

Curriculum Vitae of Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

His Excellency Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh was born on 3 June 1954 in Salavanh Province of Laos. He started his early schooling in Salavanh and Champasak Provinces in Laos from 1961 to 1974. In 1990, he obtained his Bachelor Degree from the Communist Party Institute in Moscow, former Soviet Union.

From 1974 to 1980, he served in the Cabinet of Champasak Province and from 1981 to 1994, he served in the Cabinet of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party. Then he served as Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office from 1994 to 1996. He became a Member of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and Chief of the Cabinet of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party from 1996 to 2001. He then served as Member of the Political Bureau of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and Standing Member of the Political Bureau of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party from 2001 to 2003.

He was appointed as Standing Deputy Prime Minister and Standing Member of the Political Bureau of

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the Lao People's Revolutionary Party from 2003 to 2006. He has been serving as Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic since June 2006.

HE Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh is married to Madame Sumly and they have four children.—MNA

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

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attends ceremony to present prizes to distinction winners and cash assistance in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence during his recent tour of Lashio together with Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut, officials of SPDC Office and responsible personnel attended a ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students and cash assistance for 2006 in Shan State (North) on 1 November.

First, Joint Education Officer of Shan State (North) U Mya Htut briefed Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party on efforts made for students to pass the matriculation examination successfully in 2006 and management for enhancement of education standard.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented prizes to six-distinction winner Ma Thinzar Tun and 13 five-distinction winners from No 6 Basic Education High School of Lashio Township and Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut, 11 four-distinction winners and 9 three-distinction winners.

Afterwards, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint presented 9 three-distinction winners and an outstanding student Maung Aik Naing of Youth Training School of Social Welfare Department in the matriculation examination of 2006. Next, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint presented K 100,000 each to 11 outstanding students from 2003, 10 from 2004 and 11 from 2005 matriculation examinations.

On behalf of the outstanding students, Ma Zar Zaw Win of Hsipaw BEHS, Ma Thandar Lin of Lashio No 1 BEHS and Mway Kham Hon of Lashio No 6 BEHS accepted prize money.

Next, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint presented prizes to Maung Htein Nan of Lashio No 3 BEHS, who stood third in arts combination subject in the whole country and Ma Kha Ya from Nant Phat Kar Village BEHS, who stood sixth in the same subject.

Afterwards, Joint Education Officer U Mya Htut handed prizes to officials for best matriculation examination pass rate of townships, Moemaik, Lashio and Naungcho, and for best matriculation examination pass rate schools, Moemaik BEHS (Branch) Magyibin, Lashio No 1 BEHS and No 4 BEHS.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win made a speech on the occasion and cordially greeted faculty members and students and posed for a documentary photo. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party paid homage to Maha Myatmuni Replica Buddha Image and offered flowers, water and lights to it. Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party paid homage to Presiding Sayadaw of Siri Mingala Mansu Shan Kyaungtaik Bhaddanta Puñananda and donated alms.

Upon arrival at the new building of No 23 BEMS Affiliated School, schoolhead Daw Aye Aye Myint and U Tin Ko Ko of Asia World Company briefed Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party on construction



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presents prize to outstanding student of No 6 BEHS, Lashio. — MNA

tasks of the new school building and Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut gave supplementary reports.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 7 November, 2006

Enhance ASEAN-China economic cooperation

The Commemorative Summit Marking the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations and the Third ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Summit were held in Nanning, the People's Republic of China, on 30 and 31 October and they were attended by Heads of State Government of the People's Republic of China and ASEAN member-nations including Myanmar.

ASEAN and China are boosting cooperation in trade, investment and tourism and taking good strides. Measures are being taken to raise the trade volume between China and ASEAN up to US\$ 200 billion within five years. As the ASEAN region has great potential for investment, the economic cooperation in the region has been deepened and expanded.

The tourism industry contributes a great deal to the economy of ASEAN nations and it enables peoples in the region to increase contacts between themselves and understand each other's cultures, customs and traditions.

The establishment of Free Trade Area is the remarkable success in ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations. Agreements on economic cooperation, trade and services have contributed a lot to trade and investment.

We believe that the ASEAN-China summit will help improve bilateral relations between respective nations and boost their cooperation in trade and investment.

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 Mines holds Communal Kathina robes offering ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov — Under the auspices of Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Daw San San, the first Kathina robes offering ceremony of the families of the Ministry of Mines was held at Thiri Yadana Hall of the ministry on 3 November.

The ceremony was held in the presence of Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Pannida Nanda of Pannida Rama Monastery and members of the Sangha, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Daw San San, the directors-general, the managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry and their wives, and families of the staff.



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and wife present Kathina robe to Sayadaw. — MINES

Firstly, the congregations received Five Precepts from the Sayadaw. Those present offered Kathina robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha

and shared the merits gained. Later, they offered 'soon' to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. — MNA

Wellwishers urged to donate CI sheets to Pantapwinttaung Monastic Education School

YANGON, 6 Nov — Donation of Corrugated iron sheets and doors may be made for Pantapwinttaung Monastic Education School in

Taikkyi Township, Yangon North District. The donation includes 249 windows each of which is K 7,200, 26 doors each of which is K 54,000, 15 corrugated iron sheets each of which is K 36,000.

Donations for ten toilets each of which is K 360,000 and the refectory under construction may also be made.

Those who are desirous of making donations are to contact the Pantapwinttaung Service Board (Tel 055-20259), U Ti Toe (Tel 500825), Daw Tin Tin Win (Tel 640181), Daw Kyin Thaug (Tel 245488) and U Shan Than (Tel 699833).

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10th Communal Kathina robe offering ceremony held in Pantapwinttaung



A wellwisher donates Kathina robes to Sayadaw of Pantapwinttaung Monastery. — H

YANGON, 6 Nov — Under the patronage of Pantapwinttaung Sayadaw Principal of Pantapwinttaung Monastic Education School Saddhama Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Paññasara, the 10th Communal Kathina robe offering ceremony was held at the monastery in Taikkyi Township on 4 November morning.

Wellwishers offered Kathina robes and provisions to the Sayadaw. They also presented exercise books for the students of monastic education school to the Sayadaw and shared the merit gained. In the evening, wellwishers offered 9900 lights to the pagodas of the Pantapwinttaung.

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Russia to agree Iran sanctions if duration limited

Moscow, 5 Nov—Russia will agree to United Nations sanctions against Iran if they have a defined timeframe and an agreed mechanism for lifting them, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Saturday.

Russia on Friday proposed extensive changes to soften and shorten a resolution drafted by European leaders aimed at imposing tough sanctions on Iran for its nuclear ambitions. It said Europe's draft went much further than Moscow had agreed.

Lavrov has previously said the resolution should focus on areas the UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), has defined as serious

concerns. These are uranium enrichment, chemical processing and heavy water reactors.

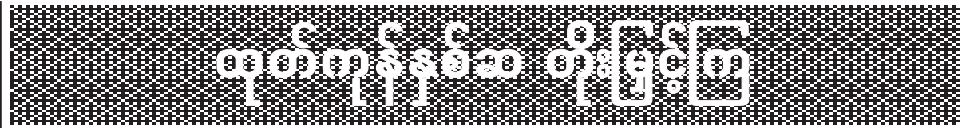
"If we place the emphasis on working out measures which do not allow such technologies coming (to Iran), we can quickly agree with the text of the resolution on condition the measures have a clearly limited timeframe, on condition the resolution outlines the mechanism to stop the measures," Lavrov said, according to RIA news agency. "All this must be tied to Iran's agreement to IAEA conditions and real steps by Iran to renew full cooperation with the IAEA," he added.

The European draft demands that all countries prevent the sale and supply

of equipment, technology and finance for Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile programmes. It would also freeze the assets of people and entities involved in these programmes and bar them from travelling.

MNA/Reuters

A humanoid robot "Actroid DER-2" (R), produced by Japanese robotic venture Kokoro, smiles to robots fans during a small-scale robot event in Tokyo, on 4 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA



Cuba cricket match turns into US denunciation

HAVANA, 5 Nov—Like many events in Communist Cuba, a cricket match for children on Saturday turned into a

denunciation of the United States, but this time from London's leftist Mayor Ken Livingstone, not Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

While young Cubans played a game that is a novelty in their baseball-mad homeland, Livingstone praised the ailing Castro and blasted US policy toward the small nation 90 miles (145 kilometres) off its shores.

"What's amazing here is you've got a country that's suffered an illegal economic blockade by the United States for almost half a century and yet it's been able to give its people the best standard of health care, brilliant education," Livingstone told reporters on a visit to a Havana baseball field converted

for cricket.

"And to do this in the teeth of an almost economic war I think is a tribute to Fidel Castro and his government," he said.

The United States, which has maintained a trade embargo against Cuba since 1962, has pushed for free elections in the country Castro has led since a 1959 Revolution. But Livingstone criticized the 2000 US election that gave George W Bush the presidency on a legal decision, despite getting fewer votes than Democrat Al Gore.

MNA/Reuters

Italian reporter freed in Afghanistan returns home

ROME, 5 Nov—An Italian journalist released in Afghanistan after three weeks of captivity returned to Italy on Saturday.



Gabriele Torsello, the Italian photographer kidnapped in Afghanistan last month, arrives at Rome's Ciampino military airport on 4 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Gabriele Torsello, a 36-year-old, London-based photojournalist taken by armed men from a public bus in the most dangerous part of the country, landed in Rome on an Italian Government plane a day after his kidnappers freed him.

"I am well. Thank you, Italy," he said to reporters at Rome's Ciampino Airport.

He was taken to Rome's courts to be questioned by magistrates who are investigating his kidnapping. Five gunmen seized Torsello on 12 October from a bus on the highway from the capital of Helmand Province to neighbouring Kandahar Province, both Taleban strongholds and major opium centres.—MNA/Reuters

EU, Thai bank aid tsunami victims

BANGKOK, 5 Nov—Thailand's Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) and the European Commission (EU) are cooperating to help tsunami victims in southern Thailand, with the EU allocating 3.53 million euros (about 4.46 million US dollars) with an added 10 per cent contributed by Thailand's government-owned BAAC.

Cooperation with both local and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) is being sought to ensure that all relief measures will apply directly to the needs of the victims, the Thai News Agency said.

BAAC executive vice-president Enno Suesuwan has met with Erik Habers, counsellor for the Delegation of the European Commission to Thailand to review possible measures to aid tsunami victims in six Andaman coast provinces, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua



A visitor takes photos at the chrysanthemum fair in the Humble Administrator's Garden in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 4 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA



Young models present wedding outfit creations as part of Spanish designer Protocolo's Spring/Summer 2007 fashion collection in Madrid on 4 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

China to set up 18 patented technology exhibition, trade centres

WUHAN, 5 Nov — The Chinese Government has announced plans for 18 patented technology exhibition and trade centres, to promote patent application and implementation.

The centres will be set up in cities of Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, Wuhan and Chongqing. They will conduct exhibitions, trade and promotions of patented technology, daily patent management and carry out training in patent brokerage, and intellectual property

protection.

“The centres will form a trade platform for amateur inventors, medium-sized and small enterprises and investors,” said Zhang Qin, deputy director of the State Intellectual Property Office, on Friday.

The slow development of a patented technology market and lack of trustworthy agencies led to difficulties in the application and implementation of patents in China, said Zhang.

The non-profit centres

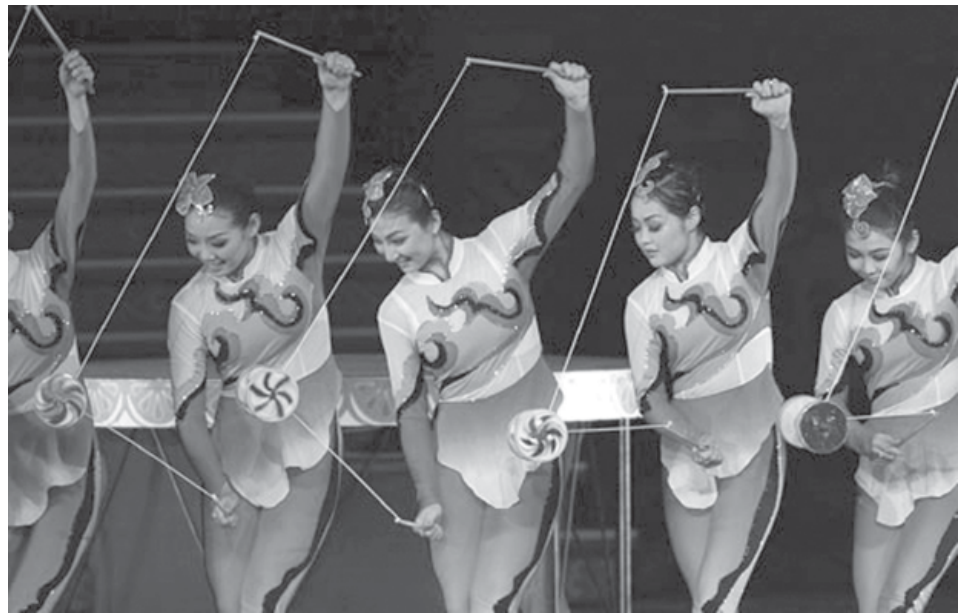
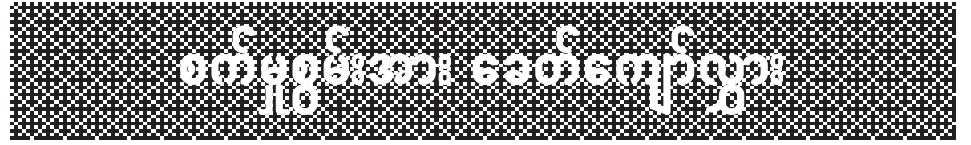
were backed by the government and would help protect inventors, said Zhang.

Last year, the country handled more than 470,000 patent applications.

The 18 centres open for trade from Monday to Friday.

By 2010, the State Intellectual Property Office will build another 80 to 100 regional patented technology exhibition and trade centres in key cities.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese girls play diablo during the performing gala themed on “Ode to Friendship” staged to mark 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



A Chinese flight attendant poses during the Air Show China 2006, in Zhuhai, south China’s Guangdong Province, on 5 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Pirates hijack commercial vessel off Somali coast

NAIROBI, 6 Nov — Somali pirates have hijacked a commercial vessel off the coast of the lawless nation, raising fears of resurgence of piracy after several months of lull activity.

Reports from Mogadishu said Saturday the United Arab Emirates-flagged *MV Veesham* carrying charcoal with 12-member crew on board was seized near Adale, 95 kilometres northeast of Mogadishu on Thursday night.

Abduarhman Olow, a businessman in Mogadishu who chartered the ship, said the vessel was travelling to Dubai after leaving El Maan natural harbour in northern Mogadishu with a 12-member crew from India.

He said that the captain had contacted them and told them that Somali gunmen have hijacked the ship.

The businessman said that the reasons for the hijacking are still unclear and that they had no idea of where the pirates took the ship. Olow said that he expected the pirates to contact his company soon.

“I don’t know the number of gunmen but the captain told me that gunmen hijacked the ship around Adale coast and they have taken it to an unknown destination,” Olow was quoted as saying.—MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia celebrates Water Festival amid economic boom

PHNOM PENH, 5 Nov — Joy abounded in Phnom Penh on Saturday as the annual Water Festival entered its first day with tens of thousands of visitors rushed in to share gourmet dish, enjoy fireworks and watch boat race.

King Norodom Sihamoni, Prime Minister Hun Sen, National Assembly President Heng Samrin, Senate President Chea Sim and other senior government officials watched the dragon boat performance outside the Royal Palace on the bank of the Mekong River on Saturday afternoon, together with the huge audience.

Dozens of boats shuttled on the river to satisfy the viewers’ addiction for speed and beauty, and some 24,000

racers with 409 racing boats are poised to strive for the titles during Sunday’s competition.

Meanwhile, on the main streets around the Royal Palace, thousands of holiday makers munched fried insects and minced fruits, had rice noodles and baked bananas, played dice in expectation for various

prizes and danced in the beat of the street concerts organized by large enterprises like Angkor Beer and Alan Delon Cigarettes.

The Independent Monument, which is a symbol for the capital city, also attracted hundreds of people to take leisure at its foot while watching the fireworks show con-

ducted in the Royal Palace.

Around 1.5 million visitors are expected to crowd into the capital during the festival from Saturday to Monday and the municipal government has been fully mobilized to embrace the traditional heat.

Some 50 portable toilets, along with the already-installed 30 permanent public toilets, were more than enough to handle private problems for the incoming visitors.

Meanwhile, some 2,300 policemen, 660 Armed Forces and 800 official security guards have been deployed to ensure the order during the celebrations.

The major roads were blocked against motor vehicles during the festival in order to avoid traffic jam.—MNA/Xinhua



Cambodia oarsmen row traditional wooden boats on the first day of the annual Water Festival celebrations on the Mekong River in Phnom Penh on 4 Nov, 2006.

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Two Russians killed in rocket barrage in southern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Nov — Two Russian nationals were killed when rockets hit their electricity company site in Basra City early on Saturday, a source from Basra provincial police told *Xinhua*.

“The rocket attack was apparently targeted a British military base, but a rocket missed its target and hit the Russian company site,” the source said on condition of anonymity.

However, the Russian Foreign Ministry denied the report, saying the two Russians were wounded and not killed in a rocket attack in the Iraqi city of Basra, according to reports from Moscow.

In a separate incident, Iraqi local police found two bodies for women who previously were kidnapped by an unknown militant group, the source said.

MNA/Xinhua

The world’s largest container ship, loaded with nearly 45,000 tons of China-made Christmas presents and fare for the holiday season, arrived on 4 Nov, 2006 in Felixstowe in southeastern Britain’s Suffolk. XINHUA





Yulka (L), a beluga whale, swims with its new born baby at the Oceanografic in Valencia on 3 Nov, 2006. Yulka gave birth the day before to the first baby beluga whale while in captivity in Europe, according to the veterinarians of the Oceanografic.—XINHUA

TB making “alarming” comeback in Britain

LONDON, 4 Nov — Tuberculosis is making an “alarming” comeback in Britain, decades after doctors came close to eradicating the disease, public health officials said on Thursday.

More than 8,000 people were infected last year by the airborne disease, one of the biggest killers in the Victorian era when it was known as White Death due to the pallor which shrouded its victims.

The Health Protection Agency said the number of TB cases in England, Wales and Northern Ireland jumped more than 10 per cent in 2005, with South Asians most at risk.

“An increase of this magnitude over the course of one year is a concern,” said the HPA’s Professor Peter Borriello. The rise was the largest in a single year since 1999.

Thirty-eight per cent of those infected were described as Indian, Pakistani or Bangladeshi.

Dr John Watson, head of the independent agency’s respiratory diseases department, said TB levels were steady among people born in Britain.

However, the big rise was not down to new arrivals in the country, he added. Instead, those with TB may have been infected for some time, caught the disease in Britain or while travelling abroad.

Health experts attribute the rise in TB to the growth in air travel between continents and overcrowding in poor areas.

MNA/Reuters



Performers present a folk dance during the 10th Huangshan International Tourism Festival in Huangshan, east China’s Anhui Province, on 4 Nov, 2006. The festival opened on Saturday.—XINHUA

Total investment of \$5.845b inked at China-ASEAN Expo

NANNING, 4 Nov — Businessmen have signed 132 international cooperation projects involving investment of 5.845 billion US dollars by the Press Time at the ongoing Third China-ASEAN Expo, up 10.47 per cent from the figures of last year’s Expo.

The statistics was released by the Expo’s Organizing Committee

on Thursday. Participants of the Third China-ASEAN Expo also endorsed 301 domestic cooperation projects involving 55.374 billion yuan (6.9 billion US dollars) of investment, up 10.36 per cent from

the figure of last year.

The Third China-ASEAN Expo was held here from 31 October to 3 November, attracting more than 2,000 companies from China and ASEAN countries.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam eyes bigger cloth export

HANOI, 4 Nov — Vietnam plans to export 500 million square metres of cloth woven with shuttles in 2010 and one billion square metres of the product in 2015, according to local newspaper *News* on Friday.

To realize the target, the domestic garment and textile industry will focus on constructing large-scale weaving and dyeing centres, discouraging the operation of dyeing factories with small annual capacity of below 10 million square metres of cloth, and encouraging dyeing facilities to operate under the form of joint stock companies or business cooperation contracts, the newspaper quoted the Vietnam Garment and Textile Group as saying.

The industry is estimated to need investment of some two billion US dollars to boost cloth production in the 2005-2010 period, said the state-owned economic group.

Vietnam gained nearly five billion dollars from exporting garments and textiles in the first 10 months of this year, a year-on-year surge of 27.2 per cent.

Meanwhile, the United States was the biggest market of the Vietnamese products with import volume of nearly 1.8 billion dollars, according to the Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association.

MNA/Xinhua

About 600-kilo explosives seized in N-E Egypt

CAIRO, 4 Nov — About 600 kilos of explosives were seized Friday by Egyptian security agencies in their combing operations in the country’s northeastern deserts of North Sinai, the state news agency *MENA* reported.

The highly explosive TNT was found in sacks near the village of “al-Rathyan”, security sources were quoted as saying, adding that more operations are under way.

Earlier, security forces also found one ton

of explosives near the same village recently, said *MENA*.

At least four people involved in smuggling weapons and ammunition have recently been arrested by the security agencies.

MNA/Xinhua

American tourist found dead in Zanzibar hotel room

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 4 Nov — An American tourist has been found dead in a hotel room in Zanzibar, police in the Indian Ocean archipelago have confirmed.

Local English newspaper *The Guardian* on Thursday quoted Zanzibar Urban/West Regional Police Commander Bakar Khatib Shaaban as identifying the American tourist as Brawan Gaway Chaffe.

The deceased was holding an American

passport with the number of 202215810.

“The cause of his death is yet to be established,” said the police officer.

The body of the deceased is being kept in a local hospital in Zanzibar.

The regional police chief told the Press that

before being found dead, the American tourist had placed a “No Disturbance” notice on the door of his hotel room. Hotel attendants had to open the room with a master key after having learned that the American tourist had gone missing for two days.—MNA/Xinhua



Two persons are having a hard time riding because of strong winds in Beijing on 4 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Democratic win may lead to policy change on Iraq

LOS ANGELES, 5 Nov— The Bush Administration may be under great pressure to fundamentally change its policy on the “increasingly unpopular” Iraq war, the *Los Angeles Times* said on Saturday.

“A Democratic victory in either chamber would give party lawmakers a national platform with which to prod the president, through public hearings and investigations into how the war has been conducted,” said the paper.

The 7 November midterm election is seen by many voters as a referendum on Iraq.

For Republicans, a significant Democratic advance would be proof that voters are fed up with the current course of the war and expect changes from the nation’s leaders, the paper noted.

While Bush still will hold the lead role in foreign policy, a Democratic win would be a sign of an overpowering public sentiment “that

Republicans here won’t overlook”, the paper quoted a senior GOP congressional staffer as saying.

“The White House will have to adjust to that reality too,” said the unidentified aide.

“It will be a new day,” said Marshall Wittmann, a former aide to Senator John McCain (Republican Arizona) who is now with the moderate Democratic Leadership Council.

“The real factor (President George W Bush) has to fear is a collapse of support among Republicans, as well as Democrats.”

The paper quoted Wittmann as saying that while Republican pressure on the President so far has been muted by party loyalty, a

Democratic victory would be “a psychological blow” that would bring expressions of unhappiness from Republicans who do not want to be saddled with the war going into the 2008 election.

MNA/Xinhua

Apple Computer Inc said on 3 Nov, 2006 that it’s adding a red 8-gigabyte version of its tiny iPod nano to its popular line of digital music players, which offers to donate money to charity for every player it sells.—XINHUA



Former hawks will not back Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov— Richard Perle and other conservatives who pushed for the invasion of Iraq now say they would not have supported a war if they knew how poorly the Bush administration would handle it, *Vanity Fair Magazine* reported on Friday.

“I think now I probably would have said, ‘No, let’s consider other strategies for dealing with the thing that concerns us most, which is Saddam supplying weapons of mass destruction to terrorists,’” said Perle, who sat on the Pentagon’s Defence Policy Advisory Committee until 2004.

Kenneth Adelman, who served on the Defence

Policy Board with Perle, said President George W Bush, Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and others in the administration “turned out to be among the most incompetent teams in the post-war era. Not only did each of them, individually, have enor-

mous flaws, but together they were deadly, dysfunctional”.

Other leaders of the neoconservative movement — which supports an aggressive foreign policy to promote democracy and was highly influential in the administration — told the maga-

zine that Bush did not lead decisively, or even understand or believe the speeches he delivered.

“Although the President said the words, he just did not absorb the ideas,” said David Frum, a former Bush speech writer.

MNA/Reuters

Police find 57 murdered in Baghdad in 24 hours

BAGHDAD, 5 Nov — Police in Baghdad found 56 bodies and a severed head over the past 24 hours in various parts of the capital, the highest daily figure since the end of Ramadan, an Interior Ministry source said on Friday.

While not unprecedented, the number represents a sharp rise since last week when US forces were out in force throughout the city hunting for a missing US soldier. The body count in Baghdad on Wednesday was 35 and the daily

figure was generally lower in the previous week. On October 22, one of the last days of the holy fasting month of Ramadan, the Interior Ministry source reported 50 bodies found in 24 hours.

US troops lifted roadblocks around the

Shiite slum district of Sadr City on Tuesday when Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki ordered them out, flexing his political muscle after a week of public friction with Washington ahead of US elections.

MNA/Reuters



The construction of the National Grand Theatre in China’s capital is expected to be completed in July 2007, local government sources revealed on 5 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Lebanon to use wind energy by introducing windmill project

BEIRUT, 5 Nov— Lebanon took its first step to introduce wind energy in the country, which aimed at reducing dependence on expensive forms of energy, the local newspaper *Daily Star* reported Friday on its website.

The report said that Lebanese Minister of Power and Hydraulic Resources Mohammed Fneish signed an agreement with Paris-based French Global Wind Energy Company Thursday to implement a windmill project.

Fneish said that the project “will pave the way for the introduction of the first windmill project in Lebanon”, adding that “we are pinning high hopes

on energy rationing”.

According to the official, the agreement is part of the ministry’s plan for alternative energy, especially in light of higher oil prices.

The project will be carried out over the next seven months and an international tender will be issued soon to attract investors, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua



Employees of Kuwait National Petroleum Co stand in front of Shuaiba Oil Refinery after an explosion at the refinery, in Shuaiba on 4 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Cherish the Union, perpetually serve national and people's interest

Kyi Win Nyunt

Myanmar is a union where diverse national races live in cohesion. The experiences the nation has gained for ages have demonstrate that national solidarity is the lifeblood of the Union. The Union of Myanmar will exist and make progress so long as all national races are living in harmony sharing joys and sorrows.

The national goal of the Union — to build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline — is the noble one the entire national people have to accept unanimously and in which they have to put their trust.

In the process, the drive mainly calls for peace and stability, strong economy and the development of human resources. Only through political, economic, social and defence forces, will it be possible to build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation. Only through cooperative efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw, will the nation become modern and enjoy development in all aspects.

The Union Solidarity and Development Association was established to play a leading role in organizing the people in order that the entire people enthusiastically participate in the drive. It was on 15 September 1993 when the USDA was formed as a strong force, whose strength is based on the youth, in the interests of the nation.

Up to the USDA Annual General Meeting (2005), there have been established 17 branches at state or division level, 65 at district level, 320 at township level and 15,308 at village level with a total membership of nearly 23 million.

The billboard to hail the Annual General Meeting (2006) of the Union Solidarity and Development Association is opened near the roundabout at Thabyegon in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 October.



During the 13-year period, the members have gained a lot of organizational and cooperation experiences in connection with the tasks for ensuring stability of the State, community peace, and national development. Now, the association is standing firmly with quantitative and qualitative improvement of its members.

Delivering an address on the fourth day of the USDA Annual General Meeting (2005), Patron of the USDA Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe called on USDA members to speed up their efforts to serve the interests of the State and the people while steadfastly upholding Our Three Main National Causes, to be imbued with Union Spirit in enhancing national solidarity and peace and stability of the nation, and to do their bit in the drive for realization of the State's seven-point

Road Map and for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

The USDA is conducting a wide variety of courses to improve the qualifications of executives and members of the association at different levels, to enable them to keep abreast of Myanmar and international affairs, to further equip themselves with Union Spirit, and to improve their professional skills.

Due to such prudent courses, the members get well convinced of the value of the Union, and the strength of unity, peace and sovereignty and come to cherish the Myanmar society all the more.

The flourishing of political, economic, organizing and administrative outlooks among the youth members means a member is well armed with the sense of national duty that a citizen should have to carry out.

The sense of national duty is a noble spirit, with which each and every citizen have to be equipped. Only when the citizens are equipped with physical and mental abilities plus the sense of national duty, will they be able to safeguard and protect the motherland from any forms of danger, and build up a modern and developed nation.

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New gas well successfully drilled in Nyaungdon Oil and Gas Field

YANGON, 6 Nov — Accompanied by responsible personnel, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi went on an inspection tour of Nyaungdon Oil and Gas Field under the Ministry of Energy in Ayeyawady Division yesterday afternoon.

At the briefing hall, General Manager of Nyaungdon Oil and Gas Field U Aye Myint briefed the minister on present drilling of oil and gas while Chief Engineer (Drilling) U Kan Myint on efforts for successful drilling of the new gas well No 35 and extraction of

oil and gas. Next Managing Director U Myint Kyi of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise gave a supplementary report.

After the minister had instructed responsible personnel to keep on drilling of new oil and gas wells, he made arrangements for distribution of natural gas to factories and workshops.

In connection with the reports on geophysical data collected in Maubin (South), Nyaungdon (North) and Pakon and Taikkyi region presented by responsible personnel, the minister instructed them to rapidly explore

and drill new oil and gas wells there. Measures will be taken for increased extraction of oil and gas, the minister added.

Next, the minister presented cash award to service personnel for successfully drilling the new gas well No 35 and inspected extraction of oil and gas. The new well produces 7.183 million cubic feet of natural gas and 84 barrels of condensate daily. The whole Nyaungdon Oil and Gas Field produces over 86 million cubic feet of natural gas and 732 barrels of condensate every day

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First communal Kathina robe offering ceremony held



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and wife present Kathina robes to Sayadaw at communal Kathina robes offering ceremony of the ministry. — ELECTRIC POWER-2

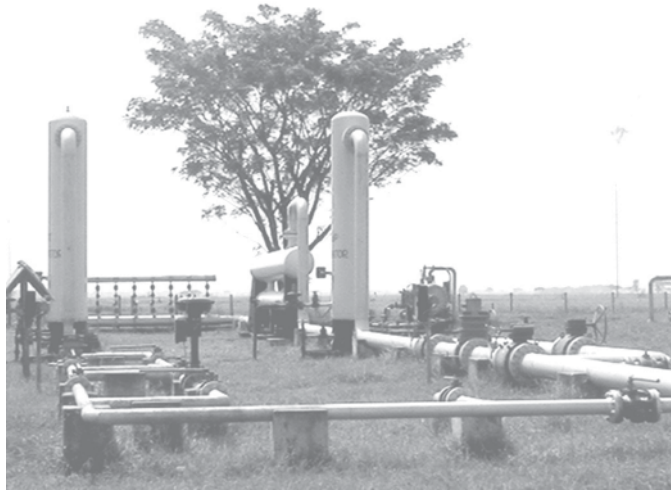
NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—The Ministry of Electric Power No 2 held its first communal Kathina

robes offering ceremony at the meeting hall of the ministry here on 1 November.

First, the congregation opened the ceremony with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa* and received the Five Precepts from Shwein Yeiktha Pariyatti Sarthintaik Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Naymaindha.

Next, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and wife Daw Win Win Nu donated Kathina robes and alms to the Sayadaw and so did departmental heads.

Afterwards, the congregation shared merits gained and alms were meal was offered to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. — MNA



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects production of natural gas at new well No 35 in Nyaungdon Oil Field. — ENERGY



MTT arranging local package tours

YANGON, 6 Nov — Wish to make any kind of tours for pilgrimage, expedition or leisure, just contact Myanmar Travels and Tours (MTT) at 77-91 Sule Pagoda Road or dial 252859 or 378376.

MTT coaches are available for pilgrimage tours to famous places including Bagan, Kyaikhtiyoe and Zalun; Yangon-Myitkyina, Kengtung-Tachilek, Sittway-MraukU, Lashio-Muse, Taunggyi-Inlay-Pindaya and Yangon-Mandalay-Sagaing-PyinOoLwin tours; and vacations to Chaungtha, NgweHsaung and Ngapali beaches.

The local package tour programmes include hotel accommodation and food services. — MNA

Gifts for expectant mother prisoners

YANGON, 6 Nov—The social organizations have been providing necessary assistance to expectant mother prisoners and mother prisoners with children of the respective jails on humanitarian grounds. Chairperson of Prisons Department Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Nwe Ni San and members provided three mother prisoners who gave birth to children at Insein Jail with five pieces of clothes, one packet of milk powder, one packet of crackers and one

packet of biscuit each.

MNA



Chairperson of Prisons Department's Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Nwe Ni San supplies clothes, milk powder and food to a female prisoner who has delzby in Insein Prison. — MNA

All this needs to be known

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

Temporary Myanmar Passport Issuing Offices open in border towns

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov — Temporary Myanmar Passport Issuing Offices for Myanmar workers working at present in Thailand and those who want to work in Thailand were opened today in Myawady, Kawthoung and Tachilek, the border towns, simultaneously.

Brig-Gen Myint Naung of regional battalion formally opened Temporary Passport Issuing Office at the reception camp in No 3 Ward, Myawady, Col Myint Tun of Kawthoung Station the office in Ayeyeiknyeik Ward in Kawthoung Township and Chairman of Tachilek District Peace and Development



Col Myint Tun formally opens an office for issuing passport at Kawthoung. — MNA

Council Lt-Col Zaw Moe Aye the office in Sansai B Ward in Tachilek Township.

Temporary passports will be issued in a day for Myanmar

citizens who will work in Thailand only.

Applications of 8,961 Myanmar workers based in Bangkok, recommended by the Ministry of Labour of

Thailand, were sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar for the first time. Testimonials for 30,000 applicants will be issued soon.

MNA

No one signs in public signature document in Kanbalu, Sagaing Division Fake petition made with phoney signatures and names in Kalay

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov — As lies and tricks used in collecting phoney petitions were exposed in some townships, news reports on them have already been featured in the dailies.

An ex-executive of NLD U Kaung Tun of Lethse village, Zeegontaung village-tract, Kanbalu Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division, went to Zeegon village to collect public signatures on 17 October. Villagers refused to give their signatures as they have already read in dailies that the government had already called in the members of the so-called '88'

generation students group for questioning as required. The villagers said that no demand was necessary to be made through the signature campaign.

Ten NLD members of Kalay Township NLD presented a petition to township NLD chairman U Ka, saying that they had collected 1950 signatures. But the truth is that although the NLD members organized the public to obtain signatures, the people refused to sign in the so-called petition. So, they made phoney signatures of their own family members and other persons to compile a fake petition. —H

Course for Regional Economic Integration in ASEAN and Third Countries opens

YANGON, 6 Nov — The course for Regional Economic Integration in ASEAN and Third Countries undertaken by Civil Service Selection and Training Board under the programme of the ASEAN Secretariat and the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan Project among the ASEAN nations was opened at Traders Hotel this morning.

Director-General of CSSTB U Hla Kyi delivered a speech and Project Officer of IAI Unit of ASEAN Secretariat Ms Chandrasa Edhityas Sjamsudin spoke on the occasion. Also present were Assistant Manager Ms Rachel Ho of International Trade Institute of Singapore, course instructors Mr Rajesh

Sreenivasan and Ms Margaret Liang.

The course was attended by 20 trainees from departments and organizations and it continues till 8 November.

The CSSTB serves as a focal point regarding the course on public sector capacity building under the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan Project among the ASEAN nations. It conducted seven courses in 2006 and is making arrangement for opening of two more courses. — MNA

Do honour with smiles blossoming

* Era of parliamentary democracy
That multi-party era
We, the citizens, have passed
And left behind.

* From then on, we traversed
The single-party Socialist path
We, citizens in the past.

* Party colour, party tint
Free from it the Tatmadaw
Only national politics
Does it bring into shape
At a glance to the future
We have the Tatmadaw Government era
On all-round nation-wide basis
For the entire nation
We promote health, education sectors
And in addition we promote
Base of agriculture
And base of social service
We make social progress
In this era of multi-sectoral development.

The citizens, who have passed
Various different eras
To march towards new nation
Have come together
And held discussions
Let the Union of brethren citizens
Be firm and strong
In our forward-looking stance.
The Union Solidarity
And Development Association
Has also been formed.

* When North wind, at play and dew arrives
The Annual General Meeting of
Union Solidarity
Will be held.
All citizens hail it
All citizens honour it
In the pearl white
And green emerald
Smile to your heart's content.

Khun Ye Thway (Aye Tha Yar) (Trs)
(Hailing the Annual General Meeting 2006 of
Union Solidarity and Development Association)

Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) disposes of two special civil appeal cases

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov — The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief-Justice of Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt, Supreme

Court (Yangon) Supreme Court Judges U Khin Myint and U Chit Lwin sitting at court room No 1 of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) delivered

judgement of two Special Civil Appeal cases and heard five Special Civil Appeal cases under Section 7 of the judiciary law, 2000. — MNA



Delegation of Myanmar Industry Entrepreneur's Association seen at Yangon International Airport on 4 November after attending 3rd ASEAN-China Trade Fair 2006. — UMFCI



Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer (R) talks as Novell President and CEO Ron Hovsepian watches during a news event to announce a set of collaboration agreements for Microsoft's Windows and Novell's Linux interoperability and support in San Francisco on 2 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Cuba blames developed nations for brain drain in

MONTEVIDEO, 6 Nov — Vice-President of Cuba's Council of State Carlos Lage Davilasaid here on Saturday that developed nations are luring away large numbers of talented professionals from developing countries every year.

Speaking at the 16th meeting of the Ibero-American Nations Organization, Lage said high salaries and other benefits were pulling doctors, engineers, teachers, nurses and other professionals to work in developed countries, prompting a brain drain in developing nations.

Developed countries did not repatriate these people and instead were using various means to make them stay, he said.

It is estimated that there was an exodus of 240,000 professionals from Latin America to developed countries in 2005 alone. Their countries spent at least 5 billion US dollars of training fees and other expenses for them.

Lage also accused developed countries of lacking the political will to help solve the migration issues, and criticized the US Government for suspending migration talks with Cuba and adopting restrictive measures against Cuban nationals.

The Ibero-American summit, being held in Montevideo, capital of Uruguay on 3-5, November is focused on migration issues. —MNA/Xinhua

Baby from frozen embryo born in Uganda

KAMPALA, 6 Nov — The first baby from a frozen embryo in East and Central Africa has been born in Uganda.

Dr Edward Tamale Ssali of Kampala Gynecology and Fertility Centre was quoted by *New Vision* on Saturday as saying that the embryo had been frozen for one year. "It's her own baby. She just came back for repeat IVF (Intro Vitro Fertilization)," Ssali said of the mother of the one-week-old baby, whose first IVF

attempt failed.

More than 300,000 babies from frozen embryos have been born worldwide since IVF was introduced in 1979. The first baby from the longest frozen embryo of 21 years was born two years ago in

Britain. "She came back after one year to try again. Since we had banked her excess embryos, we just got one of them and planted it in her womb instead of undergoing the whole procedure again," Ssali revealed.

Ssali said previously, they would just throw away the embryos because there were no freezing facilities in his fertility centre that started in 2004. It registered the first surrogate case in the region in July this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Brief power cuts hit parts of France, Germany

PARIS, 6 Nov — Parts of France, including areas of Paris, were plunged into darkness overnight by power cuts lasting up to 90 minutes. At least three German states were also hit.

Maurice Marion, head of the mining and energy division of France's CGT trade union, said Saturday's outage was the country's worst in 30 years and had hit eastern areas in particular.

The Interior Ministry said on Sunday it did not know what had caused the problem. No one was immediately available to comment at French power utility EDF.

The power went out at around 10 pm (2100 GMT), with the worst outages lasting around 90 minutes, although in many places the electricity came back within minutes.

No major accidents or crimes occurred during the blackouts, the ministry and police said, though French media reported that some people had been trapped in elevators.

MNA/Reuters

Ethiopian police on alert after US warning

ADDIS ABABA, 6 Nov — Ethiopian police said on Saturday they had stepped up security measures nationwide after the United States warned of possible suicide attacks against neighbouring countries by "extremist elements" in Somalia.

US embassies in Ethiopia and Kenya urged American citizens on Thursday to be vigilant and use extreme caution when visiting well-known public places in both countries.

"We have strengthened surveillance throughout the nation and we will make certain Ethiopia will be the burial ground of any terrorist who ventures into the country," Commander Demsashe Hailu, spokesman for Ethiopia's federal police, told *Reuters*.

MNA/Reuters



(L-R) Chairman of BAFTA/LA Peter Morris and award recipients Rachel Weisz, Clint Eastwood, Sidney Poitier and Anthony Minghella pose for photographers at the 2006 BAFTA/LA Cunard Britannia Awards held at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on 2 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

US conservative figures criticize Bush's Iraq policy

WASHINGTON, 6 Nov — Richard Perle and Kenneth Adelman, two prominent conservative figures from the camp of US President George W Bush, strongly criticized Bush's Iraq policy in interviews of the *Vanity Fair* in its coming January issue, US media reported Saturday.

Perle, who once chaired the Pentagon's Defence Policy Board and strongly advocated the

invasion of Iraq, said the dysfunction within the Bush Administration has turned US policy in Iraq a disaster.

"I probably would have said, 'let's consider other strategies for dealing with the thing that concerns us most, which is Saddam supplying weapons of mass destruction to terrorists,'" Perle said.

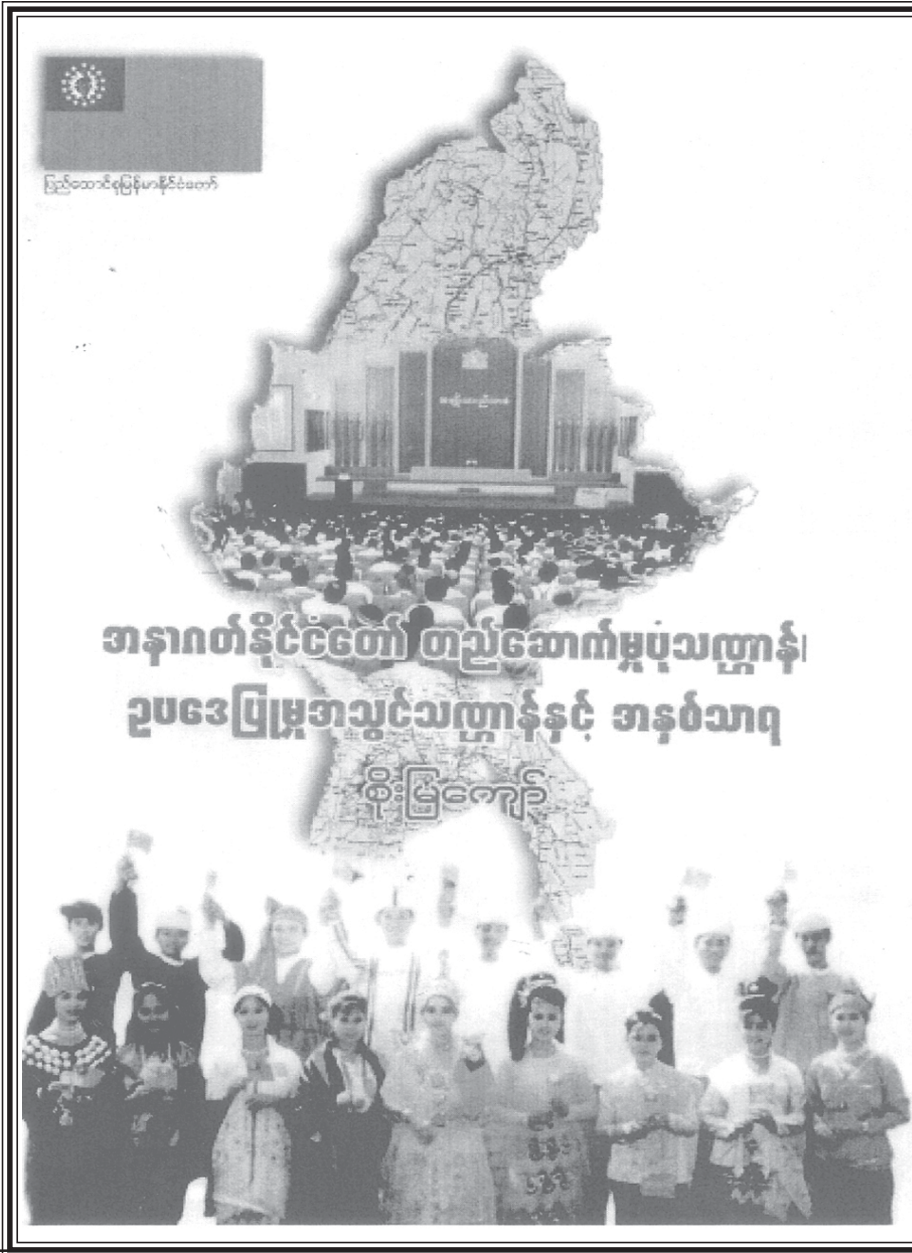
"At the end of the day, you have to hold the

president responsible," Perle said. Adelman also strongly criticized the handling of Iraq's postwar reconstruction by Bush's national security team.

"They turned out to be among the most incompetent teams in the postwar era. Not only did each of them, individually, have enormous flaws, but together they were deadly, dysfunctional," Adelman said. —MNA/Xinhua



A model presents a wedding gown creation from Spanish designer Eva Novias' Spring/Summer 2007 fashion collection in Madrid on 3 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET



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Philippines elected into UN economic, social panel

MANILA, 6 Nov — The Philippines won a seat in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in the United Nations.

The Philippines topped the elections of the ECOSOC, garnering 188 out of 192 votes in the race for the 18 seats that will be vacated at the end of the year, said Lauro Baja Jr, Philippine Permanent Representative to the UN.

Baja said the Philippines will start its three-year membership in the 54-member body on 1 January, 2007.

“This success mirrors the excellent standing of the Philippines in the United Nations,” he said in a statement from the UN Headquarters in New York.

As a member of ECOSOC, the Philippines will participate in policy review, policy dialogue and recommendation on issues of economic and social developments, as

well as for the implementation of international development goals.

“We hope to take advantage of the opportunity which ECOSOC membership entails to get assistance for our projects from the various functional commissions and programmes under ECOSOC,” Baja said.

MNA/Xinhua



A trio of cubs rest with their mother Shun Shun at Jinan Wildlife World in Jinan, capital of East China's Shandong Province on 3 Nov, 2006. Brown yellow Shun Shun gave birth to three white cubs on 17 October and experts attributed it to genetic variation. —XINHUA

Smog warning ahead of Britain's bonfire night

LONDON, 6 Nov — The government has issued a smog warning ahead of bonfire night on Sunday, and a senior Labour politician called for the annual event to be scrapped as an environmentally unsound anachronism.

With light winds and a dry night expected, bonfire smoke will result in high levels of air pollution in central and southern England and South Wales, the Department for Environment, Food and Agricultural Affairs said.

Labour MP Barry Sheerman said it was time to abandon the annual festival of fireworks and bonfires to mark the

anniversary of the foiling of the Gunpowder Plot to blow up Parliament.

“Here we are 401 years after the death of Guy Fawkes still having a bonfire in most people's gardens, polluting the atmosphere with carbon and the worst contribution to dioxins in the whole year,” he told BBC radio.

MNA/Reuters

Turk mayor asks for help after floods sweep Batman

ISTANBUL, 6 Nov — The mayor of a town in Turkey's southeast called on Saturday for international aid to recover from flash floods that have killed more than 30 people in the country.

Mayor Huseyin Kalkan told a news conference 11 people had died in Batman where about 300,000 people live.

“Nearly 63,000 of our citizens from 12,600 damaged houses have been victims of the floods and the disaster,” he said.

“We urgently need help from our businessmen and international relief institutions.”

Some 1,200 rescue workers are in Batman after floodwaters hit the town on Wednesday. Rivers swollen by torrential rains swamped

streets and toppled buildings. Kalkan said some districts were still cut off from the rest of the town. “The government must do something,” he said. The floods were the worst to hit the mainly Kurdish region since 1937.

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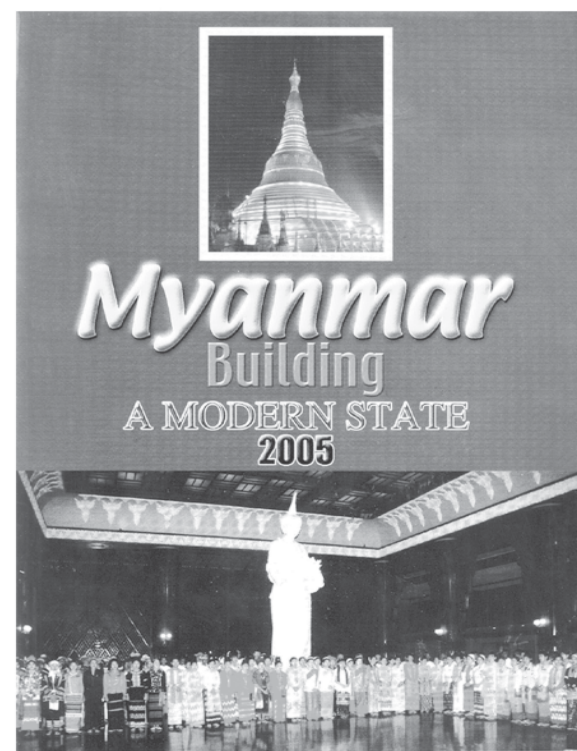
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Eight dead, one missing in north China mine blast

TAIYUAN, 5 Nov—Eight people are dead and another is missing after a coal mine blast in north China's Shanxi Province, local work safety sources said on Friday.

The blast happened around 11:45 am Friday at

the Xinmin Coal Mine in Linxian County, according to the provincial work safety administration.

Initial investigations showed the blast was possibly caused by explosives, the administration said.

The county-owned mine has an annual production capacity of 90,000 tons.

Provincial work safety officials have gone to the mine to organize rescue operations that are still underway.—MNA/Xinhua

Floods in Thailand cause extensive damage

BANGKOK, 5 Nov—Floods wrecking several parts of Thailand over the past two months have caused 1,124 million bath (about 295.7 million US dollars) in damage, a senior official said on Friday.

Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department director-general Anucha Mokhaves said the longlasting floods, from late August until 3 November, have wreaked havoc over large areas in 47 of Thailand's 76 provinces.

Anucha said the flood waters have receded in 32 provinces, but remain high in 15 others. Over 1.1 million residents in some 367,000 households are still suffering from the floods inundating these 15 provinces.

Bangkok residents living by the banks of Chao Phraya River and some main canals remain affected by the overflowing waters, Anucha said.

MNA/Xinhua

Guatemala seizes 29 illegal Ecuadorean migrants

MEXICO CITY, 5 Nov—The Guatemalan Coast Guard seized a nameless and flagless boat in the Pacific Ocean, with 29 illegal Ecuadorean migrants on board, Jorge Ortega, an Army spokesman said on Friday.

The vessel, whose nationality was unknown, was intercepted at about 30 nautical miles from the coastline of Tecojate, in the southern Guatemalan department of Escuintla.

According to news reports from Mexico City, the nameless and flagless boat was carrying 25 men and four women, all of them from Ecuador, Ortega said.

The illegal Ecuadorean migrants were presented on Friday before Guatemalan migration authorities in Puerto Quetzal in order to determine their identity, and to deport them to their country.

Guatemala is a bridge used by illegal migrants and traffickers who aim

at reaching the United States through Mexico.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia in \$105b plan to transform Cinderella City

JOHOR BARU (Malaysia), 5 Nov—Malaysia unveiled a 105-billion-US-dollar blueprint on Saturday to turn its second-largest city into a prosperous Asian metropolis, determined to overcome its reputation

for street crime and broken dreams.

The 2,200 square kilometres development area in southern Johor State is to boast a high-tech park, logistics and industrial precincts, educational park, regional hospitals, marina, water-side villas, theme parks and exclusive, gated residential communities.

"The comprehensive development plan estimates that investment required to generate economic growth and activity as forecast ... to amount to 47 billion ringgit over the 5-year period between 2006-2010 and for the 15 years from 2011 to 2025, an amount of 335 billion will be required," the government said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters

Colombia, US seize 3.5 tons of cocaine

BOGOTA, 5 Nov—Colombian Navy and US police on Friday jointly seized 3.5 tons of cocaine in the Caribbean Sea.

Admiral Roberto Garcia, naval force commander of the Caribbean, said the drug was found in a boat with a Honduras flag, which had eight Honduran crew members on board. The boat was on its way to the United States and was intercepted at about 40 miles (64 kilometres) away from Colombia's La Guajira department.

Garcia did not elaborate on whether the eight crew members would be taken into custody in Colombia or in the United States. — MNA/Xinhua

Turkish police seize 160 kilos of heroin in Istanbul

ANKARA, 5 Nov—Turkish police confiscated 160 kilos of heroin stashed in two trucks in an operation in Turkey's largest city of Istanbul on Friday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Four suspects were arrested in the operation

in Avcilar District of Istanbul, facing charges of dealing illicit drugs.

In another operation on the same day, gendarmerie officers, acting on a tip-off, found 30 kilos of heroin hidden in a car in Baskale town of Van Province in eastern Turkey, Anatolia said. — MNA/Xinhua



A miner in a coal mine car comes out from a coal mine in Fuxin, northeast China's Liaoning Province on 4 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

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Hu meets presidents of Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Ethiopia



Chinese President Hu Jintao (C Front), Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi (L Front) and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (R Front) jointly read out the declaration of the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, on 5 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 5 Nov — Chinese President Hu Jintao on Saturday held separate meetings with presidents of three African countries on the sidelines of the Beijing Summit, the largest diplomatic event ever held between China and Africa.

The meetings between Hu and Equatorial Guinea Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, Mali President Amadou Toumany Toure

and Ethiopia President Girma Wolde Giorgis were held after a grand opening ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in the morning, where Hu and 41 heads of state or government and senior officials of 48 African countries gathered. With smiles and handshakes, Hu welcomed and thanked the leaders for their participation in the summit.

He told the leaders that

he believed that the two-day summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) will further strengthen the

China-Africa friendly cooperative ties. While addressing the opening ceremony, Hu announced eight new actions to assist Africa, including doubling 2006 assistance to Africa by 2009, three billion US dollars of preferential loans in next three years and the exemption of more debt owed by poor African countries.

The three African leaders said Hu's speech in the morning demonstrated Chinese Government's and its people's determination to further China-Africa cooperation.—MNA/Xinhua

Dutch riders rescue 100 horses from flood water

AMSTERDAM, 5 Nov—Dutch rescue riders rode in on Friday to save a herd of some 100 horses that were trapped by flood waters, ending a three-day ordeal. Eighteen horses had died before the rescue, while another 20 were ferried to safety on boats on Thursday. Rescue efforts had been hampered by high waters in the flooded meadow by the Wadden Sea and near the northern town of Marrum.

Dutch media showed pictures of the panicky animals crowded together on a patch of land surrounded by knee-deep water, which was pushed

outside the dykes of Marrum by a storm on Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters

Study says brain stimulation shown to boost memory

LONDON, 6 Nov — Stimulating the brain with gentle electric currents during sleep boosts memory, German scientists said on Sunday.

When they applied several currents that mimic natural slow oscillating brain waves in sleep they enhanced the memory of medical students who had done a word-learning task.

"It leads to improved memory retention," said Jan Born, a neuroscientist at the University of Luebeck.

The scientists, whose results were published online by the journal Nature, believe brain stimulation could help people with memory problems and Alzheimer's disease.

"This is an alternative way to intensify or to improve sleep and its memory function," Born told Reuters. He and his team asked the students to learn a list of paired words in a standard memory test before they fell asleep. The researchers stimulated their brain while they slept. After they woke up, the students had to recall the words they had memorised.

If the currents were applied to the scalp during deep sleep, the first few hours of nocturnal sleep, the students recalled a greater number of words than if they had been given a sham brain stimulation.

MNA/Reuters

UN Gulf War body admits overpaid \$60m

GENEVA, 5 Nov—The United Nations Gulf War reparations programme admitted on Friday that it had overpaid some 60 million US dollars to claimants for damages from Iraq's 1990-91 invasion and occupation of Kuwait.

The Governing Council of the UN Compensation Commission

(UNCC) called on 70 governments to return within six months the excess money paid out for 22,000 duplicate claims.

A senior UNCC official said that no intentional fraud was suspected after a two-year investigation into the overpayments which he said UN auditors had known about.

"The total estimate that we have made is around 60 million US dollars," Mojtaba Kazazi, secretary to the Governing Council,

told a news briefing after a four-day meeting in Geneva. "The total amount of the overpayment represents approximately one-tenth of 1 per cent of the total amount of compensation awarded by the Commission," he added.

The UNCC — the largest claims body ever — is winding up more than a decade of work after approving 52.5 billion US dollars in payments, of which some 21.4 billion US dollars has been paid out to date.—MNA/Reuters

Iran shows new generation of anti-helicopter weapons

TEHERAN, 5 Nov— Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) on Saturday tried new generation of anti-helicopter weapons and other military hardware during the ongoing military manoeuvres, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Different types of improved anti-helicopter, anti-armour and anti-personnel weapons had been used by the Iranian troops, General Mohammad-Reza Zahedi, commander of the IRGC's ground forces, told a Press conference.

The combat capability of these anti-helicopter weapons had been doubled in recent years and they could be used against all types of helicopters, Zahedi

said. Iran's new generation of anti-personnel bullets, which had been used in the war games, could penetrate the most advanced bullet-proof vests, Zahedi said. The IRGC forces were using modern equipment and tactics to encounter enemies' combat power, the Iranian general said, adding that the IRGC ground forces' weapons could reach as far as 1,400 kilometres into hypothetical enemy's territory.

Zahedi said the war games were intended to show the Iranian military's ability to defend the country against any attack and thereby discourage enemies from inimical contemplation.

MNA/Xinhua

Achilles wheelchair racers participate in the New York City Marathon in the Brooklyn Borough of New York on 5 Nov, 2006. INTERNET



SPORTS



German players celebrate the winning after the Group B match against China in the 2006 volleyball women's World Championships in Sapporo, on 5 Nov, 2006. Germany beat China 3-1.—XINHUA

Sevilla go top with 2-0 win at home to Osasuna

MADRID, 6 Nov—Sevilla knocked Barcelona off the top of the Primera Liga on Sunday after goals from Frederic Kanoute and Adriano Correia gave them a 2-0 home win over Osasuna.

The UEFA Cup holders have 21 points, one ahead of Barcelona who were held to a 1-1 draw at Deportivo Coruna on Saturday.

Real Zaragoza climbed to third on 19 points with a 3-1 home win over Getafe, and Real Madrid slipped down to fourth with 17 after losing 2-1 at home to Celta Vigo.

Sevilla were set on course for their fifth straight home win in the league when Mali striker Kanoute scored from the penalty spot early in the second half, taking his tally for the season to eight.

Two minutes from time Kanoute fed Brazilian midfielder Adriano to finish off a swift counter-attack that made sure of the win.—MNA/Reuters

Milan crisis continues with 2-0 loss to Atalanta

ROME, 6 Nov—AC Milan slumped to a third defeat in four Serie A matches when they lost 2-0 at Atalanta after second-half goals by Nicola Ventola and Andrea Soncin on Sunday.

The result left Milan 16th in the 20-team division with seven points from 10 matches, 17 points behind joint leaders Inter Milan and Palermo, who enjoyed 2-0 victories over Ascoli and Sampdoria respectively.

AS Roma stayed third on 20 points after coming from behind to beat visitors Fiorentina 3-1. Milan travelled to Atalanta fresh from a 4-1 win over Champions League rivals Anderlecht and were hopeful of getting their league challenge back on track after recent losses to Inter and Palermo.

Their failure to capitalize on good first-half possession was punished, however, in the 50th minute, when home keeper Alex Calderoni pumped the ball

upfield for Massimo Donati to nod on to Ventola, who volleyed crisply past Dida.

Calderoni pulled off a fingertip save to keep out an Andrea Pirlo free kick and as Milan's frustration grew Joann Gourcuff was booked for diving.

Atalanta made sure of the points in the second

minute of stoppage time, when Soncin's shot deflected off Dario Simic into the net.

Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti accused referee Tiziano Pieri of failing to spot two penalties for what he said were fouls against winger Daniele Bonera and Gourcuff.—MNA/Reuters

Bayern battle for 2-2 draw at Schalke

BERLIN, 6 Nov—Bayern Munich came from two goals down to snatch a 2-2 draw away to Schalke 04 on Sunday, leaving both sides three points behind Bundesliga leaders Werder Bremen.

Schalke were much the better side in the first half and moved clear through goals from Peter Lovenkrands and Levan Kobiasvili. Bayern would have fallen further behind but for an outstanding save from Oliver Kahn and the champions gave themselves a lifeline when Andreas Ottl got a goal back at the very end of the first half.

Roy Makaay scored a fine equalizer

seven minutes after the break and despite several clear chances the visitors had to settle for a draw. The result left both sides trailing leaders Werder Bremen, who were surprisingly held to a 1-1 draw at home to Energie Cottbus on Saturday.

With 10 games played, Werder have 20 points, two ahead of VfB Stuttgart following their 4-2 win away to Alemannia Aachen on Saturday.—MNA/Reuters

Lennon strike hands Spurs victory over Chelsea

LONDON, 6 Nov—Tottenham Hotspur and England winger Aaron Lennon condemned champions Chelsea to a second league defeat of the season on Sunday when Spurs won their London derby 2-1 at White Hart Lane.

Lennon rifled in on 52 minutes to secure Spurs their first win over Chelsea in 33 league meetings and their first at home over their rivals since 1987.

"It was a great win, we were stronger than them today," Spurs manager Martin Jol told Sky Sports.

"We are now in the top half of the table and nobody can take it away from us that we had a win against the champions of England."

Defeat kept Chelsea in second place on 25 points, three behind leaders Manchester United who thumped Portsmouth 3-0 on Saturday.



Tottenham Hotspur's Benoit Assou-Ekotto, right, tackles Chelsea's Didier Drogba as he shoots for goal during their English Premier League soccer match at the White Hart Lane stadium, London, on 5 Nov, 2006. Drogba failed to score from this attempt.

INTERNET

Hrbaty makes final after illness rules out Haas

PARIS, 6 Nov — Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty qualified for the final of the Paris Masters on Saturday after German Tommy Haas retired in their semifinal to drop out of the Masters Cup race.

Hrbaty was leading 6-4, 1-0 when Haas, who needed to win the title here to

qualify for the year-end event, withdrew, suffering from gastroenteritis.

World number five Nikolay Davydenko will challenge Hrbaty in Sunday's final after defeating Spain's Tommy Robredo 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 in the other semifinal. Haas' misfortune means American James Blake fills the last slot for the season's finale for the top eight players in the ATP Race, starting on 12 November in Shanghai.

Blake, who was eliminated by Haas in the third round here on Thursday, joins Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Davydenko, Ivan Ljubicic, Andy Roddick, Robredo and David Nalbandian in the Shanghai field.

Hrbaty, seeded 17th, has not won a tournament in two years and reached the final of a Masters Series tournament once before, in 2000 in Monte Carlo.

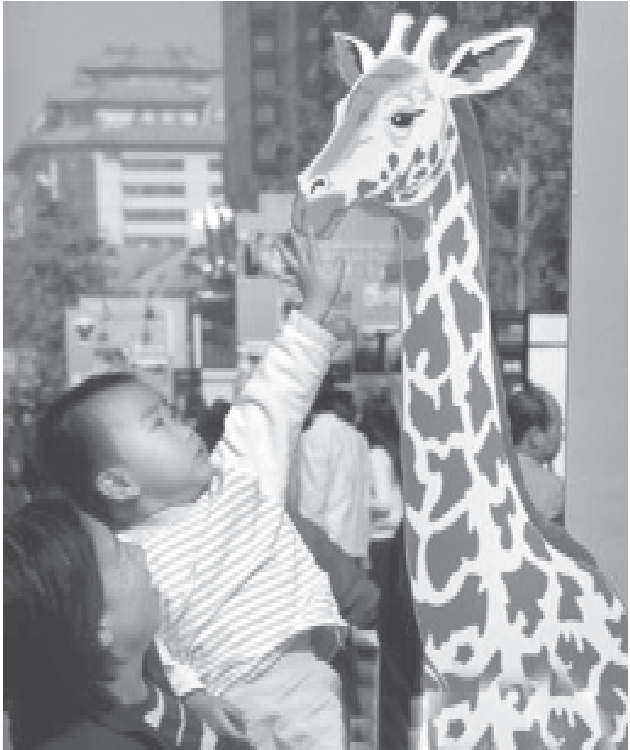
Davydenko was the highest-ranked player in the draw following a string of withdrawals and the 25-year-old Russian, chasing his fifth title of the year, will feature in the final of a Masters Series for the first time.—MNA/Reuters



Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia leaves the court after his semifinal match against Germany's Tommy Haas in the Paris Masters tennis tournament on 4 Nov, 2006. Hrbaty won the game 6-4, 1-0.—XINHUA



Inter Milan's Javier Zanetti celebrates after scoring against Ascoli during their Serie A soccer match at the San Siro stadium in Milan on 5 Nov, 2006. Inter Milan won 2-0.—INTERNET



A child touches the model of a giraffe during a photo exhibition about Africa on Wangfujing Street in Beijing, on 2 Nov, 2006. — XINHUA

Six Arab countries look to nuclear power

DUBAI, 6 Nov — At least six Arab countries are developing domestic nuclear power programmes to diversify energy sources, a Middle East economic magazine reported on Saturday.

Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Morocco and Algeria have shown interest in developing nuclear power primarily for water desalination, the *Middle East Economic Digest* (MEED) quoted Tomihiro Taniguchi, deputy director-general of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), as saying.

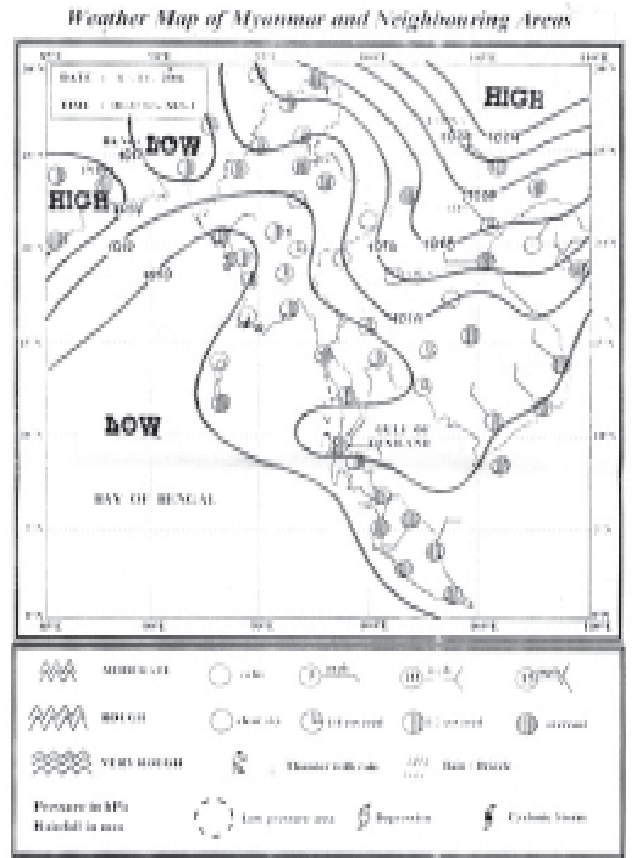
“We held preliminary discussions with these governments. We will offer them help under

our technical advisory programme to conduct a study for the power plants,” he was quoted as saying, adding that the interest the four nations had shown was “at a tertiary stage”.

The United Arab Emirates and Tunisia have also shown interest in nuclear power, but their plans are at an infant stage, the magazine said.

Analysts say that besides the need for alternative energy sources, many Arab countries are concerned about Iran’s nuclear ambitions.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Monday, 6 November, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (4°C) below normal in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin and Northern Shan States, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Loikaw (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 5-11-2006 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 6-11-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 6-11-2006 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 5-11-2006 was (4.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 6-11-2006 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 11:40 hours MST on 5-11-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in North and East-Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-11-2006: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of light rain or thundershowers in Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 7-11-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 7-11-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 7-11-2006: Partly cloudy.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT


(Issued at 11:00 hours MST, Today)

A moderate earthquake of intensity (5.2) Richter Scale with its epicentre (India-Myanmar border) about (192) miles Northeast of Mandalay Seismological Observatory, was recorded at (07) hrs (50) min (40) sec MST on 6th November 2006.

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TV Myanmar

Tuesday, 7 November
View on today

<p>7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:15 am 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတ သန္တီ ပါဠိတော်</p> <p>7:25 am 3. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am 4. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am 5. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am 6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်</p> <p>8:05 am 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p>	<p>7:15 am 8. Song of yesteryears</p> <p>8:25 am 9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:30 am 10. International news</p> <p>8:45 am 11. Let's Go</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm 3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)</p> <p>4:45 pm 4. Dance of national races</p> <p>5:00 pm 5. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်</p> <p>7:10 pm 6. “အန္တရာယ်ဆိုတာလက်တစ်ကမ်းမှာ” (ရိုးသူ၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)</p> <p>5:15 pm 7. Sing and Enjoy</p> <p>6:00 pm 8. Evening news</p>	<p>6:30 pm 9. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm 10. နိုင်ငံခြား ကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၂၄)</p> <p>6:50 pm 11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ</p> <p>7:05 pm 12. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်ခြင်းနှင့်အတူ” (အပိုင်း-၁၆)</p> <p>8:00 pm 13. News</p> <p>14. International news</p> <p>15. Weather report</p> <p>16. “အမိကောင်းကင်ကြယ်စင်မောင်နှမ” (အပိုင်း-၁) (ညွန့်ဝင်း၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ နေအောင်၊ ဒွေး၊ လူမင်း၊ ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ နေထက်လင်း၊ နေတိုး၊ စိုင်းစိုင်းခမ်းလှိုင်၊ ရဲလေး၊ ထွန်းထွန်း (Examplez), နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ၊ အိန္ဒြကျော်စင်၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်၊ သင်ဇာဝင့်ကျော်၊ သန္တာစုလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)</p> <p>17. The next day's programme</p>
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Radio Myanmar

Tuesday, 7 November
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:
-Somebody...
Bryan Adams

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:
-Sunshine...
Archie

8:50 am National news/Slogan

9:00 am Music:
-Island in the sun...Weezer

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:
Back to you...
Steps

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40pm Lunch time music:
-Love will keep us alive...Eagles
-To me you're everything...98
-Till the end of time...Mariah Carey

9:00pm English Speaking Course Level (II) Unit (3)

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Weekly sport reel

9:30 pm Music for your listening pleasure
-Say it...Enrique Iglesias
-Can't lie to my heart...Richard Marx
-I am not a girl, not yet a woman... Britney Spears

9:45 pm News / Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

Lt-Gen Myint Swe receives leader of Defence Services Soccer team of Islamic Republic of Pakistan

YANGON, 6 Nov—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence received leader of Defence Services Soccer team of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Brigadier General Muhammad Naseem Khan, who arrived here to play a friendly match against their Myanmar counterparts, at the Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein, Commander of Mingaladon Air Base Brig-Gen Zin Yaw, Principal of Defence Services Martial Arts and Sports Institute Col Htein Lin and senior military officers, Defence Attaché of Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Myanmar Col Zafar Jamil and officials.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence receives leader of Pakistan's Defence Services Soccer team Brig-Gen Muhammad Naseem Khan. — MNA

Myanmar, Pakistan Tatmadaw soccer teams play friendly



Lt-Gen Myint Swe enjoys friendly match of Myanmar and Pakistan Tatmadaw teams. — MNA

YANGON, 6 Nov — Myanmar Tatmadaw soccer team played a friendly with the Defence Services team of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan at Youth Training Centre here this evening.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence,

senior military officer's of the Army, Navy and Air Force, military attaches, Tatmadawmen and families of Army, Navy and Air Force and football fans watched the match.

Rector of Defence Services Medical Academy

Brig-Gen Ya Pyae and leader of the visiting team Brig-Gen Muhammad Naseem Khan greeted the footballers of the two teams.

Myanmar girls presented bouquets to the players. The two teams also exchanged gifts. — MNA

INSIDE

Delivering an address on the fourth day of the USDA Annual General Meeting (2005), Patron of the USDA Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe called on USDA members to speed up their efforts to serve the interests of the State and the people while steadfastly upholding Our Three Main National Causes, to be imbued with Union Spirit in enhancing national solidarity and peace and stability of the nation, and to do their bit in the drive for realization of the State's seven-point Road Map and for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

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