-11-2006 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 4-11-2006 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 3-11-2006 was (7.7) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 4-11-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (98.46) inches at Mingaladon and (111.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (116.69) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at 11:20 hours MST on 3-11-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 5-11-2006: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 5-11-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 5-11-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 5-11-2006: Partly cloudy.

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Myanmar looks forward to more ASEAN-China cooperation in agriculture sector

Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses Third ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Summit





Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses 3rd ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Summit. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win delivered an address at the Third ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Summit held at the People's Hall of Guangxi in Nanning of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China on 31 October.

At 11:20 am, the Third ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Summit commenced. Present on the occasion were Premier of the State Council Mr Wen Jiabao of the People's Republic of China, Brunei Darussalam King Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddhaulah, Cam-

bodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Philippines President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister retired General Surayud Chulanont and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win of the Union of Myanmar, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister

for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, ministers, deputy ministers and senior officers of China and ASEAN countries, entrepreneurs of China and ASEAN countries including Myanmar, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong, officials and guests.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win meets Thai counterpart Retired General Surayud Chulanont

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win received Prime Minister of Thailand General Surayud Chulanont (Retd) at the guest house-8 of the Liyuan Hotel in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China, on 31 October morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General (See page 10)



Prime Minister General Soe Win meets Thai Prime Minister retired General Surayud Chulanont at No 8 Guest House of Liyuan Hotel in Nanning. — MNA

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