

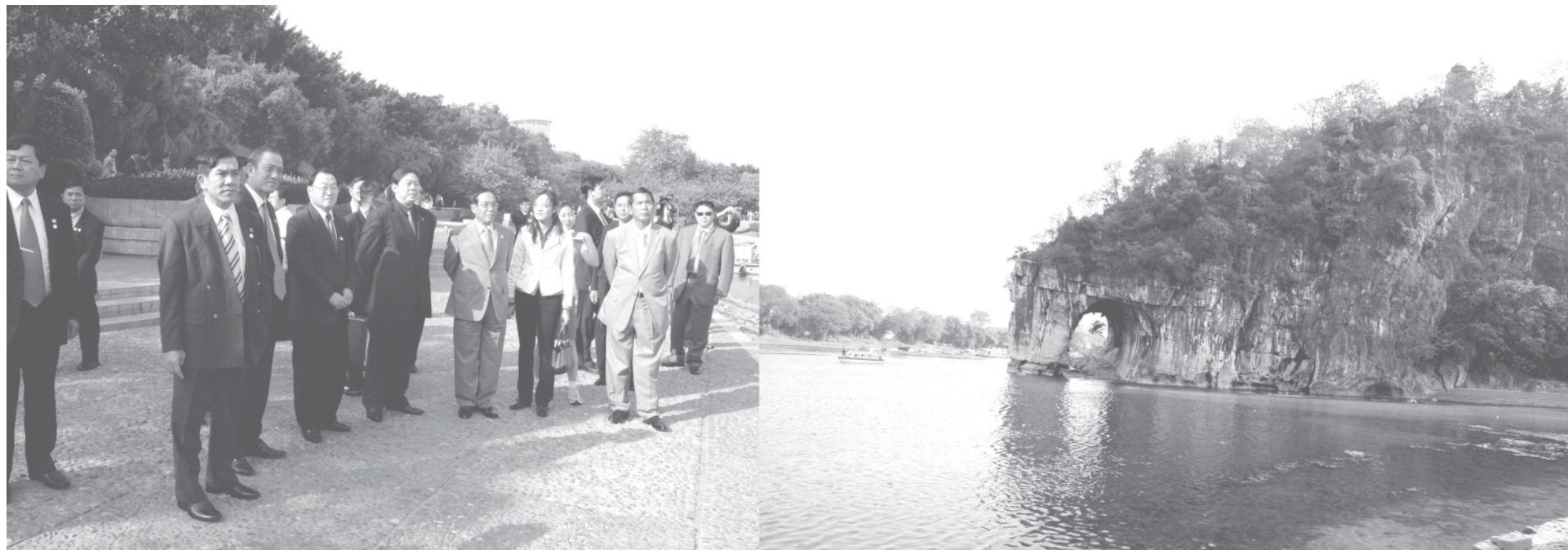
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Prime Minister General Soe Win and party visit Guilin



Prime Minister General Soe Win views Xiang Bi Shan elephant-shaped hill in Guilin. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — The Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win left Nanning for Guilin by special flight of China Southern Airlines at 9 am on 1 November. The Prime Minister and party were seen off at the Nanning International Airport by traditional cultural

troupe and officials of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Prime Minister General Soe Win and party together with Vice-Governor Mr Zhang Wenxue, Deputy Head of Foreign Affairs Mr Zeng Xiaohua and officials of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

arrived at Guilin Liangjiang International Airport at 9:30 am. They were welcomed at the airport by Guilin Mayor Mr Zhang Xiulong, Secretary Mr Jiang Bin Sui and officials and a child presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister.

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Myanmar delegation on tour of Wuhan, Hubei Province



Prime Minister General Soe Win visits Proview Technology (Wuhan) Co in Wuhan. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — Prime Minister General Soe Win and party arrived in Wuhan, Hubei Province at 10:15 am on 2 November.

They were welcomed by Vice-Governor of Hubei Province Mr Li Chunming and officials.

The Prime Minister and party cordially greeted the welcoming party and proceeded to Shangri-La Hotel.

At 2:30 pm, the Prime Minister and party visited Dongfeng Motor Corporation Headquarters in Wuhan.

General Manager Mr Liu Zhangmin reported on the establishment of Dongfeng Motor Corporation, efforts, joint venture with foreign motor companies and manufacture of motor vehicles. He presented a model of a truck to the Prime Minister.

Next, the Prime Minister presented souvenirs to him and signed in the visitor's book. The Prime Minister and party had photos taken.

The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Dongfeng Peugeot Citroem Automobile Co Ltd and observed the assembly lines and light trucks of the company.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strengthening Myanmar-China fraternal relations

Myanmar borders with China and the governments and the peoples of both countries have maintained fraternal ties for so many years. Bilateral cordial relations have been strengthened by leaders of both countries.

Leaders of the two neighbours have exchanged frequent visits. The Vice-President of the People's Republic of China visited Myanmar in 2000, President Jiang Zemin in 2001 and Vice-Premier Madame Wu Yi of PRC in 2004.

During his stay in Nanning, China recently, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win met Chinese Premier of the State Council Mr Wen Jiabao and discussed matters of bilateral interests.

Bilateral economic cooperation in border areas and anti-narcotic activities are in progress. The two nations were able to sign an agreement in the fight against drugs in May this year. The PRC provided Myanmar with 10,000 tons of rice as part of drug-substitute programme. More cooperation in administration in border areas with the efforts of the two countries will contribute to prevalence of peace and stability in the border areas.

The People's Republic of China not only provides economic assistance but stands by Myanmar as a true neighbour in international issues. It is believed that bilateral fraternal relations and economic cooperation between Myanmar and China will continue to improve in the years to come.



CEC member U Nyein Aung of UMFCCI and designer of Myanmar Pavilion Daw Khin Ohnma Aung arrive back on Saturday at the airport after attending the Third China-ASEAN Expo 2006 held at Nanning of China.

UMFCCI

Peoples' Desire

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

Ministry of Home Affairs holds first communal Kathina robes offering ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov— Under the patronage of Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo and wife Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, the ministry held its first communal Kathina robes offering ceremony at MyoU Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Tatkon yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhajha Bhadanta Narada and members of the Sangha, nuns, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo and wife Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi and wife Daw Khin May Soe, heads of



Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo and wife Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo offer Kathina robes to a Sayadaw. — MNA

the departments and units under the ministry, deputy directors-general and director and wives, staff families and guests.

First, the congregation opened the ceremony with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa* and re-

ceived the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw. Next, the minister and wife offered Kathina robes and alms to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha and so did the director-general of MPF, departmental heads and staff

families. Afterwards, the wife of the minister donated alms to nuns.

Next, the congregation shared merits gained and a day meal was offered to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

MNA

Myanmar-Korea Forestry Cooperative Committee holds meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov— The fourth meeting of Myanmar-Korea Forestry Cooperative Committee took place at the Ministry of Forestry, here, on 3 November.

First, the five-member Korean delegation led by Director-General Mr Nam Sung-Hyun of Korea Forest Service Planning and Public Relations Bureau, the Republic of Korea, called on Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

The meeting focused on cooperation of the two countries in development



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung receives Director-General Mr Nam Sung-Hyun and party of Korea Forest Service Planning and Public Relations Bureau. — FORESTRY

of forests, human resource development and sharing

technology, prospects for investment in wood-based

industry and arid zone greening project. — MNA

New Generation Youth golf tournament on schedule

YANGON, 5 Nov — Under the supervision of Myanmar Golf Federation, the 4th New Generation Youth golf tournament, to be organized by Myanmar Golf Club, will be held at MGC's 9th mile golf course on 15 and 16 November.

The tournament will be categorized as age-wise events ranging the boys' 10-12, the boys' 13-15 and the boys' 16-20 and the girls' 10-18 events. The handsome prizes will be presented to the winners.

The main sponsor is Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd,

together with co-sponsors Srixon, Myanmar Golf Club Driving Range, Han Golf Masters Academy, Han Event Management, Golf Masters Magazine and Han Golf Course Design & Construction.

The tournament will accommodate the participants from the states and divisions. Those wishing to take part in the tournament may enlist at MGC, not later than 2 pm on 13 November. Further information is available at MGC (Tel: 661702) and Han Event Management (Tel: 542989 and 723221). — MNA

Tourism gaining momentum in China-ASEAN economic cooperation

NANNING (China), 4 Nov — With the exhibition of “Cities of Charm” drawing thousands of visitors at the third China-ASEAN expo in Nanning, tourism is climbing to the top of the China-ASEAN cooperation agenda, a Chinese expert said.

“Tourism plays an ever-important role in the economic development of China and the ASEAN countries, and will act as a roll booster in the establishment of the free trade area,” said Gu

Xiaosong, vice-president of the Academy of Social Sciences in China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

According to Gu, the number of cross-border tourists between China

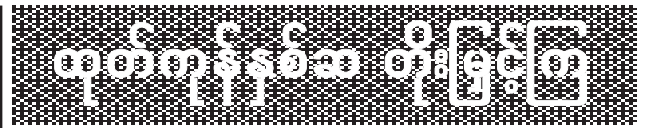
and ASEAN countries reached 6.5 million last year. Over three million, or one-third of the Chinese outbound tourists made ASEAN countries their first choices to visit, while China received the

same number of foreign tourists from ASEAN countries.

In 2005, Thailand, a tourism mecca in southeast Asia, received over 840,000 Chinese visitors, 12 per cent up from the previous year, and about 350,000 people from Mainland China visited Malaysia.

Other ASEAN countries are also gearing up their efforts to attract Chinese tourists. According to Vietnam’s tourism authorities, the country expects to attract as many as six million foreign visitors by 2010.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao gives a speech at the opening ceremony of the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, on 4 Nov, 2006. —XINHUA



Hairdressers ‘risk skin disease’

LONDON, 5 Nov— Almost half of the UK’s hairdressers and barbers are suffering from a serious skin complaint caused by their work, health inspectors have claimed.

The local authorities’ health watchdog, Lacors, says about 50,000 workers have dermatitis—a painful skin complaint that can cause swelling and blistering.

Lacors says the condition is brought on by exposure to water and chemicals such as peroxides, shampoos and soaps. The disease causes 230,000 working days a year to be lost, inspectors claim. Geoffrey Theobald, chairman of Lacors, said the disease was a threat to people’s health and their careers.

“Staff who contract the disease often have to leave the profession and find other work,” he said.

“Dermatitis can be irreversible and because of the widespread nature of the condition it is often incorrectly regarded as an

acceptable occupational hazard.” He said employers must be fully aware of the preventative measures they should be putting into place.

Internet

A member of the French circus company Smart Cie performs during the show “Cabareito,” as part of an international circus festival in Lima on 3 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET

Greenhouse gases hit record high

LONDON, 5 Nov — The steady rise in atmospheric levels of the greenhouse gases blamed for climate change shows no signs of abating, a UN agency has announced.

The atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide rose by about half a percent in 2005, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said.

It said levels were likely to keep rising unless emissions of CO₂, methane and nitrogen oxides were slashed. The announcement comes on the eve of UN climate negotiations in Nairobi.

“There is no sign that N₂O (nitrous oxide) and CO₂ are starting to level off,” Geir Braathen, a senior scientist at the WMO, told reporters.

To make CO₂ level off we will need more drastic measures than are in the Kyoto Protocol today

“It looks like it will just continue like this for the foreseeable future.”

Scientists say the accumulation of such gases — generated by burning fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas — traps energy coming originally from the Sun, causing global temperatures to rise.

This is expected to lead to melting of polar ice caps and glaciers, rising sea levels and more extreme weather events such as storms and floods. —Internet

Beijing summit opens as China pledges package of aid to Africa

BEIJING, 5 Nov — The landmark Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) opened Saturday morning, during which Chinese President Hu Jintao announced a package of major assistance, investment, trade and other key cooperation projects with Africa in an effort to forge a new type of strategic partnership.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Hu listed eight steps China will take in coming years: to double its 2006 assistance to Africa by 2009, to provide 3 billion US dollars of preferential loans and 2 billion dollars of preferential buyer’s credits to Africa in the next three years, to establish a special fund of 5 billion dollars to encourage Chinese investment in Africa and to cancel some

debts owed by the heavily indebted poor countries and the least developed countries in Africa that have diplomatic ties with China.

The Chinese President also offered a five-point proposal to cement closer bilateral ties, saying China will deepen political relations of equality and mutual trust with Africa, broaden win-win economic cooperation, expand exchanges for cultural enrichment and promote balanced and harmonious global development.

China and Africa will also strengthen cooperation and mutual support in international affairs, he said, adding “Without peace and development in China and Africa, there will be no global peace and development.” — MNA/Xinhua



An Indonesian child stands next to an anti-US poster during a protest outside the US Embassy in Jakarta on 4 Nov, 2006. Hundreds staged a protest outside the US Embassy on Saturday, ahead of a visit by United States President George W Bush to Indonesia. —INTERNET

Media reports Cambodian PM's visit to China fruitful

PHNOM PENH, 4 Nov— Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen's visit to China from 29 October to 2 November was fruitful and would promote the friendly cooperative ties between China and ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations), especially those between China and Cambodia, according to a local media's report on Friday.

Hor Namhong, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, told local reporters at a Press conference at the Phnom Penh International Airport on Thursday after the Prime Minister's return.

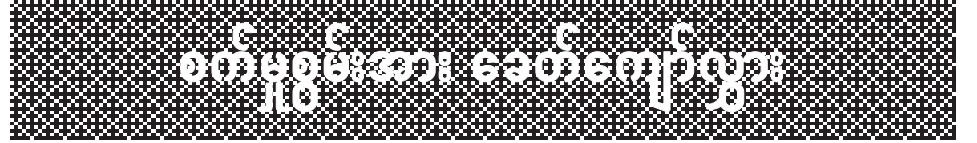
During the summit

held in Nanning, Guangxi, to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the dialogue ties between China and ASEAN, Hun Sen proposed to build cooperative partnership between both sides, which would greatly promote the friendly cooperation between China and

ASEAN, especially that between China and Cambodia.

Such cooperation would bring benefits to Cambodia's social and economic developments and help the kingdom narrow its difference with other member countries of ASEAN, he said.

MNAXinhua



A labourer works inside a workshop of a textile mill in Huaibei, east China's Anhui Province on 4 Nov, 2006. China, the world's largest producer and exporter of textile products, is expecting a 10.5 percent rise in its cotton production this year, the National Reform and Development Commission said, Xinhua News Agency reported.—INTERNET



Ballerinas of Berlin's state ballet perform during a dress rehearsal of 'The concert' by US choreographer Jerome Robbins in Berlin on 3 Nov, 2006. INTERNET

Former Israeli PM Sharon moved to intensive care

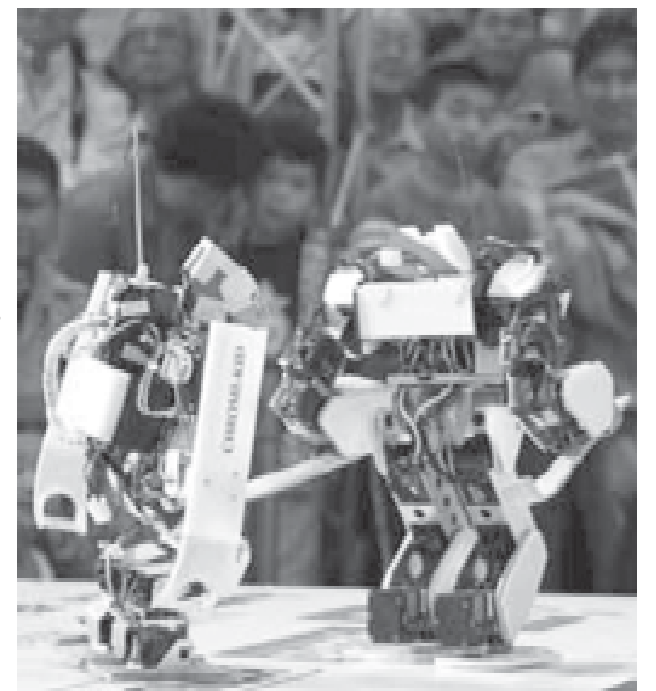
JERUSALEM, 4 Nov— Former Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon, who suffered a stroke in January and has been in a coma since, was moved to an intensive care unit on Friday after a worsening in his condition, the hospital treating him said.

"Sharon contracted an infection that is affecting

his heart and will receive intensive treatment to combat the infection," the Sheba Medical Centre

near Tel Aviv said in a statement. "At this point, his condition is stable."

MNA/Reuters



Controlled by their masters, two robots fight with each other during a small-scale robot event which attracts robot fans in Tokyo, on 4 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA



Singer Shakira poses backstage with the four Grammys she won at the 7th annual Latin Grammy Awards in New York, on 2 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Three US soldiers, four Marines killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 Nov— Three US soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad and four Marines were killed in "enemy action" in Iraq's western Anbar Province on Thursday, the US military said on Friday.

It said the three soldiers in Baghdad died when their vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb in the east of the capital.

The four Marines died in two separate incidents in Anbar but the military gave no further details.

The military also announced early on Friday that a soldier had died in a non-combat related incident north of Baghdad.

US forces have been conducting an intensive search in Baghdad for a

missing US soldier of Iraqi origin who was kidnapped 10 days ago after going to visit relatives, including his Iraqi wife. Troops have also been conducting more visible patrols in Baghdad in an effort to clamp down on sectarian violence.

MNA/Reuters

US "Army Times" to call for Rumsfeld's resignation

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov— An editorial to be published Monday in independent publications that serve the four main branches of the US military will call for President George W Bush to replace Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld, CNN reported Saturday.

"Basically, the editorial says, it's clear now, from some of the public statements that military leaders are making, that he's lost the support and respect of the military leadership," Robert Hodierne, senior managing editor for the publications' parent company

Army Times Publications, was quoted as saying.

"That they're starting to go public with that now, with their disagreements, added up with all of the other missteps we believe he's made, that it's time for him to be replaced," he said.

Army Times Publications publishes the Army Times, Navy Times, Air Force Times and the Marine Corps Times. The four weekly newspapers are distributed in the general stores and commissaries on military around the world, the report said. — MNA/Xinhua



Soldiers march during a rehearsal for a historical military parade in Moscow's Red Square on 3 Nov, 2006. A military show to be held on 7 Nov will mark the anniversary of a 1941 parade, when Red Army troops paraded past Soviet leader Josef Stalin in Red Square to march on to the front just outside Moscow during World War Two.—INTERNET

Putin urges more effective Middle East mediation

Moscow, 3 Nov — Russian President Vladimir Putin urged the Quartet of international mediators for the Middle East on Thursday to work more effectively in resolving the conflict in the region.

Russia is a member of the Quartet, which also includes the United States, the European Union and the United Nations.

Speaking after talks at the Kremlin with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Putin also called on Egypt and other regional heavyweights to join the

Quartet's efforts.

"We share the belief that the international mediators in the Middle East settlement must work more effectively and the Quartet will only benefit if influential regional forces, including Egypt of course, join this work," Putin was quoted by the *Interfax* news

agency as saying. "We believe the Egyptian leadership could play a greater role in establishing contacts between Palestine and Israel and in attaining much needed accord in the Palestinian ranks," Putin said.

The Russian leader said his talks with Mubarak also touched on the situation in Iraq, Iran's nuclear programme, the situation surrounding Syria and Lebanon and the Darfur conflict in Sudan.

Mubarak, who visited Russia in May 2004 and hosted Putin last April, said Moscow and Cairo shared the same positions on ways to revive the Middle East peace process and resume the Palestinian-Israeli dialogue.

Russia and Egypt could "jointly open the way towards a Middle East settlement", he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Wealth of China's richest jumps almost 50%

SHANGHAI, 3 Nov — The combined wealth of China's 40 richest people jumped 46 per cent from a year earlier to 38 billion US dollars, thanks in part to successful stock-market listings, according to the *Forbes China Rich List* released on Thursday.

"The growing number of Chinese listings on stock markets around the world is an extension of China's rapidly expanding influence in world trade and investment in general," *Forbes* said in a statement, adding that over a quarter of those on the list are less than 40 years old.

Forbes said Wong Kwong Yu, whose name in Mandarin Chinese is Huang Guangyu, chairman of China's top electronics retailer GOME Electrical Appliances Holding Ltd., topped the list with net worth of 2.3 billion US dollars.

New entrants to the list include Zhong Sheng Jian, founder and CEO of Yanlord Land Group Ltd, which listed in Singapore in June.—MNA/Reuters

Quintuplets born in Poland

WARSAW, 3 Nov — Quintuplets were born on Wednesday night at a hospital in Poznan, western Poland, the *PAP* news agency reported.

"My wife is all right and the babies are now in the hospital's intensive care unit. Their condition is stable," said Marcin Ziemiński, father of the quintuplets, after his wife gave birth to three boys and two girls through Caesarean section. Poland had previously reported the births of quintuplets in 1971, 1995, 2001 and 2003. The chances of having quintuplets are put at one in 52 million.—MNA/Xinhua



Young Chinese students perform the pipe and wind instruments in downtown Beijing on 2 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Briton, American kidnapped from oil ship in Nigeria

LAGOS, 3 Nov — A Briton and an American were kidnapped on Thursday from an oil prospecting ship off the coast of Nigeria's southern state of Bayelsa, diplomatic and security

sources said.

It was the latest in a wave of kidnappings and violence against foreigners in the oil producing Niger Delta which has forced hundreds of workers to pull out of the region and reduced Nigerian oil

output by 500,000 barrels a day.

"Two expatriates, an American and a Briton, working for PGS have been kidnapped this morning on board *MV Commander*, one of the vessels at sea in Bayelsa," a security source said,

asking not to be named.

Petroleum Geo-Services (PGS) is a Norwegian-based oil service company specializing in seismic studies. The company's spokesman was not available for comment.

MNA/Reuters

Rich areas' poor in deaths link

LONDON, 5 Nov — Poor people who live in rich neighbourhoods in the US are more likely to die than those who live in disadvantaged areas, a study says.

Researchers studied 8,200 people for 17 years across California, the *American Journal of Public Health* reported.

The Stanford University Medical Center team said the likely cause was rich areas drained people's resources and had a negative psychological effect.

Experts said it showed the polarised nature of US society.

The researchers found that after 17 years, 19 out of every 1,000 women of low socioeconomic status who lived in wealthier neighbourhoods had died, compared with 11 of every 1,000 from poorer neighbourhoods.

The trend was similar but less dramatic in men. The team found that age as well as a number of risk factors, such as obesity and smoking, did not account for the results. They also found that access to neighbourhood goods and services did not explain the findings. Report author Professor Marilyn Winkleby said in many ways the results were surprising.

Internet

Sony Corp plans to market the world's lightest notebook computer next month in Japan, according to news reports on 3 Nov, 2006. XINHUA



Football team of Pakistani Armed Forces arrives

YANGON, 5 Nov — A football team of the Armed Forces of Pakistan Islamic Republic led by Brigadier-General Muhammad Naseem Khan arrived here by air this afternoon to play friendly soccer match with the football team of Myanmar Tatmadaw.

The Pakistani football team was welcomed by Rector of Defence Services Medical Academy Brig-Gen Ya Pyae, senior military officers, Defence Attache Col Zafar Jamil

and officials of the Pakistani Embassy.

MNA

Brig-Gen Ya Pyae of DSMA welcomes Pakistani Armed Forces football team at the airport. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein shakes hands with an archer of Indian team that won gold medal in the men's recurve FITA round team ranking event.

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FMI Co holds annual general meeting

YANGON, 5 Nov — First Myanmar Investment Co, Ltd held the 14th Annual General Meeting at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township this afternoon.

Members of the advisory board and executive directors of FMI Co, Ltd and CEO Mr Martin Pun of SPA (M) Ltd extended greetings. Next, Chairman of the advisory board meeting chairman Col Win Maung (Retd) delivered an opening speech. Chairman of FMI

Co, Ltd Managing Agent U Thein Wai extended greetings and explained functions of the company. Afterwards, share holders and guests raised questions to which responsible persons replied and financial statement and annual report were submitted to the meeting.

Later, new executive directors and auditors were elected for 2006-2007 and the meeting chairman gave a concluding remark. — MNA



Chairman and Managing Agent of FMI Co Ltd U Thein Wai speaking at 14th Annual General Meeting of First Myanmar Investment Co Ltd. — MNA

US seeks silence from CIA prisoners

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov — The Bush Administration is arguing that detainees held in secret CIA prisons should not be allowed to describe in court how they were interrogated, the *Washington Post* reported in its Saturday edition.

The government believes that interrogation methods used by the CIA are among the nation's most sensitive national

security secrets, and that their release "could reasonably be expected to cause extremely grave damage," the *Post* said, citing recent court filings.

Terrorists could incorporate the information into their counter-interrogation training, the government told Judge Reggie Walton.

The government is trying to block access to 14 detainees transferred

in September from the secret prisons to the US military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

An attorney for the family of one of those detainees, 26-year-old Majid Khan, responded in a court document that there is no evidence that he has top-secret information, the *Post* said.

"The executive is attempting to misuse its classification authority...

to conceal illegal or embarrassing executive conduct," lawyer Gitanjali Gutierrez wrote, according to the *Post*.

The government argues that detainees such as Khan have no right to speak to a lawyer under the new Military Commissions Act, which established separate military trials for terrorism suspects, the *Post* said.

MNA/Reuters

Stance of the Lion— Brave and Strong

- * To look back over to the Era of the Throne
When the strength of nation's
sovereignty thundered
And the victory flag of patriots was aflutter
All kinds of enemy had to bow down
Like a door-mat
Crouched, subdued till defeated
Prowess of valour was astonishing
Fame spread far and wide
throughout the world
How the pride of Myanmar
remained elevated
- * The regal umbrella, palace and
city were gone
There surely was defeat, with all three gone
The palace pinnacle was reduced to firewood
Though that be it, the flames of wrath
Rose to frighten, frightening the enemy
While unafraid, we hailed Independence
We clamoured that it be given restored
We joined hands in strength and fought
Myanmar land was not allowed
To be touched by aliens, and with clarion call
Bravely repulsing, we won victory
The pride of Myanmar shone
And a new era of history dawned.
- * We once fell enslaved
We were mired as a vassal
But undaunted we remained brave patriots
Citizens of Myanmar, our strength
Was undivided, remained of one mind
Brave and strong the stance of the lion
Rightly united, we were consolidated
Practised solidarized, with noble mind
Will make pride of nation radiate
like the sun
Let pride of the land
Be strong and touch the sky.

Myinmu Maung Naing Moe (Trs)
(Hailing the Annual General Meeting 2006 of
Union Solidarity and Development Association)

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win goes on inspection tour of Muse 105th-mile border trade zone

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, during his recent tour of Muse 105th-mile border trade zone together with Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut and departmental heads of SPDC Office held a meeting with Chairman of Muse District PDC Lt-Col Soe Win, departmental officials at district and township levels and members of district and township Union Solidarity and Development Associations at Shweli Yadana Hall in Muse on 31 October.

First, Chairman of Muse District PDC Lt-Col Soe Win briefed Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on regional data while Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut gave supplementary reports.

During his meeting, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave a speech. Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected import inspection department and customs department No 4 X-ray scanning unit at the 105th-mile border trade zone. Next, Deputy Director of Border Trade Department U Myint Kyaw conducted Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party round the 105th-mile border trade zone.

At the meeting hall of Import Department, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party met with staff at the zone. Next, Deputy Director U Myint Kyaw briefed Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party on accomplishment of the functions and Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut gave a supplementary report. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win made a speech in his meeting.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party proceeded to Kutkai and held a meeting with departmental officials at township level and members of Kutkai Township



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects extraction of bio-diesel from physic nut oil at Manmaw region in Lashio. — MNA

USDA and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party viewed thriving paddy fields, physic nut plants and road sections on both sides of Kutkai-Lashio route. Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party oversaw poppy-substitute crops such as corn sugar cane, sunflower and pigeon pea and 500-acre bees breeding farm and storage of corn seeds in North-East Command.

Next, Lt-Col Nay Lin Aung and Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut gave supplementary reports. Upon arrival at 100-acre model sugar cane plantation in Manmaw region, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party looked into thriving sugar cane and loading of them into the vehicles.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected 150,000 physic nut plants and 100-acre plantation of orange and pine apples mixed cropping from the observation tower. They were conducted round by Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut and responsible personnel.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party looked into production process of bio-diesel and vehicle test run by bio-diesel. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave necessary instructions to responsible personnel and stopped over for one night in Lashio. — MNA

NC delegates visit Kyaikkhauk Pagoda, attend service at Kachin Baptist Church

YANGON, 5 NOV— Under the arrangement of the Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee, the delegates to the National Convention this morning visited the historic Kyaikkhauk Pagoda in

Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District.

On arrival at the pagoda, the delegates were welcomed by Lt-Col Kyi Oo of Thanlyin Station and officials, the chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and

members.

The chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees explained the background history of the pagoda.

U Aye Kyaw, a delegate of national race group expressed thanks.

Next, the delegates

donated K 136,845 towards the funds of the pagoda.

After that, the delegates proceeded to the Kyakan Dhammayon east of the pagoda where the ceremony to offer provisions to 264 members of the Sangha was held. At the ceremony, offertories and provisions worth K 15,310,240 were donated to members of the Sangha.

Likewise, Christianity delegates to the National Convention, accompanied by officials of the Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee, this afternoon arrived at the Kachin Baptist Church in Sangyoung Township where they attended service. — MNA



Christian delegates of the National Convention attend service at Kachin Baptist Church on Shwepyiaye Road in Sangyoung Township. — MNA

Buddha Pujaniya of Shewzigon Pagoda in NyaungU

YANGON, 5 Nov—The 947th Buddha Pujaniya of historic Shewzigon Pagoda in NyaungU, Mandalay Division began on a grand scale on 28 October.

The collective donation of provisions to over 2,000 members of the Sangha by well-wishers from far and near, departmental personnel led by Chairman of NyaungU District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Tayza, social organizations, the chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and others was held at the pagoda on 4 November (the Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon).

The Tazaungdaing Festival of the pagoda will continue until 19 November, and donations for all-round renovation of the pagoda may be made at the respective donation centres.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win and party visit Guilin



Prime Minister General Soe Win receives Guilin Mayor Mr Zhang Xiulong. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win views natural beauty of Lijiang River in Guilin. — MNA

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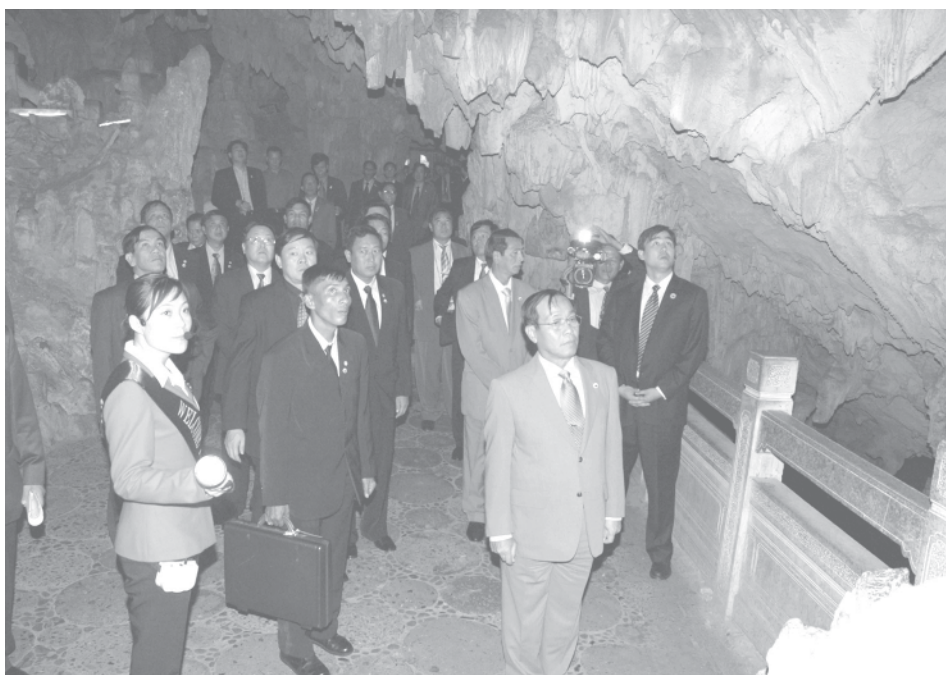
Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Zhujiang Port in a motorcade. He viewed the environs along the Lijiang river, a landmark of the tourism industry of Guilin, on board the water craft. At Yang Shuo, they posed for a documentary photo.

They proceeded to Xiang Bi Shan elephant-shaped hill and viewed the environs. They also visited

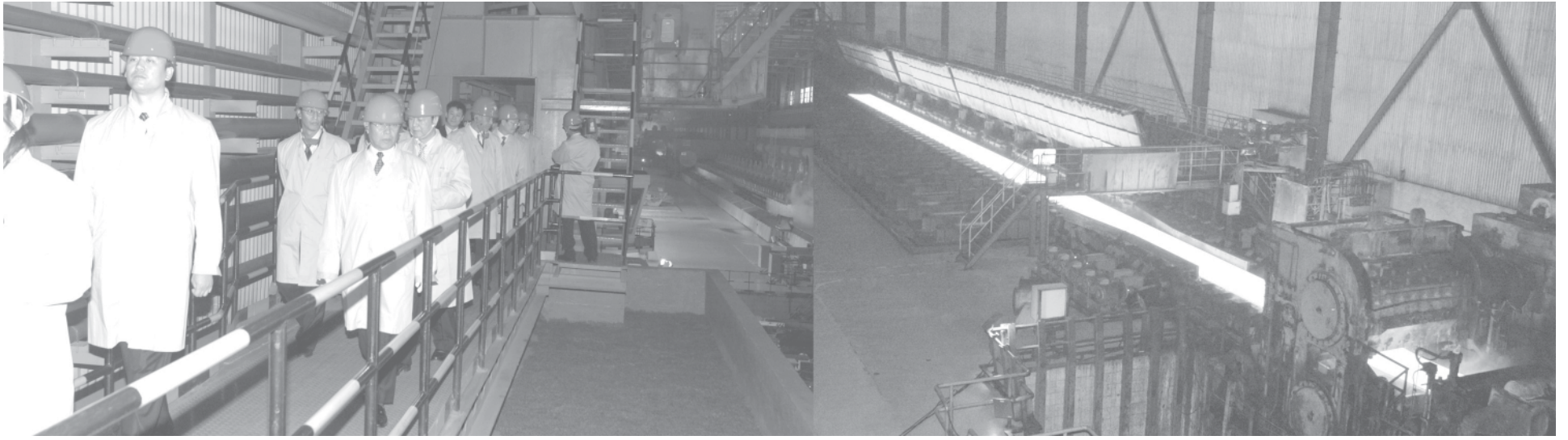
Reed Flute Cave in Lu Di Yan and viewed the wonders of nature in different shapes and forms in the spacious cave. The Prime Minister signed in the visitors' book. After that, the Prime Minister and party viewed the development of Guilin in a motorcade and arrived back at Ronghu Lake Hotel.

In the evening, Guilin Mayor Mr Zhang Xiulong called on the Prime Minister at the hall of Ronghu Lake

Hotel. Present at the call were members of Myanmar delegation, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu, Vice-Governor Mr Zhang Wenxue and officials of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. They held discussions on prospects of economic cooperation between Myanmar and Guilin and exchanged gifts. Later, the Mayor hosted a dinner in honour of the Prime Minister and party at Ronghu Lake Hotel. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win visits Reed Flute Cave at Lu Di Yan in Guilin. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win views production process of iron sheets at the plant of Iron and Steel Group Co in Wuhan. — MNA

Myanmar delegation on tour...

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Prime Minister and party had photos taken together with company officials.

The Prime Minister and party went to Wuhan Economic and Technological Development Zone where Vice-Governor of Hubei Province Mr Li Chunming reported on the zone.

and officials exchanged gifts. The Prime Minister and party went to Proview Technology (Wuhan) Co where they were conducted round the production of modern computers and TV sets by officials.

At 6 pm, the Prime Minister and party met Governor of Hubei Province Mr Luo Qingquan at

operation and promotion of trade with Hubei Province.

The Governor of Hubei Province hosted dinner in honour of the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister and party went to the beach of Yangtze River and visited the beach garden.

The Prime Minister

models of the factories and documentary photos.

They also observed samples of motor vehicles, containers, bridges, oil pipes and raw materials and production process. The Prime Minister signed in the visitor's book and had photos taken.

The Prime Minister and party went to Central China Power Grid Co. Chairman of the company

Prime Minister General Soe Win said generation of power and distribution is undertaken by two ministries in Myanmar. Investment, technological assistance and cooperation are needed to expedite its momentum.

He said Central China Power Grid Co can promote its cooperation in hydro-electric power

The Prime Minister and party were conducted round the central control unit and its functions.

They went to Wuhan International Airport. Vice-Governor of Hubei Province Mr Li Chunming presented an album of documentary photos of the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister and party greeted Mr Li Chunming, Chinese Am-



Prime Minister General Soe Win hears reports on supply of power presented by Chairman Mr Xie Ming Liang of Central China Power Grid Co in Wuhan. — MNA

Deputy General Director of Zone Management Committee Mr Li Zhoging reported on the history of the zone, endeavours for development of the zone step by step, encouragement of central government and state government and investment opportunities in the zone.

The Prime Minister and ministers inquired about the prescription of special economic zone law, management system of the zone, local and foreign investments, responsibilities and privileges of companies and others. Officials concerned replied to the queries.

The Prime Minister

East Lake Hotel.

Present on the occasion together with the Prime Minister were the ministers and departmental officials of Myanmar and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu, Vice-Governor of Hubei Province Mr Li Chunming, General Secretary of Hubei Province Government Mr Duan Lunyi, Deputy General Secretary Mr Wang Guoyao, Mayor of Wuhan Mr Li Xiansheng and officials.

They discussed establishment of special economic development zones, industrial, economic and technological development zones, co-

and party arrived back at Shangri-La Hotel.

On 3 November, the Prime Minister and party went to Wuhan Iron and Steel Group Co. Chairman of the company reported on the history of the company and quality products of iron and steel. The Prime Minister explained about rich natural resources and iron, mineral deposits and investment opportunities in Myanmar.

The Prime Minister and the chairman exchanged gifts. Production of iron and steel products was shown through the video.

The Prime Minister and party observed scale



Prime Minister General Soe Win receives Hubei Province Governor Mr Luo Qingquan at East Lake Hotel in Wuhan. — MNA

Mr Xie Ming Liang reported on power supply, generation of power and cooperation with international companies.

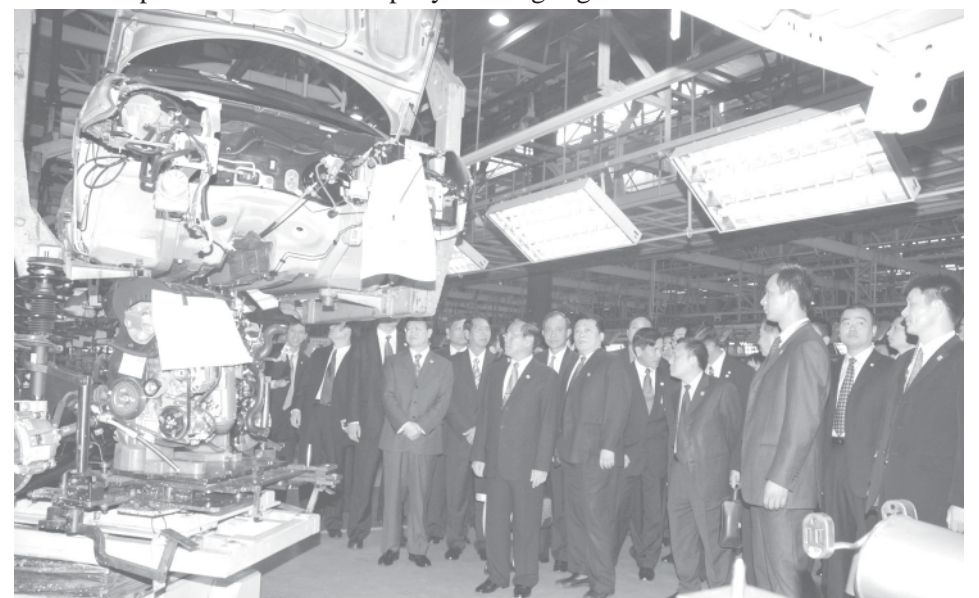
projects and power distribution in Myanmar.

The Prime Minister and the Chairman of the company exchanged gifts.

bassador Mr Guan Mu and officials.

They arrived back here in the evening.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win views assembling of small vehicles at the factory of Dongfeng Peugeot Citroen Automobile Co in Hubei Province. — MNA

General Soe Win calls for enhanced...

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cooperation agreement, banking services will be promoted between the two banks, and services of both banks will be extended.

The Prime Minister said that the trade sector between Myanmar and China is developing, and they cooperate in setting up construction of infrastructures and factories in Myanmar. The Prime Minister urged them to carry out cooperation in banking services between both governments, both people, and the departments concerned and people.

On 29 October afternoon, Prime Minister General Soe Win separately received Managing Director Mr Huang Guang Ming and party of Yunnan United Power Development Co, and Chairman Mr Yang Jixue of China Gezhouba (Group) Corporation at No 8 Guest House of Liyuan Hotel in Nanning.

On 30 October morning, the Prime Minister met with Vice-President Mme Zhang Xiaolu and party of China Power Investment Corporation at the same venue.

On 1 November morning, General Soe Win received Chairman Mr Hou Weigui and party of ZTE Corporation at Liyuan Hotel.

Also present at the calls were the ministers, the Chinese Ambassador, the Director-General of the



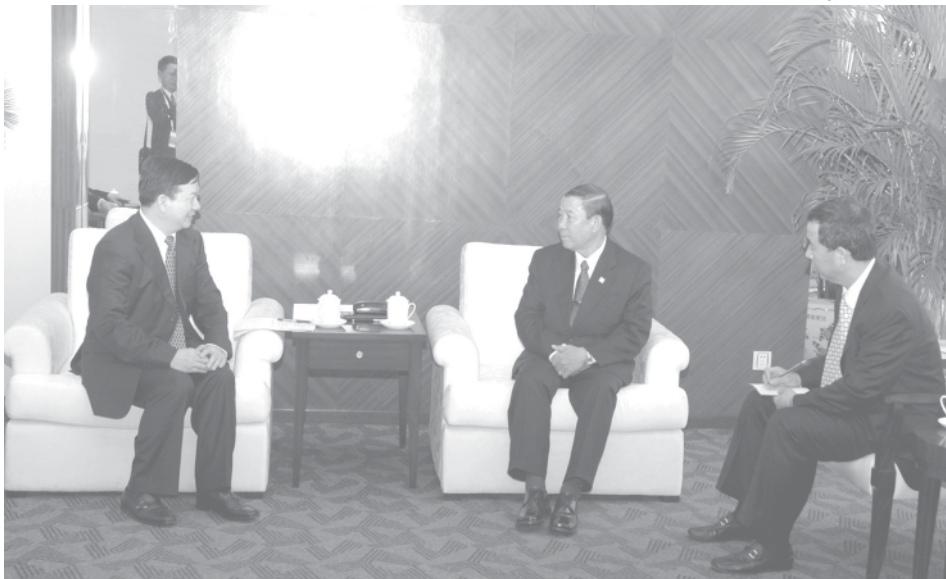
Managing Director U Than Yi of Myanma Foreign Trade Bank and President of China Development Bank Mr Chen Yuan signing the general agreement on bilateral cooperation.

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cooperation, and prospects of economic cooperation between Myanmar and China.

On 31 October afternoon, the President of China Development Bank called on Prime Minister General Soe Win at Liyuan Hotel. At the meeting hall, the

Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and departmental heads, Chinese



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives Vice-Chairman Liao Youngyuan and party of Petro China Co Ltd at Liyuan Hotel in Nanning. — MNA



Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin discusses with Vice-Chairman Mr Shou Jiangsong and party of Beijing Vantoni Industry & Trade in Nanning. — MNA

SPDC Office and officials.

They discussed mutual cooperation between peoples and companies of both countries, ways to enhance cooperation in investment and technology sectors, sector-wise achievements in bilateral

ceremony to sign the agreement on bilateral cooperation between Myanma Foreign Trade Bank of the Union of Myanmar and China Development Bank of China was held.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Foreign

Ambassador Mr Guan Mu, President of China Development Bank Mr Chen Yuan and officials.

At the ceremony, Managing Director U Than Yi of MFTB and President of China Development Bank (See page 11)



Chairman Mr Feng Ke and party of Yunnan Machinery & Equipment Import/Export Co Ltd call on Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min at Wharton International Hotel. — MNA



Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min receives Chairman Mr Feng Ke and party of Yunnan Machinery & Equipment Import/Export Co Ltd in Nanning. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win visits beach of Yangtze River in Wuhan. (News on page 1) — MNA

General Soe Win calls for enhanced...

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Mr Chen Yuan signed the agreement and exchanged notes.

Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin received Vice-Chairman Mr Shu Shi An of China IPPR International Engineering Corporation of China at Wharton International Hotel in Nanning on 30 October morning.

They held discussions on construction of the Technical School in Mandalay and curriculum for the school.

The minister also received Chairman of XJ Group Corporation Mr Wang Jinian and party at the same venue. They discussed construction of the Multipurpose Diesel Engine Factory and timely completion of it.

The minister received Chairman of China National Machinery Import and Export Corporation Mr Tang Yi and party. They discussed construction of the Hydro-turbine and Generator Factory in Thagara of Bago Division.

Likewise, Vice-Chairman Mr Wang Bo and party of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd called on Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, and they discussed construction of the Radiator Factory.

The Vice-Chairman and party of Shaandong Shantui Construction Machinery Import & Export Co Ltd called on Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and discussed construction of the Bulldozer and Excavator Factory.

On 1 November evening, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin received Vice-Chairman Mr Shou Jingsong and party of Beijing Vantoni Industry and Trade at Ronghu Lake Hotel in Guilin. They held the meeting on systematic installation of multipurpose engines at vehicles.

At the same venue, the Minister received Director Mr Tao Yong and party of Shenzhen Hubei Baofeng Industry Co Ltd, and they discussed construction of the Radiator Factory near Bilin.

Likewise, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein together with Economic Ministers of ASEAN countries attended a luncheon hosted by Chinese Commerce Minister Mr Bo Xilai at Green Mountain Park in Nanning on 31 October.

On 29 October evening, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein received the Vice-Mayor of Nanning City and the Deputy Executive Secretary-General of China-ASEAN Economic Council at

Wharton International Hotel in Nanning.

Also present at the call was Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin. They discussed cooperation in trade and investment matters, and participation of Myanmar in China-ASEAN International Economic Zone in Nanning.

After the call, the Deputy Executive Secretary-General of China-ASEAN Economic Council met with Vice-President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win and CEC member U Tun Aung.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Vice-Chairman Mr Liao Yongyuan and party of Petro China Co Ltd at No 8 Guest House of Liyuan Hotel in Nanning on 29 October afternoon. They discussed energy matters in detail.

Chairman Mr Wang Shihong of China Huanqiu Contracting & Engineering Corporation called on Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi at the same venue in the evening. They discussed construction of the fertilizer plant and purchase of drilling machine.

The minister also received Vice-Chairman Mr Song Yi Wu of China National Oilfield Development Corporation in the evening, and held discussions on exploration and production of oil and natural gas.

On 30 October afternoon, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Chairman of CNOOC Myanmar Limited Mr Xu Fa and discussed exploration of oil and natural gas in Yambye and Kyaukpyu Regions.

Myanmar Ministers look into ways and means to enhance cooperation with PRC.

On 3 November, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi met with Chairman of SINOPEC Co Mr Lei Wenju and party at Shangri-la Hotel in Wuhan. They held the meeting on exploration of oil and natural gas in Kani-Mahutaung region.

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min received Chairman Mr Feng Ke and party of Yunnan Machinery & Equipment Import and Export Co Ltd at Wharton International Hotel on 30 October morning.

They discussed matters related to enhancing the Myanmar railways standard.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min also received Business General Manager Mr Huang Guo Yong and party of Kunming Railway at the same venue at 4 pm. They held discussions on assistance of machinery and technology to be provided to the Locomotive Construction Project of Myanmar Railways.

Vice-Chairman Billy Guan and party of SD-MECO (Shandong) Co called on Minister Maj-Gen

Aung Min and held discussions on spare parts to be provided for locomotives of Myanmar Railways.

The minister also received Deputy General Manager Chen Dayong and party of China Northern Locomotive and Rolling Stock at Wharton International Hotel on 30 October morning. They discussed providing of technology for construction of locomotives and installation of engines.

Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min received Chairman Mr Feng Ke of Yunnan Machinery & Equipment Import and Export Co Ltd at Wharton International Hotel in Nanning on 29 October afternoon. They discussed matters related to Shweli (1), Upper Paunglaung, Nancho, Wetwun, Dattawgyaing and Zawgyi (1) hydel power plants.

At the same venue, the Minister received Chairman Mr Yang Jixue and party of China Gezhouba (Group) Corporation and discussed construction of RCC Dam at Yeywa Hydel Power Project and sending of contractor's equipment.

Chairman Mme Jean Zhou and party of CITIC Technology Co Ltd called on the minister and held discussions on matters related to pen stock and tunnel lining of Yenwe Hydel Power Project and hydraulic steel structure of Yeywa Hydel Power Project.

Minister Col Zaw Min met with Chairman Mr Zhao Ruolin and party of China National Electric Equipment Corporation. They held a meeting on timely arrival of electronic and mechanical equipment for Yenwe, Yeywa, Khabaung and Kengtawang hydel power projects.

Vice-Chairman Zhu Xu and party of China National Heavy Machinery Corporation called on the minister and discussed timely sending of electronic and mechanical equipment and hydraulic steel structure for Kun Hydel Power Project and Khabaung Hydel Power Project, and sending of 230 kva transmission line and sub-station equipment by shipment to Yeywa Hydel Power Project in time.

Minister Col Zaw Min received Sinohydro Corporation Ltd Chairman Mr Huang Baodong and party. They discussed timely sending of hydraulic steel structure No 2, turbines and generators for Yeywa Hydel Power Project and matters related to Hatgyi Hydel Power Project.

Chairman of Yunnan United Power Development Co Ltd Mr Wang Wen and party called on Minister Col Zaw Min at Wharton International Hotel on 30 October. They discussed matters concerning Shweli No 1, Shweli No 2 and Shweli No 3 hydel power projects.

The minister also met with the Vice-Chairman of China Power Investment Cooperation and China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd. They held the meeting on survey and implementation of hydel power projects at the confluence of Ayeyawady, Maykha and Malikha rivers. — MNA

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Musharraf wants sincerity in Pakistan, India talks

ISLAMABAD, 4 Nov— Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said on Thursday that Pakistan and India must move forward to resolve conflicts.

The President was talking to Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht, who is currently in Pakistan on a two-day visit.

The President said he hoped that the forthcoming talks between Pakistan and India would demonstrate the spirit of Havana talks held between the President and Indian Prime Minister, a Foreign Ministry statement said. Foreign secretaries of the two countries are scheduled to meet in New Delhi on 14-15 November to review the composite dialogue process.

With regard to relations with India, the President expressed the view that normalization of relations and resolution of all outstanding disputes was in the interest of both

Pakistan and India as both would gain tremendously in various ways.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia hires Russian planes to douse forest fires

JAKARTA, 4 Nov — Two amphibious Russian aircraft have arrived in Indonesia's South Sumatra Province to help fight haze-causing fires in the west of the country, a report said Wednesday. The two BE-200 aircraft, which will be used to douse the land-clearing fires lit on Kalimantan and Sumatra islands, will strengthen the nation's fire-fighting air fleet, which consists of five BO-105 helicopters owned by the Indonesian Air Force, Navy and police, reported major national newspaper *The Jakarta Post*.

The Indonesian House of Representatives has approved 100 billion rupiah (10.52 million US dollars) to fight the fires, which have caused

choking haze to blanket the west of the country, along with Singapore, Malaysia and parts of southern Thailand.

The lease for the aircraft was signed on 23 October by officials from the Russian Emergencies Ministry and the Indonesian National Disasters Co-ordination Agency (Bakornas). Kirill Barsky, Russia's deputy chief of mission here, said the country was happy to help Indonesia fight the haze.

Barsky expressed confidence the two aircraft supported by 29 crew would be capable of extinguishing forest fires over large areas. "We're optimistic about getting the best results because of the experienced crew members," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain gains 500 people a day in net migration

LONDON, 4 Nov— The net inflow of people coming long-term into Britain last year was 500 a day, the second-highest level since 1991, official figures showed on Thursday.

The biggest single group was Polish with others coming from "new Commonwealth" countries including India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Of those leaving Britain for a new life abroad, Australia was the favourite destination, followed by Spain and France.

"I think we are seeing something very unusual in world experience," said

Danny Sriskandarajah, a migration expert at the Institute for Public Policy Research.

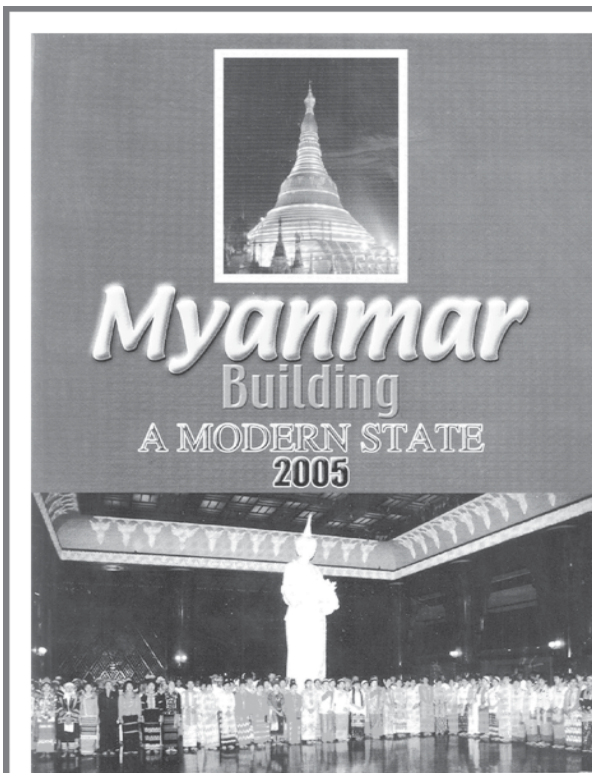
"Britain is becoming a sort of interchange, a hub of the movement of people," he told BBC television.

The opening of British borders to new members of the European Union saw a net rise of 64,000 people coming for stays of over a year from countries

including Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

The government last month announced it will restrict the influx of migrant workers from Bulgaria and Romania after they join the European Union in January, in a shift from the open-door policy adopted towards other Eastern Europeans.

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China-Germany container train begins formal operation

HOHHOT, 4 Nov— The first transcontinental container train running between north China to Germany has begun formal operation after a 20-month test run, said a local railway official.

The train, which can carry 100 international standard containers, will travel 9,814 kilometres over 15 days through six countries from Hohhot, capital of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, to Frankfurt in Germany.

Named "Ruyi", which means "complying with one's wishes" in Chinese, the train had run the route 13 times since tests began in March last year, said Yang Junjie, an official with the Hohhot Railway Bureau.

The train would cut transport times and costs,

said Guo Jian, another official with the Hohhot Railway Bureau.

Ruyi took just 14.5 days to run from Hohhot to Duisburg in Germany, while a container ship took at least 40 days, said Guo.

Launched by com-

panies in China's Inner Mongolia, Mongolia, the Republic of Belarus, Russia and Germany, the transnational train would take coke to Duisburg, andalusite to Slovakia and home appliances to the Czech Republic and Romania.—MNA/Xinhua

Police arrest suspect in deadly California wildfire

LOS ANGELES, 4 Nov — Police said on Thursday they had arrested a suspect in the California wildfire that killed five firefighters, destroyed 34 homes and charred an area nearly three times the size of Manhattan.

"Today I'm announcing that we have a suspect in custody for the Esperanza Fire," a Riverside County Sheriff's spokesman told reporters.—MNA/Reuters



A labourer stacks cotton at a cotton purchase factory in Qiemo county, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on 3 Nov, 2006. China will harvest a record 6.35 million metric tonnes of cotton this year due to a larger planted area and improved yields, said the US Agriculture Department attache in Beijing in a report.—INTERNET

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Singapore to address climate change in years ahead

SINGAPORE, 4 Nov — Singapore's Environment Ministry announced Friday that it will focus on climate change in the next five years.

The Environment and Water Resources Ministry said it will do more to encourage everyone to play an active role in protecting the environment through energy efficiency and conservation, according to a local media Channel NewsAsia report.

Greenhouse gas emission among households in Singapore is up 25 per cent from the last 10 years and Singapore is committed to reduce its carbon dioxide emission by 5 percent of the

1990 levels by 2012.

The ministry will also continue to beef up the development of environment and water industry and create more business and job opportunities.

The ministry will continue to leverage on expertise and its track record, to offer environmental and water capabilities and services to meet growing demands in the region and beyond.

It will also make great

efforts to prevent and curb the spread of dengue and other diseases.

The ministry said Singapore has managed to build a clean, green and healthy living environment, and it will continue to work with the community to enhance Singapore as a model for environmental sustainability, while pursuing robust economic growth.

MNA/Xinhua



Archaeologists clean the cultural relics at the excavated site of the grave in Wenling, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 3 Nov, 2006. A 27-metre-long, 7-metre-wide, 3.7-metre-deep grave of the Warring States (475-221BC) in ancient China was excavated recently, some 20 potteries and other relics were found.—XINHUA

Nepal's rhinos threatened by resurgent poaching

KATHMANDU, 4 Nov — Wildlife authorities in Nepal are concerned about a spike in poaching of an endangered species of rhinoceros after four of the animals were killed in the past two weeks in the country's biggest wildlife reserve.

Demand from China for rhino horns, which are believed to have aphrodisiac qualities, has fuelled the resurgence of poaching. A security vacuum created by

Nepal's long Maoist insurgency has created the opportunity.

Last year a census showed the population of Indian rhinoceros, also known as the Great One-

horned Rhinoceros, in Chitwan National Park had fallen to just 372, its lowest level in 10 years, down from 544 in 2000.

Poachers appear to have whittled that number

down even further with at least five more rhinos killed in July.

"It is very serious and a matter of great concern," said Gopal Upadhyay, chief warden of the park on Nepal's southern plains, which is home to the largest number of the animals outside India. "We are very much on full alert."

Laxmi Prasad Manandhar, a senior official at the Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation, said poaching was the chief reason for rhino deaths.—MNA/Reuters



Renee Stein, conservator of the Michael C Carlos Museum at Emory University, prepares the head of a Roman marble statue of Venus to be scanned in the X-ray room at Delta Air Lines Technical Operations Centre in Atlanta, Ga, on 2 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Swedish rescuers end search for crew member from sunken ship

STOCKHOLM, 4 Nov— Swedish emergency services on Thursday morning abandoned a hunt for the last missing crew member of a cargo ship that sank in stormy weather in the Baltic Sea on

Wednesday, Swedish authorities said.

Helicopters airlifted 13 of 14 Swedish and Filipino crew but one of the rescued crew died from his injuries in hospital during the night, the Swedish Sea Rescue Society said.

The rescue effort, hampered by high seas and wind, came after the 155-metre (500-foot) container ship capsized and then sank between the Swedish islands of Oland and Gotland.

MNA/Reuters

India's industry giant opens groceries

NEW DELHI, 4 Nov— Reliance Industries Ltd, India's largest private sector company, opened 11 grocery stores Friday in Hyderabad, capital of south India's Andhra Pradesh, as a start of foray into retail business.

According to Indo-Asian News Service, the company put forward an ambitious plan of investing 5.6 billion US dollars in retailing.

Reliance Fresh, Reliance Industries' brand for its grocery outlets, will open stores in 784 cities and 6,000 bazaars in rural areas by 2011, said Raghu Pillai, president and chief executive of Reliance Retail, the retailing arm of the group.

The company expects each store to target some

3,000 households in over an area of two kilometres and register a turnover of one trillion rupees (21.7 billion US dollars) by 2011, he said. The company aims to set up discount stores, malls, supermarkets, hypermarkets, speciality stores and convenios as well. India's retail market is estimated at 202 billion US dollars by global consultants AT Kearney with a potential 30-per-cent annual growth in the next five years.

MNA/Xinhua

Chamber tomb of Roman period found in S-W Turkey

ANKARA, 4 Nov— A chamber tomb belonging to the Roman period was found in southwestern Turkey in a construction site, Turkish semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Thursday.

According to the initial inspections, tear bottles, antique ruins, and bones assumed to have belonged to humans were found in the chamber tomb in Milas town of Mugla Province, said the report.

Milas Museum Curator Erol Ozen was quoted as saying that they completed the determination work in the town and they will start the excavations.

"According to our first findings, the chamber tomb belongs to the Roman period. The bones decayed because of the high humidity inside the tomb. We will make our final declaration after we complete the rescue excavations," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



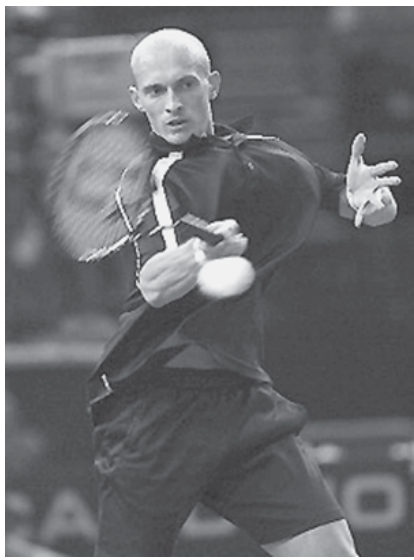
Yuriy Shabonin from Ukraine is held in the air above three other men in a scene from "Delirium", Cirque du Soleil's music event which opened in East Rutherford, New Jersey on 3 Nov, 2006. "Delirium" is a show of music, multimedia, dance, theater and acrobatics by performers from 19 different countries.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Barcelona hang on for 1-1 draw away to Depor

MADRID, 5 Nov— Leaders Barcelona were lucky to escape with a 1-1 draw against Deportivo Coruna in the Primera Liga on Saturday, after an intense encounter at the Riazor. Once again the European and Spanish champions struggled to find their rhythm in the face of hard-running opponents determined to unsettle them at every opportunity.

Ronaldinho put Barca ahead from the penalty spot just before halftime, but Depor's unrelenting pressure earned an equalizer in the 73rd minute when Juan Rodriguez scored after Victor Valdes had saved a Fabian Estoyanoff penalty. Barca moved on to 20 points, two ahead of second-placed Sevilla who host Osasuna on Sunday, when Real Madrid, who are a point further back in third, face Celta Vigo at the Bernabeu.—MNA/Reuters



Russia's Nikolay Davydenko returns the ball to Croatia's Mario Ancic during their quarter-final match in the Paris Masters tennis tournament on 3 Nov, 2006. Davydenko won the game 2-0. XINHUA

Late Bogdani brace gives Siena draw with Parma

ROME, 5 Nov— Siena's impressive start to the Serie A season continued when striker Erjon Bogdani struck twice late in the game to give them a 2-2 draw with Parma on Saturday. The Albanian striker's goals—the second scored in stoppage time—left Siena fourth in the division on 16 points, five behind joint leaders Inter Milan and Palermo, who host Ascoli and Sampdoria respectively on Sunday.

Parma were ahead at halftime thanks to a goal by Domenico Morfeo and tightened their grip in the 70th minute when striker Igor Budan sprinted down the left and unleashed a shot that beat home keeper Alex Manninger at his near post.—MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Manchester United crush Portsmouth to stay top

LONDON, 5 Nov— Manchester United celebrated 20 years under Alex Ferguson's command with an emphatic 3-0 victory over Portsmouth to stay top of the Premier League on Saturday.

The points were effectively in the bag after 10 minutes at Old Trafford thanks to a Louis Saha penalty and a dazzling free kick from Cristiano Ronaldo. Nemanja Vidic headed the third midway through the second half. With champions Chelsea not in action until Sunday, United forged three points clear with 28 from 11 games. Chelsea have 25 while third-placed Bolton Wanderers (20) lost ground after a 1-0 defeat at home to Wigan Athletic.

At the other end of the table draw specialists Watford notched their first win of the season, moving out of the bottom three with a 2-0 win over Middlesbrough, while Charlton Athletic briefly climbed off the bottom by beating Manchester City 1-0.

The south London side were back there later though after Sheffield United won 1-0 at Newcastle United for their first away win — and first away goal in the league — this season. Danny Webber headed the winner in the 68th minute.

That result left Newcastle one off the bottom in 19th place — with the boos of the home fans ringing in their ears after defeat at St James' Park left them without a league win for seven matches.

Charlton, Newcastle and West Ham all have eight points with just goal difference separating them although the Hammers have yet to play their weekend match on Sunday at home to Arsenal, who can move up to third with a win at Upton Park.



Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo, right, celebrates after scoring against Portsmouth during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, England, on 4 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Everton missed a chance to rise into the top four when they went down 1-0 against Fulham at Craven Cottage where they have not scored a league goal since 1967.

Improving Liverpool joined them on 17 points thanks to a Dirk Kuyt double in a comfortable 2-0 home win against Reading.—MNA/Reuters

Leaders Werder held to 1-1 draw by Cottbus

BERLIN, 5 Nov— Werder Bremen let their grip on the Bundesliga slip slightly on Saturday when they were held to a 1-1 draw at home to Energie Cottbus, while Hamburg SV's woes continued with a 1-0 defeat away to VfL Wolfsburg.

Cottbus shocked Werder four minutes into the second half when Cameroon striker Francis Kioyo scored with a 25-metre effort. Werder, who had scored 18 goals in their previous four league matches, found life a lot tougher going and needed until the 76th minute to grab an equalizer through an Ivan Klasnic header.

With 10 games played, Werder have 20 points and will stay clear at the top for at least another round of games. VfB Stuttgart move up to second on 18 points thanks to a 4-2 win away to Alemannia Aachen.

Schalke 04 and Bayern Munich, who meet on Sunday, have 16 points apiece and the prize for victory will be to move back up to second place, within a point of Werder.—MNA/Reuters



Fulham's Claus Jensen, right, and Everton's Leon Osman fight for the ball during the English Premier League soccer match at Craven Cottage, London, on Saturday, 4 Nov, 2006. Fulham won the match 1-0.—INTERNET

Lyon slump to first defeat as Juninho sees red

PARIS, 5 Nov— Olympique Lyon lost for the first time this season when they went down 1-0 at Stade Rennes and had midfielder Juninho sent off in Saturday's Ligue 1 clash.

Blake completes Masters Cup field

PARIS, 5 Nov— American James Blake on Saturday secured the eighth and last spot at the season-ending Masters Cup. Blake qualified after German Tommy Haas pulled out of his Paris Masters semi-final against Slovak Dominik Hrbaty, who was leading 6-4, 1-0.

Haas, who suffered from gastroenteritis, needed to win the Paris title to secure the last slot at the event for the top eight players in the ATP Race, starting on November 12 in Shanghai.—MNA/Reuters

The five-times champions, who had not lost in their opening 17 matches in all competitions, never recovered from Stephane M'Bia's early goal for lowly Rennes.

Gerard Houllier's side, who were gunning for a record 10th successive league victory, remain top of the standings with 31 points from 12 matches.

Olympique Marseille had a chance to cut the gap to eight points but the Provence side lost for the third straight game, losing 1-0 at home to Lorient, and dropped to fourth. Lille won a northern derby 3-0 at Valenciennes courtesy of goals by Nicolas Fauvergue and Johan Cabaye and an own goal by Patrick Pauwe and moved up to second, 10 points adrift of Lyon.

MNA/Reuters



Los Angeles Lakers Kobe Bryant goes up to score wearing his new jersey number 24 during their NBA game against the Seattle SuperSonics in Los Angeles on 3 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA



Wellwishers donate Kathina robes to members of Sangha at Kathina robe offering ceremony at the Myanmar Buddhagaya monastery on Kyaung Street and Aungdawmu Street, Myaynegon (North) Ward, Sangyong Township on 4 Nov, 2006.— H

Spain criticizes US of building border fence

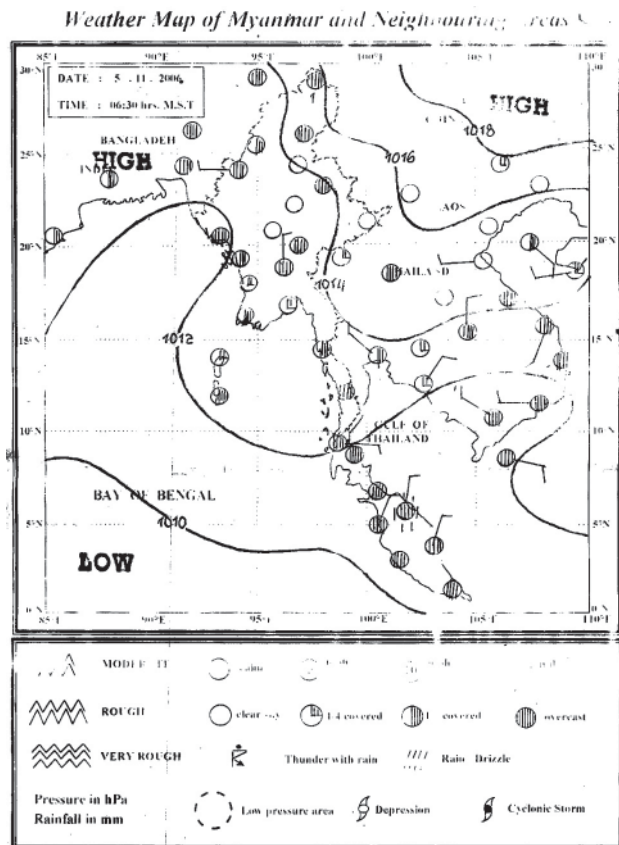
MONTEVIDEO, 5 Nov — The Spanish Government criticized the United States for trying to halt illegal immigration, through the building of new fencing along its border with Mexico, the Spanish Foreign Minister said here on Friday. Miguel Angel Moratinos, who was here for the 16th Ibero-American Summit, said growing immigration problems “must be

tackled through diplomacy and agreements, not through fence-building”. The foreign ministers of Latin American countries and Spain gathered in Montevideo, Uruguay, before the opening of the Summit, which will focus on immigration, legal and illegal, as well as obstacles to economic growth. The foreign ministers

unanimously adopted a rejection statement on the building of the 1,100-kilometre-long border fence along the US southern border. The statement, which will be proposed to the summit for ratification, will focus on “rejection” of the fence, instead of “condemnation”, Moratinos said during a briefing after the preparatory meeting. MNA/Xinhua

UAE toddler gets travel ban, arrest warrant

DOIBLI, 5 Nov — A two-year-old boy was briefly banned from boarding a Turkey-bound flight in the United Arab Emirates after his name appeared on a list of wanted suspects, a newspaper reported on Saturday. Emirates Today said the boy’s passport details, including the date of birth, matched those in an arrest warrant. The reason for the mix-up was not known. “While going through the passport checking procedures to get on board, one of the officers on duty said they wanted to take Suhail,” Emirates Today quoted the boy’s father, Abdullah Mohamed Saleh, as saying. MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Sunday, 5 November, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for the scattered light rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Taninthayi Division, Mon and Kayin States. (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin State and Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) above normal in upper Sagaing and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 4-11-2006 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 5-11-2006 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 5-11-2006 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 4-11-2006 was (7.7) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 5-11-2006 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 (4) mph from Southwest at 09:30 hours MST on 5-11-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 6-11-2006: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Division, Kachin and Chin States and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 6-11-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 6-11-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 6-11-2006: Partly cloudy.



Monday, 6 November

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -There you'll be... Booshider
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Gotta tell you ... S m a t h e Mumba
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -All the small things... Atlantis
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Now & forever... the Moffats
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music Love train... S Club 7 -Tell me... Twarrs -Before you ...ChantaKreuzule
- 9:10 pm Spotlight on the star -Crystal Gayle
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20pm Drug
- 9:20pm Vocal gems Lesson in love... Level 42 Still... Macy Gray
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Monday, 6 November View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဋ္ဌာရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am
 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိ ပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am
 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 5. Nice and sweet song

- 7:50 am
 6. Song of national races
- 8:05 am
 7. Cute little dancers
- 8:20 am
 8. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. Practice in reading
- 4:45 pm
 4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 4:55 pm
 5. Dance variety
- 5:05 pm
 6. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:20 pm
 7. “နင်းကြည့်စမ်းပါ” (မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ညီဘွား၊မင်းစိုးပိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)
- 5:30 pm
 8. Song and dances of national races
- 5:45 pm
 9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 6:00 pm
 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
- 6:50 pm
 13. အလှူရှာမယ် အလှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:15 pm
 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်ခြင်းနှင့်အတူ” (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
 17. International news
 18. Weather report
 19. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “စပိုင်ချစ်သူ” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
 16. The next day’s programme

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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

General Soe Win calls for enhanced Myanmar-PRC cooperation in banking services

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win received President of China Development Bank Mr Chen Yuan at No 8 Guest House of Liyuan Hotel in Nanning on 31 October evening.

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 Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director-General U Aung Bwa of ASEAN Affairs Department.

The President of China Development Bank and party were accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu.

The President of China Development Bank explained that as the China Development Bank of the People's Republic of China and Myanma Foreign Trade Bank of Myanmar had signed the bilateral
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Prime Minister General Soe Win shakes hands with President of China Development Bank Mr Chen Yuan at No 8 Guest House of Liyuan Hotel. — MNA

Prize presentation ceremony of 3rd Asian Archery Grand Prix 2006 held



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents gold medal to Myanmar archery team in men's compound FITA round team ranking event. — MNA

YANGON, 5 Nov — The prize presentation ceremony of the 3rd Asian Archery Grand Prix-2006 hosted by Myanmar took place at Karaweik Palace this evening, attended by Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. Present also were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, the General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee and members, officials of the Ministry of Sports, Chairperson Daw Aye Aye of the central working committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation and members, Vice-President

Mr San Guan Kosavinta of World Archery Federation, Vice-President Major (retd) Baharuddin Jamil of Asian Archery Federation, member of the Council of AAF Vice-President Dr Khin Shwe of SEA Archery Federation, judges, managers, coaches, athletes and guests.

Firstly, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented gold medal to Myanmar, silver medal to Malaysia and bronze medal to India in the men's (Compound) FITA Round Team Ranking event, gold medal to India team, silver medal to China-Taipei team and bronze medal to India team in the men's (Recurve) FITA Round

Team Ranking event, gold medal to Malaysia, silver medal to Myanmar and bronze medal to the Philippines in the men's (Compound) (Olympic Round) Team's Knockout, and gold medal to India, silver medal to Malaysia and bronze medal to China-Taipei in the men's (Recurve) (Olympic Round) Team's Knockout.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe awarded gold medal to Mr C C Sian from Malaysia, silver medal to Mr C W Kuo from China-Taipei and bronze medal to Zaw Win Htike from Myanmar in the men's (Recurve) Single's Knockout and gold medal

to Mr K B J Yap from Philippines, silver medal to Mr L H Keong from Malaysia and bronze medal to Ye Min Swe from Myanmar in the men's (Compound) Single's Knockout. Chairperson Daw Aye Aye and officials also presented awards to winners in the respective events.

Later, General Secretary of MOC Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department presented gifts to the judges. Member of the Council of AAF Dr Khin Shwe spoke words of thanks and served those present a dinner.

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