

Senior General Than Shwe receives Laotian goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received Laotian goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of Laos Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence here this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General



Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and party pose for documentary photo together with Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic, and party at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe receives Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



Soe Win, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic U Nyunt Hlaing, Director-General of SPDC Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw and Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Try relentlessly to realize the nation's goal

The Union Solidarity and Development Association has been established in order that it can work for peace, stability and development of the nation in cooperation with the people. The association is a strong national force and it is made up of citizens of same beliefs, convictions and outlook.

Members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association are carrying out public welfare and regional development work and the people themselves are taking part in it. As more and more people have come to believe in the association, its membership has been on the increase.

Nowadays, due to the united efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw, progress has been made in the political, economic and social sectors. Moreover, measures are being taken for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The National Convention is being held in accordance with the seven-step Road Map for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and democratic nation. Basic principles and detailed basic principles are also being laid down for the emergence of the State Constitution. All this is being done to create a favourable environment for the nation's future.

We believe that members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association will try relentlessly to realize the nation's goal by working to the best of their abilities for national development endeavours.

Myanmar industrial delegation seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for the People's Republic of China on 7 November 2006. The delegation comprising Director of Directorate of Myanma Industrial Planning U Myo Aung and Dr Aung Thein and U Kyaw Kyaw Win of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will participate in 3rd Symposium on China-ASEAN Entrepreneurs Exchanges scheduled to be held from 9 to 11 November in Beijing. — 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

Pyu creek multi-purpose dam project inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo together with responsible personnel went on an inspection tour of Pyu creek multi-purpose dam project which is being implemented near Pyu creek, Pyu Township, Bago Division on 2 November afternoon.

The minister first inspected concrete laying tasks for a diversion tunnel. At the briefing hall, Director U Myint Than of Construction Group-1 of Irrigation Department briefed the minister on construction of the diversion tunnel and progress of work of an earth dam and a spillway.

The diameter of the diversion tunnel is 13 feet and its length, 2,477 feet. Now concrete laying tasks have covered the inner part of the diversion tunnel.

Preparatory tasks are being carried out to build the earth dam and the spillway is under construction.

Next, Director U Tint Lwin of Construction Group-3 of the Hydro Electric Power Implementation Department of the Ministry of Electric Power No 1 briefed the minister on efforts for building the intake structure of the multi-purpose dam project. In response to the reports, the minister instructed all construction personnel to take cooperative measures in implementing the multi-purpose dam project and attended to the needs.

Afterwards, the minister looked into construction tasks of the multi-purpose dam from the observation tower. He later oversaw concrete laying tasks of diversion tunnel, the spillway and the main dam.

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Turtle conservation discussed

YANGON, 7 Nov — As a gesture of hailing Year of the Turtle 2006, Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries organized Workshop on Marine Turtle Conservation and Management at Myanmar Fisheries Association in Insein Township yesterday.

Eight resource persons presented their papers on turtle conservation and management to the workshop attended by members of Myanmar Livestock and Fisheries Entrepreneurs' Association, MFA, professors and head of departments under universities and colleges, researchers and officials of FD totalling about 100. In the afternoon session, group-wise discussion among researchers and those present were made and it focused on turtle conservation and management and future tasks. — MNA

Electric Power-2 Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Project Manager Mr Zhu Shuzhuon and party of Shandong Machinery I&E Group Corporation of the People's Republic of China at his office here on 1 November. During the call, the minister said he welcomed the delegation for its cooperation with the ministry and stressed the need for import of quality goods. Mr Zhu Shuzhuon also discussed the cooperation of the I&E Group Cooperation with the ministry in power supply projects.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Electric Power Department Dr Thein Tun, Managing Director of Electric Power Supply Enterprise U Tin Aung and officials.

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Director-General of Fisheries Department U Than Tun addresses National Workshop on Marine Turtle Conservation and Management. — MNA

Employees of IPRD receive efficiency skills

YANGON, 7 Nov — Dalla Township Information and Public Relations Department organized Work Efficiency Course No 2/2206 at the office of the township IPRD on 30 October.

A total of 48 employees — 27 from IPRDs and 21 librarians from villages — attended the course.

The course was opened with an address by

Assistant Director of Yangon Division IPRD Daw Tin Tin Myint. Secretary of Dalla Township Peace and Development Council U Than Kyaing and Daw Phyu Phyu of Dalla Township IPRD also briefed on measures to be taken for the development of self-reliant libraries.

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Annan hails China's decision to double aid to Africa

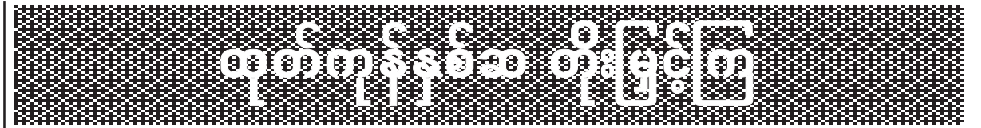
UNITED NATIONS, 6 Nov—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan welcomed on Saturday the announcement of the Chinese Government to double its aid to Africa by 2009. In a statement

released by his spokesman, Annan sent his warm congratulations to all participants in the Third Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.

He believed that “as Africans demonstrate renewed resolve to address the challenges confronting their continent, they can benefit greatly from the experience of their friends in China, who have had such success in sustaining growth and reducing poverty”.—MNA/Xinhua



Austria's Jewgenij Kuschnow sets a new world record in doing a headstand on a driving car for 15 minutes during the Impossibility Challenger in Dachau, about 15 kilometres north of Munich, on 5 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA



Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing (2nd R), Ethiopian Foreign Minister Seyoum Mesfin (2nd L) and Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit (1st L) attend a joint press conference at the end of the two-day Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 5 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Western Australia hospital bans junk food

CANBERRA, 6 Nov—Princess Margaret Hospital in Perth has become the first public hospital in Western Australia to ban junk food.

The hospital has been selling more than 60,000 buckets of chips and almost 70,000 soft drinks each year.

It has now removed those items from its

cafeteria and vending machines.

Some cakes, muffins, ice-cream and cookies are still available.

The Health Minister, Jim McGinty, says the unhealthiest food has been removed from the menu.

Mr McGinty says all other public hospitals across the state will introduce healthier

menus by the end of next year.

“Junk food might be cheap and easy, but it’s also deadly,” he said.

“It’s important that we start at the children’s hospital, because obesity is affecting our children at an unprecedented rate.

“The fact that one in

five, or 20 per cent, of our children are obese or overweight really does require strong action to be taken.

“You come to hospital to get well, you don’t expect to be confronted with unhealthy food options.”

Internet

Power cuts plunge western Europe into darkness

BERLIN, 6 Nov—A massive power outage temporarily plunged millions of homes across western Europe into darkness and initial findings suggested a routine safety operation in Germany may have been to blame, authorities said on Sunday.

The impact of the powercuts at around 2130 GMT on Saturday night was felt in heavily populated areas of Germany, France and Italy, as well as parts of Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, Belgium and Austria, and even extended as far as

Morocco.

The cuts prompted German Government calls for an immediate explanation into the causes and renewed demands from top politicians for a shake-up of Europe’s troubled energy policy.

A spokesman for a

French union said the outage was the worst in France in 30 years. Some European train services were disrupted.

French media estimated some five million people were affected, while authorities in Germany said at least one million there were left without power. The outages, most of which lasted for less than an hour, were also widespread in northern Italy.

Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi said the blackout showed the need for a common European energy authority and policy.

“It’s a rich contradiction that we depend on each other but we can’t help each other without a common authority... we still don’t have a European energy policy,” he told reporters.

MNA/Reuters

Elena Korikova, 34, is a famous actress in Russia. She is also well known as a girlfriend of Russian tennis player Marat Safin.

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Iraqi journalist killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 6 Nov—Unknown gunmen assassinated an Iraqi journalist working for a local television channel in northern Baghdad, an Iraqi watchdog body said on Saturday.

“Ahmed al-Rasheed, who worked for the Sharqiya TV channel, was killed at about 6:30 pm (1530 GMT) Friday evening by unidentified gunmen in the Azamiyah neighbourhood,” the Journalistic Freedom Observatory said in a statement.

Rasheed, 29, was showered with bullets by three gunmen riding a gray Opel car when they intercepted him in the Azamiyah neighbourhood, the statement added. — MNA/Xinhua



Photos taken from the sky recently depict the beauty of our mother earth. Rivers, mountains, grassland, desert... The grand landscape reveals unique glamour that can take your breath away.—XINHUA

Beijing Summit adopts China-Africa strategic partnership

BEIJING, 6 Nov— The Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation adopted a declaration here Sunday, proclaiming the establishment of a new type of strategic partnership between China and Africa.

The declaration was read out by Chinese President Hu Jintao,

Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi and Egyptian President Mohammed Hosni Mubarak at the end of the two-day summit. The strategic partnership features “political equality and mutual trust, economic win-win cooperation and cultural exchanges,” said the declaration, which was

adopted by leaders of China and 48 African countries attending the grand gathering.

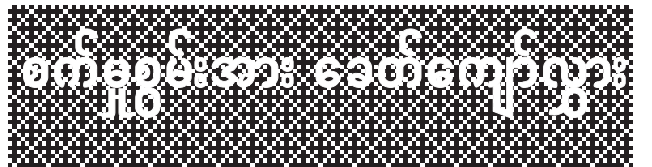
“We hold that the world today is undergoing complex and profound changes, and that the pursuit of peace, development and cooperation has become the trend of the times,” said

President Hu, reading out the declaration.

“We declare that the development of our friendly relations and cooperation are in accordance with the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence as well as all the international principles that promote multilateralism and democracy in international relations,” Hu said.

The declaration called for enhancing South-South cooperation and North-South dialogue to promote balanced, coordinated and sustainable development of the global economy to enable all countries to share its benefits and realize common development and prosperity.

MNA/Xinhua



Tons of China-made Christmas gifts arrive Britain

FELIXSTOWE (Britain), 6 Nov— The world’s largest container ship, loaded with nearly 45,000 tons of China-made Christmas presents and fare for the holiday season, arrived Saturday in Felixstowe in southeastern Britain’s Suffolk.

The *Emma Maersk*, 400 meters long (1,300 Feet), 56 metres wide and 60 metres high, cruised into the Britain’s biggest deep-water harbour. The ship, dubbed the *SS Santa*, will unload more than 3,000 containers for supermarkets and stores before heading to Netherlands for its mainland Europe Christmas gifts tour.

The *SS Santa*, loaded with 11,000 containers of crackers, DVD players, toys, puzzles, lamb meat, clothes and even pet food, was greeted by hundreds of British from the harbour town and other parts of the country.

“It’s like a dream to see such a mountain-like ship floating on the sea, and all the more incredible to learn that the ship is bringing Europeans with Christmas made mainly in China,” a man who gave his name as David said on the beach.

MNA/Xinhua



A Thai woman and her children pray before floating a krathong into a pond during the Loy Krathong festival in Nonthaburi Province, on the outskirts of Bangkok, on 5 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

Silent plane would cut airport noise

BOSTON, 6 Nov— A US-British team of researchers from academia and the aerospace industry believes the passenger aircraft of the distant future will not only be fuel efficient, but virtually silent.

Leaders of a long-range research venture called the “Silent Aircraft Initiative” were scheduled Monday to release a conceptual design for a

plane they say could cut through the air with practically no sound bothering those below, thanks to its unique shape and design features to limit engine noise.

The design adds a new twist to aviation’s long history of mixed success developing flying wings designed to be more fuel- and space-efficient than conventional aircraft with long, narrow fuselages.

The design, to be announced in a news conference at the Royal Aeronautical Society in London, would blend fuselage and wings together so that the entire airframe provides lift — an approach that to date has been confined largely to payload-carrying military aircraft such as long-range bombers.

The body shape of the “silent aircraft” would allow for a slower landing approach and takeoff to cut airport noise — a form of environmental pollution that makes it politically unpopular to expand airports and flight schedules.

“The ‘silent aircraft’ can help address this concern and thus aid in meeting the increasing passenger demand for air transport,” said Edward Greitzer, and professor of aeronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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A man works at a fish reservoir in the Kosovo town of Istog, 90 km (56 miles) west of the capital Pristina, on 5 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

Exhibition on rare reptiles held in HK

HONG KONG, 7 Nov — A roving Zoo Education Exhibition was launched on Sunday in Hong Kong, which will provide visitors with a chance to learn more about rare reptiles.

The exhibition was held at Tuen Mun Park in the New Territories and will last until December 10.

The roving exhibition, with a different theme each year, is an annual event staged by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). This year’s exhibition on Rare Reptiles Collection will be mounted at six parks respectively.

MNA/Xinhua



Microsoft surprised the tech world on 2 Nov, 2006, unveiling a plan to go into partnership with longtime rival Novell (NOVL), the world’s leading maker of operating systems based on Linux. —XINHUA

S Korea to set up typhoon centre

SEOUL, 6 Nov — The South Korean Government will set up a national typhoon centre in the southern island of Jeju to strengthen its capability to forecast the course of tropical storms, the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA) said Sunday.

The centre will be located in Seogwipo, southern part of the Jeju island, and equipped with the advanced systems to track and analyze typhoon movements in the Pacific Ocean, the South Korea’s *Yonhap* news agency said.

MNA/Xinhua

Cambodian artworks to be shown in Germany

PHNOM PENH, 6 Nov— Altogether 119 pieces of classical Khmer artworks will depart for Germany next week for a three-city exhibition titled “Angkor-Sacred Heritage of Cambodia”, the *Cambodian Daily* reported on Monday.

It is the most extensive show of Khmer art ever

held in Germany, the paper quoted German Ambassador Pius Fischer as saying.

It will open to the public on 15 December in Bonn at the Kunstund Ausstellungshalle der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Germany’s leading museum, he said.

In April, the artworks

will be moved to the Martin-Cropius-Brau Museum in Berlin and a few months later to the Riederg Museum in Zurich, he said.

The show will also include a symposium on hydrology and Angkor’s elaborate irrigation system. The agreement to lend the artworks was signed by the Cambodian and German Governments in 2004 and allowed for up to 300 Khmer art pieces to travel to Germany.

MNA/Xinhua



A shop assistant is showing a popular lip-shaped telephone set in a shopping center in Huaibei, Anhui Province on 5 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Australia calls for state water summit amid drought

MELBOURNE, 6 Nov—As Australia battles its worst drought in a hundred years, Prime Minister John Howard called for three key states to discuss ways to coordinate decisions on water supplies at a summit to be held on Tuesday. Howard invited the premiers of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia to explore ways of delivering water to towns and rural areas supplied by the depleted Murray River.

“The prolonged drought is having a terrible impact on farming communities across Australia,” Howard said in a statement on Sunday.

“This is being compounded by water inflows to date in 2006-07 that have been significantly below historical minimal levels.” Each state manages its own water storages and supplies.

The call for a water summit follows Howard’s recent conversion to the view that global warming is real and an about-turn this week on his opposition to carbon emissions trading as a way of combating global warming. — MNA/Reuters

Eight killed in two blasts in N-E Indian city

NEW DELHI, 6 Nov—Two blasts rocked Guwahati, main city of northeast Indian state Assam, on Sunday evening, killing at least eight people, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

The first explosion took place in Fancy Bazaar in the city downtown at 6:45 pm, killing three people on the spot while two more died on their way to hospital, the local police said.

The blast left a dozen shoppers and traders injured.

About 15 minutes later, another blast rocked Pathar Kuwari locality on the outskirts of the city, claiming three lives.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan, Malaysia to cooperate in banking, construction

ISLAMABAD, 6 Nov—Pakistan and Malaysia on Sunday signed two documents for enhancing their bilateral relations in banking and construction sectors.

Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz and his Malaysian counterpart Abdullah Badawi witnessed the signing ceremony held at Prime Minister House in Islamabad.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between

Pakistan’s National Institute of Banking and Finance (NIBAF) and Malaysia’s International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance (INCEIF).

The MoU is aimed at establishing a framework of cooperation between NIBAF and INCEIF for the mutual benefit and joint cooperation in promoting and undertaking research, development, training and education through Islamic finance.

It also signifies the commitment to strengthen the ties between the two countries, taking into consideration the long established relationship as members of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) communities.

A contract agreement was signed between the Pakistani National Highway Authority (NHA) and Malaysia’s Minconsult International Limited.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese skater Daisuke Takahashi casts a shadow while performing in the gala exhibition following the Skate Canada figure skating competition in Victoria, British Columbia on 5 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Polluted Yamuna River kills thousands of fish

NEW DELHI, 6 Nov—Thousands of dead fish have floated along the banks of the Yamuna River in North India’s Uttar Pradesh Saturday due to increased pollution, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

The quality of the river water, flowing by India’s national landmark Taj Mahal, has dramatically worsened due to the sudden discharge of untreated effluents upstream from open drains and barrages since Friday.

The large amount of dead fish has occurred for the third time recently, the local residents said.

Agra City, which depends on the river as water supply, had run out of water Friday and the water supplied Saturday was pale yellow and not fit for drinking.

The Uttar Pradesh

State Pollution Control Board and the Central Pollution Control Board have been investigating the sudden rise of pollution level and found a few open drains in the city and heavy discharges from nearby Hindon and Okhla barrages were the cause.

The officials also found one of the sewage treatment plants in the city closed Friday.

Efforts were being made to release some fresh water into the river to dilute the pollutants.

Officials have also made urgent steps to contain the discharge of

industrial effluents into the river and to ensure that the sewage treatment plants run efficiently.

The Yamuna along the Taj Mahal has become a black drain giving out ugly smell, forcing people to look away or cover their noses.

MNA/Xinhua



Spanish Bullfighter David Fandila “El Fandi” drives banderillas into a bull during a bullfight in Acho square in Lima Spain on 5 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

China's army urged to support party's resolution

BEIJING, 6 Nov— Guo Boxiong, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC), has urged the Armed Forces to support, publicize and practise the resolution by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) to build a harmonious socialist society.

Guo, who is also a member of the CPC Central Committee's political bureau, remarked this when he recently

visited the PLA Nanjing Military Area Command. During the trip, the senior military official had meetings with officers and soldiers of PLA's land, naval and air troops.

In his talks with military personnel, Guo hailed the recent Sixth Plenary Session of the Sixteenth CPC Central Committee, which adopted the resolution and heard a key-note speech by General Secretary Hu Jintao of the CPC Central

Committee, as a milestone for the nation's development. He pledged that the Army will adhere to the absolute leadership of the Party.

He urged the Army to further increase its sense of mission and urgency and firmly safeguard the nation's security and unity and territorial integrity.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman walks past as an Achilles wheelchair racer participates in the New York City Marathon in the Brooklyn Borough of New York on 5 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Indonesia to set up three more special economic zones

JAKARTA, 7 Nov — Following the success of the newly established special economic zone (SEZ) covering Batam, Bintan and Karimun islands, the Indonesian Government will develop similar SEZs in another three regions, a report said on Monday.

The three regions are in North Sumatra, South Sulawesi and Banten provinces. According to the Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM), at least 14 regions, including Bali, Makassar, East Java, and North Sulawesi's Bitung Island, had been proposed as SEZ, but only Batam, Bintan and Karimun met the minimum standards.

Bojonegara in Banten Province, located on the western tip of Java, is the location with most potential for investment as the government plans to build an international port worth 7 trillion rupiah (768 million US dollars), reported major national newspaper The Jakarta Post, quoting BKPM head Muhammad Luthfi as saying.

With regards to North Sulawesi, he said the province already had the biggest port in Sulawesi and was the centre of prime export commodities, including fish, shrimp, cocoa and nutmeg.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran says would consider talks with US on Iraq

TEHERAN, 6 Nov— Iran said on Sunday it would consider entering talks with the United States on security in Iraq if it received an official request.

Talks between Washington and Teheran are expected to be one option for quelling violence in Iraq to be suggested in a report due out from the Iraq Study Group, a US bipartisan commission headed by former secretary of state James Baker.

But the idea has previously been rejected by US President George W Bush. The United States accuses Iran of aiding the insurgency and stoking sectarian strife in Iraq, a charge Teheran denies.

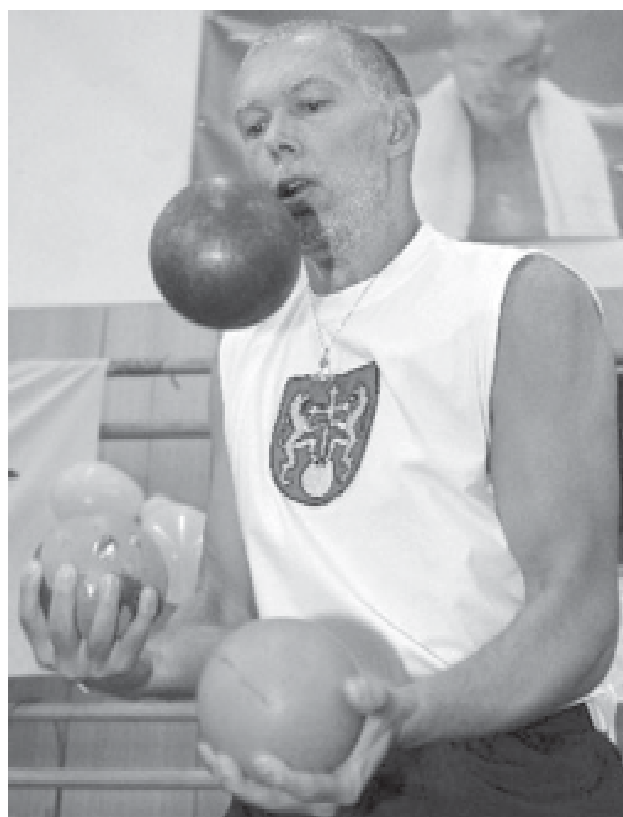
Asked if Iran should talk directly to the United States about security in Iraq, Teheran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini said: "If they officially ask for that, it will be reviewed by Iran."

"At the present time, some American and Iraqi officials have raised the question of a dialogue. If we receive such a request we are ready to examine it."

The United States broke official ties with Iran after the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice last month hinted that Washington might join talks with Teheran to resolve the Iran nuclear issue, but only if the Islamic Republic first suspended uranium enrichment, something Iran has repeatedly refused to do.

MNA/Reuters



Slovakian Milan Roskopf sets a Guinness record in juggling with three 10 kilogrammes shots for 15.80 seconds during the Impossibility Challenger in Dachau, about 15 kilometres north of Munich, on 5 Nov, 2006. —XINHUA

American sailor stabbed to death in eastern Canada

OTTAWA, 6 Nov— An American sailor taking part in ongoing joint Canada-US naval training

was stabbed to death Saturday in Halifax, an Atlantic port city of Canada.

The 28-year-old sailor was found stabbed on the street after a fight involving about 20 people broke out around 4 am Saturday inside a club in downtown Halifax, also provincial capital of Nova Scotia.

The sailor, who has not been identified, was taken to hospital, where he was pronounced dead, said the police.

Another American sailor was taken to hospital to be treated for foot injuries.

MNA/Xinhua

UN inspectors visit Iran enrichment cascades

TEHERAN, 6 Nov— A group of UN nuclear watchdog inspectors has visited Iran's second network of centrifuges at its Natanz uranium enrichment facility, the official IRNA news agency quoted an official as saying on Sunday.

Despite UN Security Council demands that it halt nuclear fuel production work, Iran announced last month that it had started up a second group of 164 centrifuges, which spin at supersonic speeds to enrich uranium.

The networks of centrifuges are known as cascades. Iran says Natanz will eventually house tens of thousands of the machines but that it will only use them to enrich uranium to a level suitable for use in atomic power reactors and not to the much higher level needed to make atom bombs.

"They have visited the second cascade and the Isfahan uranium conversion facility," the unnamed official told IRNA.

The inspectors who arrived in Iran on Friday will stay in the country for four days to collect information for International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Mohamed ElBaradei's November report to the watchdog, IRNA said.— MNA/Reuters



Two young orphaned orangutans stretch out on the grass before being taken to their enclosure for the night on Sunday 5 Nov, 2006 in Palangkaraya, Kalimantan, Indonesia. —INTERNET

New generation youth in perpetual service of the people

Than Than Nu



The Union Solidarity and Development Association was formed on 15 September 1993 with the objectives namely, non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, perpetuation of sovereignty, uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit to enhance national prestige and integrity, and building a peaceful, modern and developed nation. During the 13-year period of its life, the Association has carried out the tasks in line with its five objectives.

Under the correct leadership of the government, the Association has upheld Our Three Main National Causes, while actively taking part as a strong united national force in the drive for realization

of the political, economic and social objectives. Now, the noble objectives and policies of the Association have been inculcated into the youth and the people, and as a result, now the membership of the Association has increased to more than 23 million.

The Association is nurturing and training its members by constantly conducting various courses and workshops to ensure qualitative and quantitative improvement, intellectual and physical development and high professional skills of the members.

The government is implementing many projects for the development of the nation including far-flung areas and border areas. Now, the five rural development tasks—smooth transport, water supply, education, health, and agriculture and livestock breeding—are being implemented with lots of active participation of USDA members. They are cooperating with the people in the tasks for raising the standard of living of rural folks and regional development, thus winning the reliance

and trust of the people.

In pursuing its objectives, the Association is organizing and joining hands with the people in the public welfare services to achieve enthusiastic participation of the entire people with a sense of duty to ensure non-disintegration of national solidarity.

As a special programme for the youth, the Association conducted excursions for the youth members of respective state and division USDAs to exchange visits and experiences.

At the get-together held in the Bagan Archaeological Zone, the youth members laid down five oaths of USDA youth members as follows:

- We shall uphold Our Three Main National Causes as a national duty.
- We shall strive our utmost for the building of a peaceful, modern and developed State with great spirit.
- We shall always safeguard our State and people throughout our lives.

- We shall organize the people to inculcate Union Spirit into them.

- We shall strive for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic State.

All new generation youth members of the Association are implementing the five oaths of USDA youth members at any times irrespective of region whatever role they may be in.

As a gesture of honouring the Annual General Meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, I would like to urge the new generation youth members, who are upholding Our Three Main National Causes and serving the interests of the nation and the people and will shoulder the national duty, to do their bit in the drive for the accomplishment of the State's seven-step Road Map and for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

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Marching Ahead For the People

* **“The Union Solidarity and Development Association...”**
Has emerged
In response to the national need
For the people to be alert
For the people to strive hard and
For the benefit of the people.
The heritage of our ancestors
Is to be consolidated forever.
“Morale” is to be strengthened
“Discipline” is to be the backbone
“Solidarity” is to be exercised till
objective attained
So let us be United.

* **“The Union Solidarity and Development Association...”**
Shines like
Sun and the moon.
The loving-kindness for the people
Takes the colour of the moon.
Strength reserved for the people
Shines like the rays of the sun.
The Association is united
With due stamina
Together with the people
When the need arises.

* **“The Union Solidarity and Development Association...”**
Has laid down
Its national duty.
“Our Three Main National Causes”
It is held to the heart.
The Bagan Declaration’s
Resolve is strong.
We shall march ahead
For development of the nation
For national defence
For national peace and
For human resources development
And overall success of all our causes
Duly imbued with Union Spirit.
Myat Thu Maung (Yankin)(Trs.)
(Hailing the Annual General Meeting
(2006) of the Union Solidarity and
Development Association)



Members of Yamethin District Union Solidarity and Development Association seen transplanting summer paddy to hail the Annual General Meeting (2006).

Taninthayi Div MCWSC holds educative talks on health

YANGON, 7 Nov — Taninthayi Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized educative talks on health at No 1 Basic Education High School in Myeik on 25 October.

Before the talks, Chairperson of Taninthayi Division MCWSC Daw Khin Than Htay unveiled the signboard, planted a tree and inspected the sanitation tasks in the compound of the school.

Member of the division MCWSC Daw Yin Yin Sein, Joint-Secretary of Myeik District MCWSC Dr San San and Specialist Dr Lwin Lwin Mon gave educative talks on health.

After the talks, a wellwisher donated 500 stationery boxes worth K 750,000 and K 500,000 to the school through Daw Khin Than Htay. Next, she donated 100 stationary boxes worth K 150,000 and K 100,000 to the school through the headmaster.

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- * To achieve success in realization of the seven-step Road Map

Prime Minister General Soe Win welcomes Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh and goodwill delegation



Prime Minister General Soe Win welcomes Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win and Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, inspect Guard of Honour at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win meets...

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Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Thongloun Sisoulith, Chairman of Planning and Investment Committee Mr Soulivong Daravong, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Secretary of Cabinet Mr Cheuang Sombounkhanh, Minister of Industry and Commerce Mr Nam Vignaket, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Mr Sitaheng Rasphone, Ambassador of LPDR to Myanmar Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane, Director-General of Department of Asia Pacific and Africa of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr Sithong Chitnhothinh, Director-General of ASEAN Affairs Department Mr Sayakane Sisouvong, Deputy Director-General of the Protocol Department Mr Houmdaophone Soukhaseum and Deputy Director-General Mr Samnao Sailomtholany of the Prime Minister's Office. At the meeting, the Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Soe Win and the visiting delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh discussed and exchanged views on bilateral cooperation and further cementing friendship between the two nations.—MNA

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counterpart Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh took the salute of the Guard of Honour from the dais at the airport and inspected it.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially greeted the Laotian counterpart and his good-

will delegation members. Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh also cordially greeted Prime Minister General Soe Win and party at the airport. Next, the Laotian goodwill delegation together with Prime Minister General Soe Win and members left for Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win and Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, take the salute of the Guard of Honour at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

General Soe Win hosts dinner in honour of visiting Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Prime Minister General Soe Win hosted dinner in honour of visiting Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh and party at the Bayintnaung Yeiktha here at 7 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Nyunt Hlaing, directors-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office and the Prime Minister's Office and heads of department, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane.

Before and during the dinner artistes of Myanmar Radio and Television presented entertainment to those present.

After the entertainment, the Laotian Prime Minister presented a flower basket to the artistes and had a documentary photo taken together with them. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win hosts dinner in honour of Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic. — MNA

FISCA Enterprise opens new office in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—FISCA Enterprise set up its new office at Thapyayhla ward in Pyinmana Township.

The new office was formally opened on 4 November by Minister

for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Chairman of the Enterprise U Soe Myint Tun and Managing Director U Zaw Weik of FISCA Enterprise. Commander of Nay Pyi

Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin unveiled the signboard of the enterprise.

The FISCA Enterprise provides communication and security service. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing, U Soe Myint Tun and U Zaw Weik formally open FISCA Enterprise's new office in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

L&F Minister meets guests

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein met with Mr Roberto Sarnanez, Head of Technological Cooperation Development of Food and Agriculture Organiza-

tion (FAO), accompanied by Resident Representative to Myanmar Mr Tang Zhengping, at the ministry, here, yesterday.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Livestock

Breeding and Veterinary Department U Maung Maung Nyunt, Director-General of Apiculture Department U Myint Shwe, Head of Office U Kyaw Myo Win and officials.

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Ceremony to grow 10 acres of sugar cane held in local battalion of Tatkon



Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing of Ministry of Defence and Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin inspect Hsinshweli sugar cane plantation of local battalion in Tatkon Township. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — A ceremony to grow 10 acres of Hsinshweli high yield sugar cane was held in the local battalion plantation, Thabyay village, Tatkon, Pyinmana District on 1 November.

First, Lt-Col Tin Win of the Local Battalion briefed on efforts for growing of Hsinshweli high yield sugar cane while district manager of Myanma Sugar cane Enterprise presented supplementary reports.

Next, Nay Pyi Taw Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin gave instructions on raw

materials for sugar mills in the region, growing of sugar cane to meet the target in the region, increased cultivation of sugar cane, use of systematic cultivation methods, joining hands with departmental personnel and local people for regional development.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence gave supplementary reports on growing of Hsinshweli sugar cane and use of advanced cultivation methods.

Next, the commander presented cash award

to two military personnel from North-East Command who participated in the growing of sugar cane with the use of practical cultivation methods. Afterwards, he handed souvenirs to families of the military personnel who took part in the cultivation of sugar cane.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin gave encouragement to families of the military personnel who were growing sugar cane.

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Japan-Myanmar medical team brings sight to locals in Taunggyi

YANGON, 7 Nov — A medical team comprising Myanmar and Japanese ophthalmologists provided free medical treatment and ophthalmic surgeries at Sao San Htun Hospital in Taunggyi on 5 November.

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaug Aye, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Leader of Japanese medical group Dr Horiyo Naochi and Resident Representative of WHO went to the hospital and encouraged the patients who underwent ophthalmic surgeries.

In the evening, a ceremony for donation of medical equipment and medicines was held in conjunction with 6th Myanmar-Japan Eye specialists Conference and launching ceremony of community based health care services at the hospital.

At the ceremony, Dr Horiyo Naochi donated medical complaints equipment and medicines to be used in treatment for eye complaints through Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint. Commander Brig-Gen Thaug Aye presented gifts to Japanese eye specialists.

Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, accompanied by Director General of Health Department Dr Tin Win Maung, yesterday inspected Heho Station Hospital and rural health departments in Kalaw



Dr Horiyo Naochi presents medical equipment and medicines to Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint. — MNA

Township and attended to the needs. The minister and party inspected Yinmabin Station Hospital, the 100-bed hospital in Kalaw on 3 November. — MNA

Mathothingan offered to Buddha image of Sulamuni Lawka Chantha Pagoda, Taunggyi

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — Mathothingan offering ceremony of Buddha image of Sulamuni Lawka Chantha Pagoda was held in Taunggyi yesterday.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from Chairman of Shan State Sangha Nayaka Committee Ottarayon TatU Kyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Gandhavacaka Pandita Maha Gandhavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Pañnasiri. Members of the Sangha recited parittas. The commander and wife presented robes and offertories to the Sayadaw. The commander and party also presented alms to 77 members of the Sangha at the 59th Communal Kathina robes offering held at Myole Dhammayon Atulamarazein Sutaungpyae Pagoda in Taunggyi. — MNA

2nd ASEAN Archery Championship for 2006 concludes

YANGON, 7 Nov — Final events of the 2nd ASEAN Archery Championship for 2006 hosted by Myanmar were held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony in Kyaik-kansan Grounds today.

Semifinal and final matches were first held this morning. The prize presentation ceremony followed in the afternoon.

After the final matches, a member of Asain Archery Federation Council, Vice-President of ASEAN Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe (Zaygabar) presented first prize to Myanmar, second to Malaysia and third to the Philippines in the men's compound-qualification

round.

Next, responsible personnel of the Ministry of Sports, members of panel of patrons of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Dean of Diplomatic Corps Philip-pine Ambassador to Myanmar Madame Phoebe A Gomez, the charge' de affairs of Embassy of Indonesia and Dr Khin Shwe handed first prize to Indonesia, second to Myanmar and third to Malaysia in the women's compound-qualification round; first prize to Indonesia, second to Myanmar and third to Singapore in the men's recurve-qualification round; first prize to Indonesia, second to Myanmar and third to Singapore in the women's recurve-qualification round; first prize to Mr L H Keong (Malaysia), second to Ye Min Swe (Myanmar) and third to Mr E B J Yap (Philippines) in the men's compound-qualification individual ranking; Ms A maya Paz (Philippines), second to Ms. Lilies Handayani (Indonesia) and third to Ms Siti A Sudin (Malaysia) in the women's compound-qualification individual ranking; first, second and third prizes to winners in the men's and women's recurve-qualification individual ranking; men's and women's single compound; men's and women's single recurve; men's and women's compound Olympic round team; and men's and women's recurve Olympic round team. — MNA

Delegate Group of State Service Personnel holds meeting



Group meeting of delegates of State Service Personnel. — MNA

YANGON, 7 Nov — The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel held its meeting at the Hall-7 in Nyaunhnabin Camp, Hmawby Township this morning.

The meeting was presided over by Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin of the Ministry of Health together with members of panel of the chairmen U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce and U Tin Kha of the Ministry of Information. Deputy Director U Htay Win of the Work Group-9 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Htein Min of the Work Group-9 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the validity of the meeting as 107 delegates out of 109 attended the meeting, accounting for 98.17 per cent.

Next, meeting chairman Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin delivered a speech. U Tun Htein of Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, U Thaik Tun of the Ministry of Industry-1 and U Hsan Tun of the Ministry of Mines presented proposals on detailed basic principles concerning the chapters on election and political parties.

Afterwards, U Arnt Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs made suggestions on the proposals

and the meeting ended with concluding remarks by the meeting chairman. — MNA

New Panasonic products demonstrated

YANGON, 7 Nov — The Advanced Vision Co Ltd and Panasonic Co jointly demonstrated latest models of VIERA Plasma colour TV, LCD colour TV, HDMI Home Theatre and REAL PRO MOMI Massage Chair at the

Strand Hotel yesterday evening.

Ms Joanne of Panasonic (Singapore) extended greetings. Advanced Vision Co Ltd Consultant U Kyaw Kyaw explained functions and use of

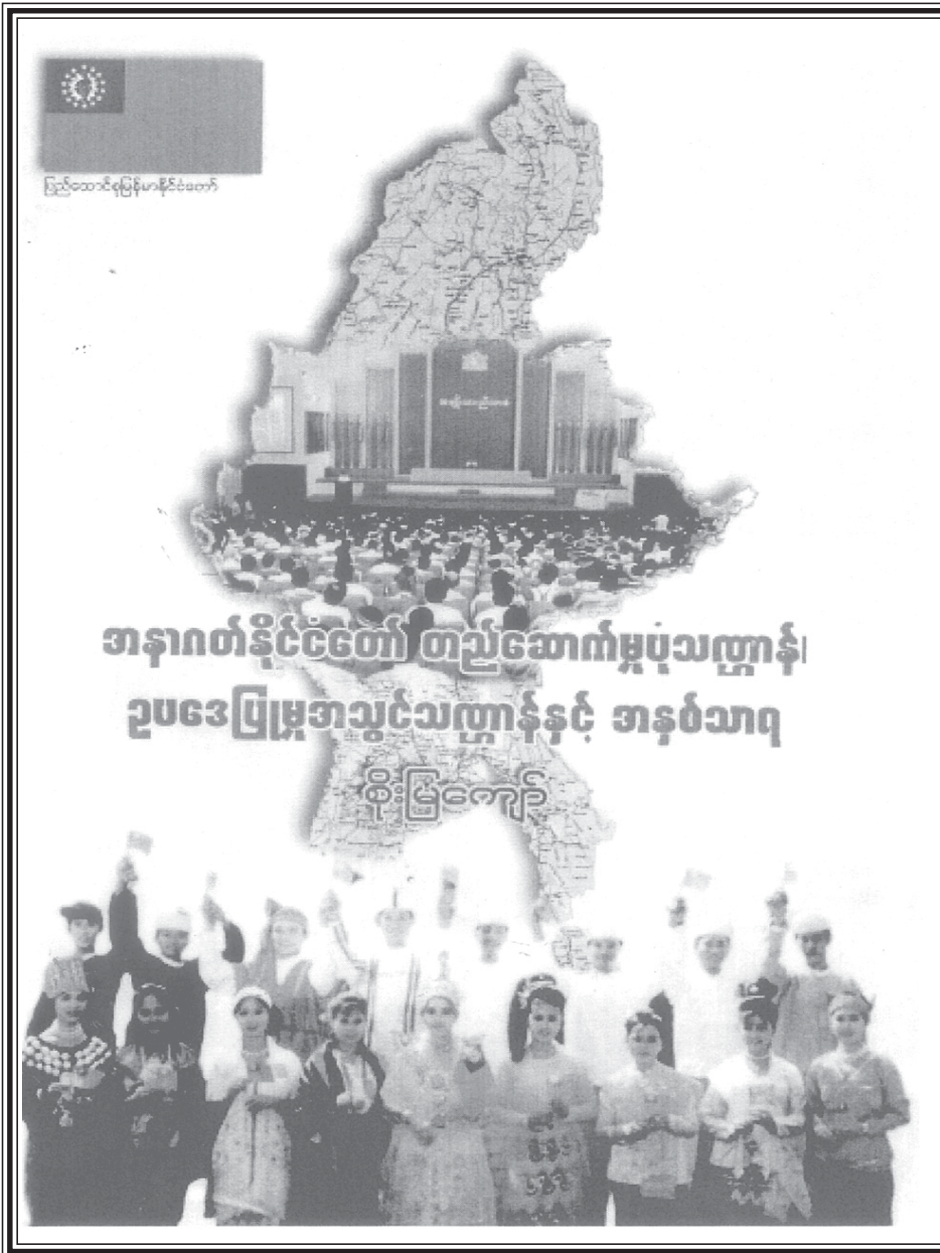
Panasonic TV sets and massage chairs, which are now available at 285, Advanced Vision Co Ltd on Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, (Ph: 256620, 246513).

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Ms Joanne of Panasonic (Singapore) extends greetings at introducing of new products of Panasonic brand at Strand Hotel. —

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“NY Time” endorses no Republican for US Congress

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov — *The New York Times*, one of the oldest and most respected US newspapers, said on Sunday that for the first time in memory it was endorsing no Republican US congressional candidates this year.

In an editorial, the Times criticized the Republican-led Congress on matters from tax cuts to energy policy, and charged it has failed to hold US President George W Bush accountable for the unpopular Iraq War.

“This election is indeed about George W Bush — and the congressional majority’s insistence on protecting him from the

consequences of his mistakes and misdeeds,” the *Times* editorialized.

The Bush Administration has had a number of clashes in recent years with the *Times*, particularly for the newspaper’s disclosure of its warrantless domestic spying programme.

The newspaper, founded in 1851, wrote in its editorial: “On Tuesday,

when this page runs the list of people it has endorsed forelection, we will include no Republican congressional candidates for the first time in our memory.”

“To begin with, the Republican majority that has run the House of Representatives — and for the most part, the Senate — during President Bush’s tenure, has done a terrible

job on the basics,” the newspaper wrote.

“It’s tax-cutting-above-all-else has wrecked the budget, hobbled the middle class and endangered the long-term economy.

It has refused to face global warming and done pathetically little about the country’s dependence on foreign oil,” the *Times* added.

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“Xinhua” signs cooperative agreement with “RIA-Novosti”

BEIJING, 7 Nov — *Xinhua* news agency of China signed a cooperative agreement on the exchange of news with the Russian Information Agency *RIA-Novosti* here on Monday.

The agreement was signed by *Xinhua* Vice-President Lu Wei and the First Deputy Head of *RIA-Novosti* Sergei V Vykhukholev.

The two agencies agreed to exchange news items free of charge, news in Chinese and English from *Xinhua* and news in Russian and English from *RIA-Novosti*.

The two sides also agreed to exchange news issued by each other’s websites and reached a consensus on the exchange of photos. — MNA/Xinhua

Nearly 50 oil workers kidnapped in southern Nigeria

LAGOS, 7 Nov — Militants and villagers on Monday attacked an Italian oil platform and took nearly 50 people hostage in oil-rich southern Nigeria, a government official said.

Victor Akenge, the environment commissioner of southern Bayelsa State, said that some militants invaded Tebidaba flow station

belonging to Italy’s Agip company, adding that contacts are being made to them.

According to an Agip spokesman, about 48 Agip workers and security staff are being held at the flow station and oil production is understandably halted.

The US consulate in Lagos issued a warning on Friday that a militant

group in the restive Niger Delta “may have finalized its plans for a unified attack against oil facilities” in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

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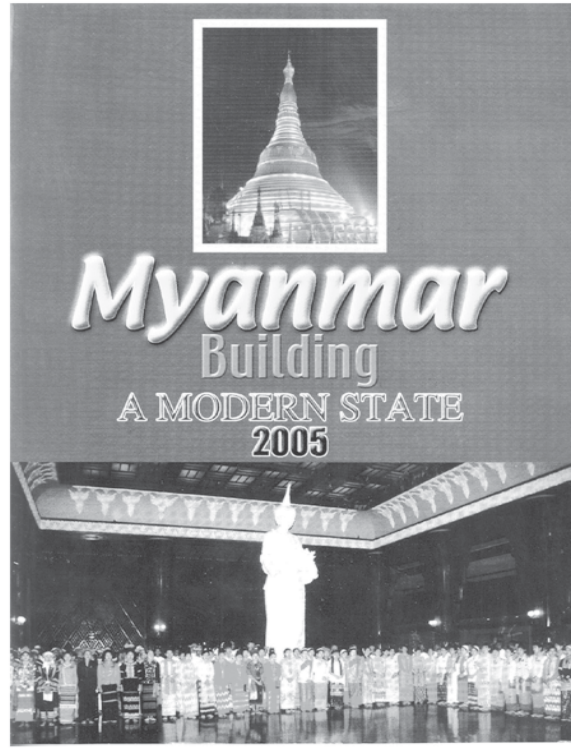
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White House dismisses newspapers' call for rumsfeld's resignation

WASHINGTON, 6 Nov— The White House on Saturday dismissed an editorial to be published Monday in four independent publications urging US President George W Bush to replace Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld.

The editorial, to be published in the *Army Times*, *Navy Times*, *Air Force Time* and the *Marine Times*, says Rumsfeld has "lost the support and respect of the military leadership" over his policy on Iraq, calling on Bush to fire him.

White House spokesman Tony Snow dismissed the editorial as a "shabby piece of work", "sort of a caricature" and the work of writers who were "grandstanding".

Bush was informed about the editorial and his reaction was to "shrug if off", Snow told reporters on the President's airplane en route to Waco, Texas.

MNA/Xinhua

Czech Customs officers seize five kilos of heroin

PRAGUE, 6 Nov— Czech Customs officers seized more than 5 kilos of heroin during a check of a car on the D8 motorway near Lovosice late on Friday, Customs directorate spokesman Jiri Nejedly said on Saturday.

The drug was found in an Opel Omega from the Ustecky region, north Bohemia, driven by a 39-year-old man. A sniffer dog barked at the suspicious car, therefore the officers decided to check it thoroughly. They found heroin in five plastic sacks wrapped in a towel and hidden in a sport bag.

The driver was arrested and might be accused of production and possession of drugs. He faces up to 10 years in prison, if found guilty.

"We usually uncover about 70 grammes of the drug. We have never managed to find such a large amount so far," Nejedly said.

The seized drug could have cost about 5.5 million crowns on the black market.

Czech police anti-drug squad director Jiri Komorous said earlier this week that the Czech Republic is a transit country for drug smuggling, a country where drugs are produced and a target country for drug producers and dealers.

Czech National Drug Centre (NPC) has seized 13 tons of drugs and 93,000 pills of ecstasy, all worth hundreds of millions of crowns, in 1340 actions, Komorous added. — *MNA/Xinhua*

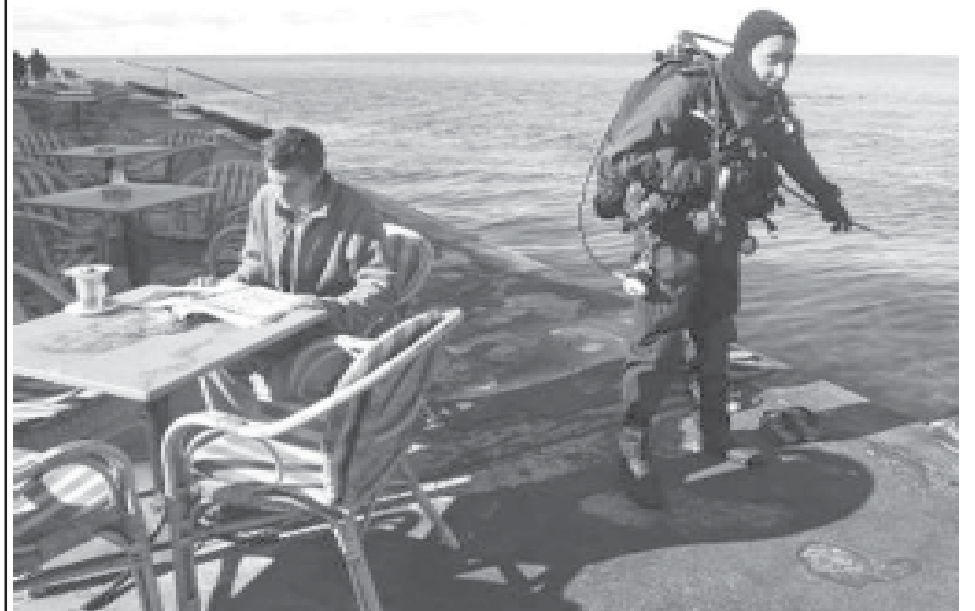
S-E European countries pledge to jointly combat terrorism

ANKARA, 6 Nov—Interior ministers from southeast European countries on Saturday pledged to enhance cooperation to combat terrorism and organized crime, Turkey's semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

"Cooperation in security is the most effective path in preserving regional peace and stability," said a joint declaration signed at the end of the second informal meeting of the southeast European interior ministers.

The ministers emphasized the necessity of concerted efforts and sustainable measures to prevent terrorism and organized crime, expressing their determination to cooperate against terrorism and organized crime.

MNA/Xinhua



A man prepares for a dive while a tourist drinks tea in the seaside town of Piran, west Slovenia on 6 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

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Special initiative to develop India's Buddhist sites

TAWANG (Arunachal Pradesh), 6 Nov —The Indian Government has launched a special initiative to develop centres of Buddhist interest and importance in Bodhgaya, Tawang, Nalanda and Sarnath.

Inaugurating the sixth Buddha Mahotsav here, ruling coalition outfit chief and Congress leader Sonia Gandhi Sunday said a committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Prime

Minister Manmohan Singh to formulate measures for developing these sites.

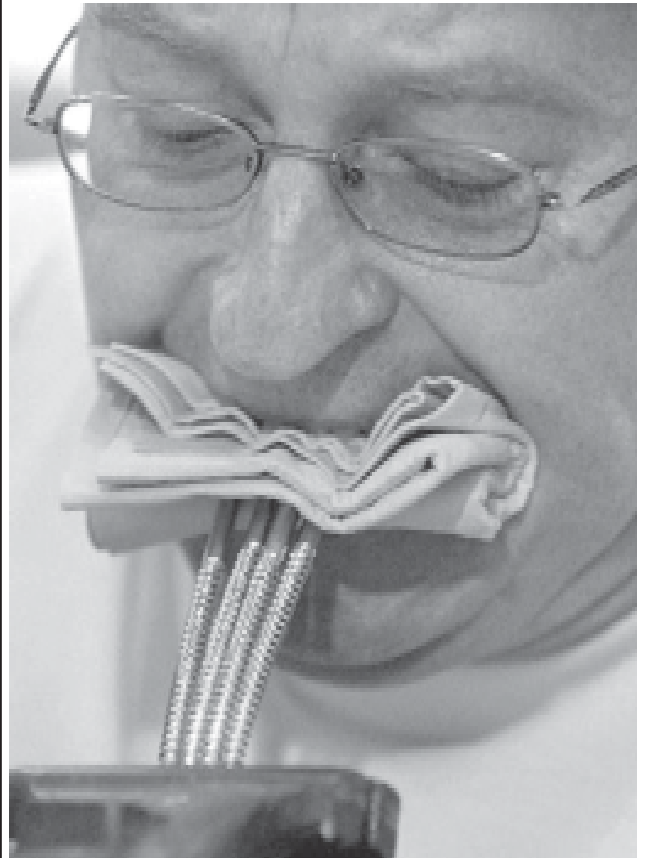
Gandhi, who also laid the foundation stone of the office complex of the 1500-Megawatt hydel project of the National

Hydel Power Corporation (NHPC) and NHPC College of Science and Technology, Arts and Commerce, said the centre would help in the proper utilization of the state's hydro-power

potential.

The government will take up schemes to develop tourism which would help in creating employment and ensure overall development of the state.

MNA/PTI



German Rainer Schroeder sets a new record in bending four clamped steel bolts with his teeth until they break during the Impossibility Challenger in Dachau, about 15 kilometres north of Munich, on 5 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Thai PM urges early completion of flood rehabilitation

BANGKOK, 7 Nov — Thailand's Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont Monday ordered that assistance and rehabilitation work for the flood victims must be completed in all flood-ravaged areas within three months.

During a three-hour meeting with Cabinet ministers and 15 central province governors at a Monday videocon-

ference, the Premier ordered government agencies to speed up assistance to flood victims and disburse compensation as appropriate.

Farmers whose lands carried excess waters to relieve Bangkok's flood threat will be given a high priority. He set a deadline to finish the task within three months, starting from November 15.

Surayud suggested to adopt raft-building techniques for houses in flood-prone areas so that in case of future floods the houses can float during high water periods.

The Prime Minister instructed the Armed Forces Development Command (AFDC) to apply its engineering expertise to major projects, and told

officials to publicize governmental assistance so the public knows the government is serious about helping the people.

Permanent Secretary for Interior Pongpayom Wasaputi said his ministry will ask the Cabinet Tuesday to urgently pay 25 per cent of compensation money to villagers affected by the floods.

MNA/Xinhua



Bird trainer Sayed Afsar Ali feeds two Green Wing Macaws brought from the Middle East to take part in the 6th Championship Pet show competition organized by the Federal Pet Society in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad on 5 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Indians required to pass written test to work in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 Nov — Workers from India and five other nations will now have to pass a written test on Malaysian law and culture to get permits to work in the country.

Workers from India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are required to obtain the certificate of eligibility from 1 April while Indonesians will have to obtain the certificate from 15 November.

The workers will receive the certificates after clearing a written test which they have to take after attending a half-day induction course on Malaysian law and culture.

The course is aimed at "familiarizing foreign workers with Malaysian law and culture to minimize problems such as conflicts with employers", a media report said Sunday.

MNA/PTI

An endangered snow leopard walks inside its enclosure at Padamaja Naidu Himalayan zoological park in Darjeeling, about 80 km (50 miles) from the northeastern Indian city of Siliguri, on 6 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

China to launch over 50 small satellites in next 5-10 years

ZHUHAI (Guangdong), 6 Nov — China will launch more than 50 small satellites, each weighing less than 1,000 kilograms, in next five to ten years, a Chinese space company announced here at a major air show in Guangdong Province.

"The 50 small satellites and their systems will be widely applied in observation, scientific experiments and environment and disaster monitoring," said a source with the China Aerospace Science and Industry Corp

(CASIC), adding 200 to 300 small satellites would be launched globally in next five to ten years.

The CASIC, the country's leading space company, was introducing its latest technologies, including the three small satellites for the "Kua Fu Mission" to probe the Sun-Earth environment.

China has launched several high-performance small satellites, such as the HY-1A ocean monitoring satellite, since 2001.

China had world-leading technologies in

building small satellites, said the CASIC spokesperson, who also revealed that China was actively researching a new type of small carrier rocket to meet the increasing satellite demand and will conduct the first launch around 2010.

The CASIC, officially established in 1999 as the main contractor for the Chinese space programme, has more than 180 subsidiary enterprises and institutions nation-wide, employing almost 100,000 people.—MNA/Xinhua



SPORTS

Twin consolation for Furyk after losing out to Scott

ATLANTA, 7 Nov— Jim Furyk had to settle for second place at the Tour Championship on Sunday, despite equalling the best round of the week with a five-under-par 65. However, the American world number two gained double consolation by ending the PGA Tour season a career-high second in the money list and winning the Vardon Trophy for the first time.

The prestigious Vardon Trophy goes to the player with the lowest adjusted scoring average on the PGA Tour and Furyk led the way with 68.86.

Although world number one Tiger Woods achieved a lower average of 68.11 en route to eight titles this season, he did not play in the minimum of 60 official rounds for that to count.—MNA/Reuters

Beckham wants to regain place before signing new deal

MADRID, 7 Nov — David Beckham is waiting to see if he can regain his place in the Real Madrid first team before deciding if he will extend his contract with the club, according to the sporting director Predrag Mijatovic.

"We want to renew his contract and we have had several meetings with his people," Mijatovic told Spanish television Sexta on Sunday night.

"On our part there is no problem, but we have to listen to the player too.

"He has been unlucky in that he hasn't won any trophies in the last three years and he is a little sad because he isn't taking part as much as he would like."

The former England captain joined Real from Manchester United on a four-year contract in 2003 but his arrival coincided with a downturn in fortunes for the Primera Liga side who have not won a major trophy since.

A fixture in the Real first team for the past three seasons, the 31-year-old has lost his place since Italian coach Fabio Capello took charge of the team and has

started just three of his side's nine league games in the present campaign.

"The situation could change, but we can't guarantee anyone a place in the first team," said Mijatovic. "He wants to continue, but as long as he is playing. He wants to wait a little longer to see if he gets back in the team.— MNA/Reuters



IBF featherweight champion Robert Guerrero (L) of the US falls into the ropes during his title fight with Orlando Salido of Mexico as referee Robert Byrd (R) moves in to separate the fighters at the Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 4 Nov, 2006. Salido took the title by unanimous decision.—INTERNET

Barcelona sweep the board in FIFPro awards

MADRID, 7 Nov— Spanish and European champions Barcelona and their leading players Ronaldinho, Lionel Messi and Samuel Eto'o swept the board in annual awards announced by the professional players union FIFPro on Monday.

Ronaldinho was named FIFPro World Player of the Year for the second time in succession following a vote by 43,000 professionals worldwide, his 19-year-old teammate Messi was

chosen as the Young Player of the Year and Eto'o was given the FIFPro Merit award.

Ronaldinho played a key role in steering Barcelona to a second successive league title and victory in the Champions League but had a disappointing World Cup with Brazil.

MNA/Reuters



AS Nancy's Mareco Curbelo (top) jumps to head the ball with Girondins Bordeaux's Antonio Mavuba during their French Ligue 1 soccer match in Nancy on 5 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET



Anthony Greenup of Harlem Globetrotters slams dunk as confetti rain down during their exhibition game against the NY Nationals in Abdi Ipekci Arena in Istanbul on 5 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Frenzy for Zidane in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 7 Nov— Cash offers are flooding into the Bangladesh Football Federation from fans desperate for a brush with visiting French soccer great Zinedine Zidane.

Zidane, who retired from the sport after being sent off in the World Cup final earlier this year for his infamous head-butt to the chest of an Italian opponent, arrives in the soccer-crazy country later on Monday for a three-day visit.

"Frankly speaking, we are getting many strange proposals from people for Zidane," Anwarul Haque, the general secretary of BFF, told Reuters.

They include one from a clothing manufacturer who offered two million taka (30,000 US dollars) for Zidane if he would become a model for one of his products — a male wraparound which reaches down to the ankles.—MNA/Reuters

Injury to Gattuso adds to Milan's woes

ROME, 7 Nov— AC Milan and Italy midfielder Gennaro Gattuso is expected to be out of action for three to four weeks after injuring his left knee, the Serie A club said on Monday.

Gattuso, who picked up the injury during the 2-0 defeat at Atalanta at the weekend, will miss Serie A matches against AS Roma, Empoli and Messina, as well as the away fixture against Champions League rivals AEK Athens.

He will also sit out the Azzurri's international friendly at home to Turkey on November 15. The loss of their hard-working midfielder is a setback to Milan as they bid to relaunch their faltering Serie A campaign.— MNA/Reuters

Dynamo Kiev reportedly hold talks with Eriksson

KIEV, 7 Nov— Dynamo Kiev have held talks with former England manager Sven Goran Eriksson about taking charge of the struggling Ukrainian Premier League side, local media reported on Monday.

The daily *Sport-Express* said the Swede, whose tenure as England coach ended in July following the team's quarterfinal exit at the World Cup, was in Kiev last week to meet Dynamo boss Ihor Surkis.

Dynamo coach Anatoly Demyanenko said he was unaware of any talks with Eriksson

about the Kiev post.

"My job is to coach the team, not worry about some comments in the Press," Demyanenko told reporters after Monday's 1-0 league victory over arch-rivals Shakhtar Donetsk.

"So my answer is no, I don't know anything about it."

Eriksson has been linked with several European clubs in the past few months, although he has denied holding any negotiations.

Dynamo were unavailable for comment on Monday.

MNA/Reuters

Webb ends Sormstan's run at Mizuno classic

TOKYO, 7 Nov— Australia's Karrie Webb fired a six-under-par 66 to win the Mizuno Classic on Sunday, breaking Annika Sorenstam's five-year winning streak at the event.

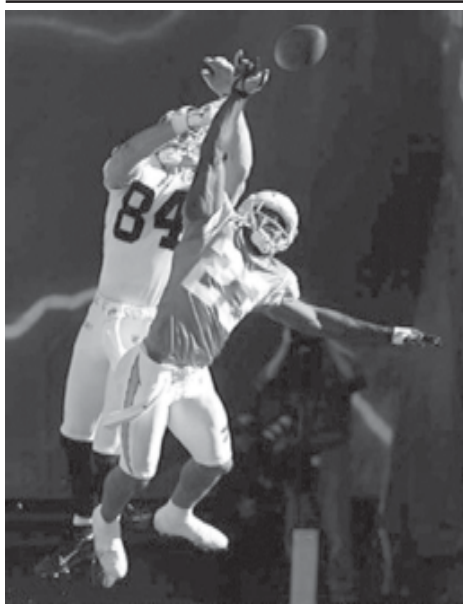
Webb began the final round a shot behind overnight leader Momoko Ueda but six birdies gave the Hall of Famer a 14-under total of 202 for a four-shot victory in Japan's only LPGA Tour event.

Japan's Kaori Higo finished runner-up on 10-under at the Kashikojima Country Club in western Japan.

World number one Sorenstam finished a further stroke back, failing for the second time in a month to win an LPGA Tour event a record six times.

The Swede also missed out at last month's Samsung Championship.

MNA/Reuters



San Diego Chargers cornerback Quentin Jammer (R) breaks up a pass to Cleveland Browns wide receiver Joe Jurevicius during their NFL game in San Diego, California on 5 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Woman assumed dead appears alive in Far-East Nepal

KATHMANDU, 7 Nov — When the family members of Gomati Bhatta, 45, at Badaipur Village of far-western Dadeldhura District were mourning over her demise, she arrived home alive and well, local *The Kathmandu Post Daily* reported here on Monday.

As soon as news of her appearance spread, it created a great commotion and locals began crowding before her house to see Bhatta, whom they had cremated just on Saturday.

Some even rushed to the police station to inform the authority on the incident and some were

reluctant to approach her out of fear.

The family sources said that the woman, who was suffering from mild mental illness, was living at her maternal house since a couple of months.

After police brought information about a woman drowned in a pond

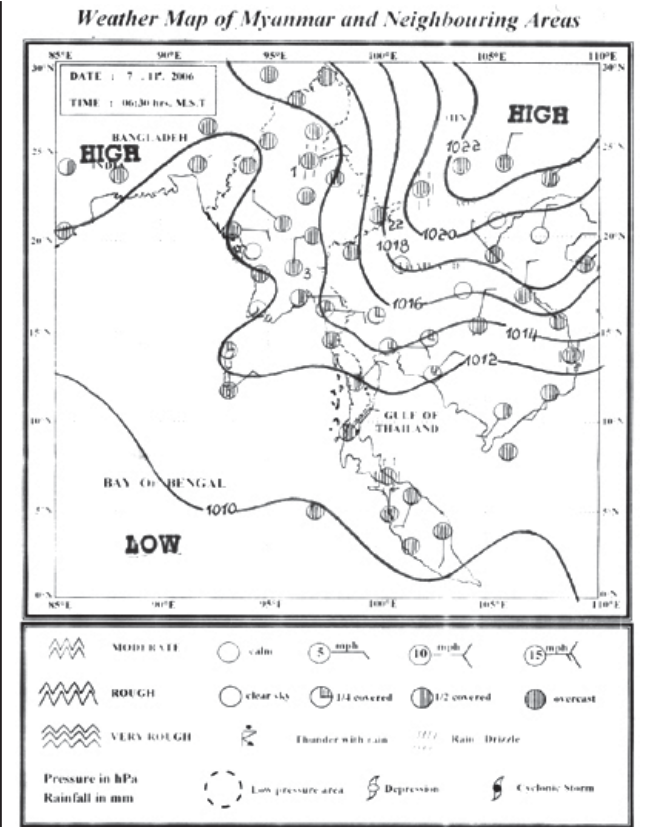
near her maternal home, her husband rushed to the hospital to receive the body presuming that it was his wife's body.

"As the face of the woman was damaged and beyond recognition, we assumed that the body must be of my sister-in-law because the clothes the dead woman was

wearing matched with that of my sister-in-law," said Dinesh, her brother-in-law revealed.

Now, the police have had to reopen the closed file of the woman because it is still unknown who the drowned woman is.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Tuesday, 7 November, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershower has been scattered in Upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Yangon Division, (3°C) above normal in Shan and Chin States, and Mandalay Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Bago (1.77) inches, Kengtung (0.87) inch and Kalay (0.32) inch.

Maximum temperature on 6-11-2006 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 7-11-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 7-11-2006 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 6-11-2006 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 7-11-2006 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 (15) mph from Southeast at 09:05 hours MST on 7-11-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8-11-2006: Likelihood of scattered rain in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in Rakhine State, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 60%.

State of the Sea: Strong easterly wind are likely at time off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed may reach (30) to (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain in Upper Myanmar areas.


Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 8-11-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 8-11-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 8-11-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Wednesday, 8 November
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p>7:15 am</p> <p>2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိ ပါဠိတော်</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>3. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>4. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>5. Nice and sweet song</p>	<p>7:55 am</p> <p>6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>7. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက</p> <p>7:20 am</p> <p>8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>9. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>10. Let's go</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. Practice in Reading</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. Dance of national races</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>7. Classical song</p> <p>5:35 pm</p> <p>8. "အလံလေးတော့ကိုပြပါ" (ဇွန်နိုင်ဝင်း၊ ဇရာ၊ ပေါလေး၊ ချစ်စရာ၊ ရတနာခင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)</p>	<p>5:45 pm</p> <p>9. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>10. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>11. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm</p> <p>12. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေဉာဏ်ရှင်</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>13. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ</p> <p>7:15 pm</p> <p>14. ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်း လမ်းစည်းကမ်း ဉာဏ်စမ်း ပဟေဠိပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>15. News</p> <p>16. International news</p> <p>17. Weather report</p> <p>18. "အမိကောင်းကင်ကြယ်စင်မောင်နှမ" (အပိုင်း-၂) (ညွန့်ဝင်း၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ နေအောင်၊ ဒွေး၊ လူမင်း၊ ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ နေထက်လင်း၊ နေတိုး၊ စိုင်းစိုင်းခမ်းလှိုင်၊ ရဲလေး၊ ထွန်းထွန်း (Exemplez)၊ နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်၊ သင်ဇာဝင့်ကျော်၊ သန္တာစုလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)</p> <p>19. The next day's programme</p>
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General Soe Win welcomes Laotian Prime Minister and goodwill delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — At the invitation of Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar, a Laotian goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Boupavanh arrived here by a special aircraft this morning.

The goodwill delegation was welcomed at the airport by Prime Minister General Soe Win together with the ministers, the deputy ministers, heads of department, the Myanmar ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Laotian ambassador to Myanmar and responsible personnel.

Next, Myanmar Prime Minister General Soe Win and Laotian (See page 8)

Prime Minister General Soe Win welcomes Mr Bouasone Boupavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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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

Prime Minister General Soe Win meets his Laotian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Prime Minister General Soe Win met Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Boupavanh at the meeting hall of the Prime Minister's Office here at 4 pm today and discussed matters on cooperation between the two nations.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for

Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to LPDR U Nyunt Hlaing, Director-General of the

State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office Col Thant Shin, Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw and Deputy Director-General of Political Department Daw Than Than Htay. The visiting Prime Minister was accompanied by Deputy Prime (See page 8)



Prime Minister General Soe Win discusses mutual cooperation between Myanmar and Laos with Mr Bouasone Boupavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, at the Prime Minister's Office in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA