

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

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend ceremony to drive stakes for construction of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov—An auspicious ceremony to drive stakes for Uppatasanti Pagoda to be built here was held in conjunction with the ceremony to mark the circumference of holes for the stakes at the pandal on the hill where the pagoda is to be built at 8.15 am today, attended by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Sangha led by Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maharathaguru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara, Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika Tipitakakovida Sayadaws and invited members of the Sangha, 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 and wife Daw Mya Mya San, member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Secretary-1 of the

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and the congregation receive the Nine Precepts from Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara at the ceremony to drive stakes for Uppatasanti Pagoda. — MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Turning out qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia

All the nations of the world are making endeavours with greater momentum for the development of modern science and technology and training of new generation youth in order to apply the technology for development of their own nations and peoples.

Myanmar is nurturing the new generation youths to be skillful in modern technology and become intellectuals and intelligentsia with high efficiency.

After laying down the short-and long-term national education promotion programmes the government is nurturing and training students starting from basic to higher education sectors to become brilliant ones through individual natural bent, efficiency and abilities and to become patriotic youths who value and safeguard the social norms, traditional culture and national character of Myanmar society.

The national education promotion programmes have been making a success with the combination of the correct policy on education, systematic training of the teachers, efforts of the students and encouragement and cooperation of the people.

Now the students have become brilliant sons and daughters of the nation in accord with the educational objectives.

Therefore the students are urged to try to become qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia and to serve the interests of the nation and its people.

Member of Dabayin Township NLD quit the party of his own accord

YANGON, 12 Nov — Member of Dabayin Township National League for Democracy in Sagaing Division U Swe Nyein of Minyogon Village resigned from the party of his own volition, sending his resignation letter to NLD Headquarters and local authorities concerned on 30 July.

In the resignation letter to Dabayin Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, he said he quit the NLD as he lost interest and faith in the party and its task. That was why he quit the party of his own accord.

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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

Pakistani Defence Services soccer team concludes visit to Myanmar

YANGON, 12 Nov — Defence Services soccer team of Islamic Republic of Pakistan led by Brigadier-General Muhammad Naseem Khan, which had arrived here to play friendly matches against Myanmar counterpart, left here by air for Pakistan this afternoon.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Rector of Defence Services Medical Academy Brig-Gen Yar Pyae and senior military officers, Pakistani Defence Adviser to Myanmar Col Zafar Jamil and officials. — MNA



Defence Services soccer team of Islamic Republic of Pakistan led by Brigadier-General Muhammad Naseem Khan, being seen off at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Electric Power No 2 Minister meets Indian delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Vice President Mr Pradeep Arya and party of Angellque International Limited of India at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on 1 November.

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

Functions of dry day inspection teams supervised

YANGON, 12 Nov — Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and members supervised functions of dry day inspection teams at the main points of Yangon today.

Dry Day inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's licence, wheel tax bill, wearing of departmental uniforms and breaking of traffic rules at downtown Yangon from morning to evening. — MNA

NC delegates visit Union National Races Village, Tatmadaw Convention Hall

YANGON, 12 Nov — Under the arrangement of the Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee, delegates of National Convention visited Union National Races Village near Thanlyin Bridge in Thakayta Township yesterday morning. Director-General U Than Swe

of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department extended greetings and briefed them on salient points of the village.

The delegates viewed the booths and replicas of landmarks from states and division in the village.

Next, they pro-

ceeded to Tatmadaw Convention Hall and observed the booths displayed at the 3rd Traffic Rules Competitions organized by Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee. They also attended services at Chin Baptist Church in Sangyoung Township.

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Christian NC delegates attend service at Chin Baptist Church on Bagaya Road in Sangyoung Township. — MNA

Russian PM concludes visit to China

BEIJING, 12 Nov — Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov left here Friday evening, concluding a two-day official visit to China.

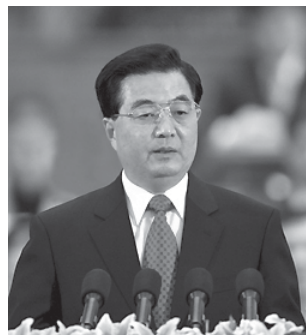
During his stay in Beijing, Fradkov met with Chinese President Hu Jintao and top legislator Wu Bangguo, respectively. Fradkov and Premier Wen Jiabao held the 11th regular meeting between the prime ministers of the two countries, and attended activities celebrating the closing ceremony of the "Year of Russia" in China.

The two sides summed up the outcome of the "Year of Russia", and outlined activities for the coming "Year of China" in Russia. More than 200 activities were held during the "Year of Russia".

MNA/Xinhua

Hu highlights result-oriented cooperation with Russia

BEIJING, 11 Nov— Chinese President Hu Jintao on Friday highlighted result-oriented cooperation between China and Russia in a meeting with visiting Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Yefimovich Fradkov.



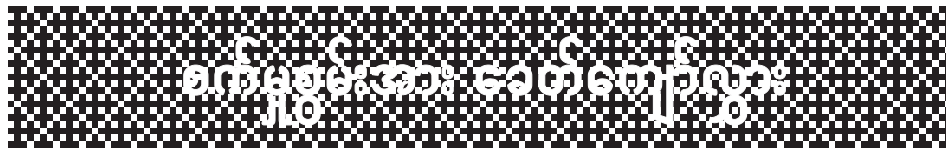
Chinese President Hu Jintao

“China is ready to work with Russia to implement a series of cooperative agreements signed by the two countries so as to lift China-Russia result-oriented cooperation to a new height,” Hu told Fradkov.

To further develop China-Russia strategic partnership of cooperation

is the common political will of both countries and complies with the fundamental interests of the two countries and peoples, said Hu.

President Hu hailed sound development of bilateral ties, citing closer contacts between the leaders of the two countries, increasing trade and new progress on big projects. The two countries have also had close coordination in major international affairs and multilateral fields, said Hu. —MNA/Xinhua



A view of a diamond cutting factory in Botswana's capital Gaborone on 10 Nov, 2006. The Christmas buying season for diamond jewellery is expected to be healthy and should help clear a backlog of rough gems that put a damper on the sector this year, an industry official said on Friday.—INTERNET



Indian Air Force (IAF) skydivers perform at Sardar Patel Airport in the western Indian city of Ahmedabad on 10 Nov, 2006. A week-long awareness campaign is underway to encourage people to join the IAF services, authorities said.

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US group again seeks charges against Rumsfeld

NEW YORK, 11 Nov— The US-based Centre for Constitutional Rights again will seek criminal charges against outgoing US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in a German court over detainee treatment at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo prisons.

The complaint also will name Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez, former CIA director George Tenet, high-ranking military officers and others.

The centre hopes German prosecutors will take up the case under Germany's universal

jurisdiction law, which allows them to pursue certain cases originating anywhere in the world, a spokeswoman said on Friday.

Rumsfeld resigned on Wednesday after nearly six years on the job after the opposition Democratic Party regained control of

both Houses of the US Congress from the Republicans amid voter discontent with the war in Iraq.

The Centre for Constitutional Rights is challenging what it considers US torture and indefinite detention of detainees in several court cases. In 2004, the center had asked German prosecutors to file a

criminal case against Rumsfeld over the US military abuse of detainees at the Abu Ghraib Prison in Iraq.

German prosecutors dropped that case.

Now the centre will try again, this time adding a plaintiff who was detained at the US military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the spokeswoman said.—MNA/Reuters

Syria says US Republican loss in Congress due to Iraqi policy

DAMASCUS, 11 Nov— Syria depicted on Thursday that US President George W Bush's Republican party's loss in both Houses of the Congress as a “major shift”, saying it showed

a rebuke by the voters for the administration's policies on Iraq.

“The election results are a major shift because the American people voted for change, against the war and

against the neoconservative policies of the current Administration,” Syrian Information Minister Mohsen Bilal was quoted as saying by the official SANA news agency.

MNA/Xinhua

Counterfeiters cost EU \$644b per year

BRUSSELS, 11 Nov— Faked goods — mostly from China — cost the European Union an estimated 500 billion euros (644 billion US dollars) a year and represent a growing health threat, the bloc's executive arm said on Friday.

Counterfeit goods no longer involve just fake luxury watches snapped up by holidaymakers but also imitation condoms and HIV and pregnancy testing kits manufactured under unhygienic conditions, EU Tax and Customs Commissioner Laszlo Kovacs said.

A counterfeit cardiovascular drug contained yellow road paint with furniture polish to

give it a shiny finish, Kovacs told a briefing to announce the latest figures on the problem.

“Apart from the loss of revenue for member states and loss of production, it's a growing danger for the health and safety and lives of our citizens,” he said.

The EU has said China will be the main focus of its attempts to crack down on piracy and Trade Commissioner Peter

Mandelson raised the issue this week on a trip to the country, describing counterfeiting as “a ball and chain” on EU competitiveness.

Kovacs said bogus shampoo damaged scalps and counterfeit cigarettes contained sand and cadmium, with 75 per cent more tar and a quarter more nicotine than legal cigarettes.

MNA/Reuters

Winner Maria Cristiana Frixione Mendoza (C) from Nicaragua, second-placed Marcela Almeida Carvalho Duarte from Brazil (R) and third-placed Aurelie Bonaulet from France pose at the World Miss University Contest 2006 in Sogwipo on Cheju Island, south of Seoul on 11 Nov, 2006. Forty-three students from 41 countries participated in the event to select peace emissaries, according to local media. —INTERNET



Malaysia achieves high human development index

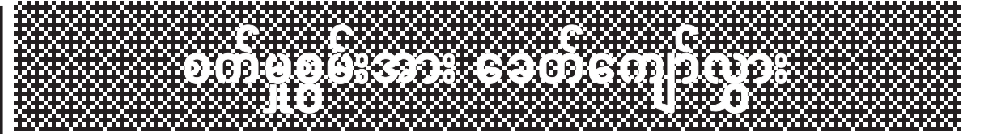
KUALA LUMPUR, 11 Nov—Malaysia has achieved a high human development index (HDI) for the first time ever in the annual report of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), a UNDP official said here Thursday.

“I am very delighted to report that ... Malaysia has gone past the UNDP threshold for high development 0.805, for the first time ever since the introduction of the index. This compares with a figure of 0.659 in 1980 and 0.723 in 1990,” said Richard Leete, UNDP Resident Representative for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei. Leete made the remarks at the launching ceremony of the UNDP’s Human Development Report 2006

in Renaissance Hotel here. The text of his speech was read out by his representative.

This 0.805 HDI made this southeastern Asian nation ranking 61st out of 177 countries and regions covered by the report. The high development index should be above 0.800. Norway, Iceland and

Australia occupy the first three places in the list. The HDI looks beyond GDP to a broader definition of well-being. It provides a composite measure of three dimensions of human development, namely, living a long and healthy life, being educated and having a decent standard of living.—MNA/Xinhua



A visitor walks on a floor printed with a picture of Beijing city inside Beijing City Planning Building on 10 Nov, 2006. A barrage of steps to slow China’s economy is working, but credit growth could reaccelerate next year, senior officials said.

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MI5 chief says Britain facing 30 terrorism plots

LONDON, 11 Nov — Some 30 major acts of terrorism are being planned

in Britain and future threats could involve chemicals and nuclear devices, the head of the country’s intelligence agency has said.

Eliza Manningham-Buller, director general of MI5, said young British Muslims were being groomed to become suicide bombers and that her agents were tracking some 1,600 suspects, most of whom were British-born and linked to

al-Qaeda in Pakistan. “We are aware of numerous plots to kill people and damage our economy. What do I mean by numerous? Five? Ten? No, nearer 30 ... that we know of,” Manningham-Buller said in a speech in London on Thursday evening.

She said her warnings were not intended to alarm but to paint a frank picture of the al-Qaeda threat, which she described as

sustained and growing.

Britain suffered its worst peacetime attack in July last year when four British Islamists blew themselves up on London’s transport network, killing 52 commuters and wounding hundreds.

MNA/Reuters

Khamenei calls US elections a victory for Iran

TEHERAN, 11 Nov — Iran’s Supreme Leader

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Friday called US President George W Bush’s defeat in congressional elections a victory for Iran.

Bush has accused Iran of trying to make a nuclear bomb, being a state sponsor of terrorism and stoking sectarian conflict in Iraq, all charges Teheran denies.

“This issue (the elections) is not a purely domestic issue for America, but it is the defeat of Bush’s hawkish policies in the world,” Khamenei said in remarks reported by Iran’s student news agency ISNA on Friday.

“Since Washington’s hostile and hawkish policies have always been against the Iranian nation, this defeat is actually an obvious victory for the Iranian nation.”

The Democrats wrested control of both Houses of Congress from the Republicans in this week’s mid-term elections, partly because of voter concern over the war in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

Russian threat to sue Shell for billions over Sakhalin

MOSCOW, 11 Nov—Russia has threatened to sue Shell for billions of dollars over alleged environmental violations at its vast Sakhalin-2 oil and gas development. Ratcheting up pressure on the Anglo-Dutch company, Oleg Mitvol, deputy head of environmental watchdog Rosprirodnadzor said it might even call for the project to be scrapped.

Moscow has been leaning hard on Sakhalin Energy, the Shell-led

consortium building the \$22b (£11.5b) development, in a move some

analysts think is designed to force it to give up a chunk of the project to state energy company Gazprom.

Mr Mitvol told news agencies that Sakhalin Energy had produced a plan detailing how it would tackle environmental problems caused by construction work, but the proposed solutions were “not serious”. “It is a joke collection,” he said. “We had expected to see technical solutions and they are dealing with small local problems.”

An environmental permit granted to Shell for the project by the natural resources ministry in 2003 was revoked at the end of September.

Mr Mitvol has estimat-

ed that putting right damage allegedly caused by Shell on Sakhalin Island in the Russian far east could cost up to \$50bn.

“We are talking to lawyers and determining our position to file for damages according to international law,” he said. The lawsuit would be filed at the international arbitration court in Stockholm.

A Rosprirodnadzor source told Interfax the lawsuit would concern environmental destruction during the project’s implementation, compensation for lost benefits to Russia and the concealment of important information by contractors.

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Police officers attempt to free hostages in a bus in Rio de Janeiro on 10 Nov, 2006. The gunman held his ex-wife and about a half-dozen other people hostage on a bus near Rio de Janeiro on Friday in a nationally televised drama described by police as a crime of passion.

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Dead pilot whales that were stranded on Ruakaka Beach near the Marsden Point Oil Refinery, Northland, New Zealand, are seen on 10 Nov, 2006. Forty of the beached pilot whales were refloated by refinery workers and volunteers and were last seen about a kilometre (less than a mile) off the shore, but another 37 of the whale pod died on the sandy beach.—XINHUA

Hailing the 86th Anniversary National Day:

Let's work hard for the national concern

Tekkatho Myat Thu

In the annals of Myanmar history is the victory of national people armed with the strength of unity and nationalistic fervour over 1920 Yangon University Act promulgated by the colonialists.

Myanmar has a fine tradition that all national races have expelled alien intruders with nationalistic vigour and national cohesion throughout the history of the nation. After the capitalism grew into colonialism in the western hemisphere, the imperialists completely influenced by covetousness, anger, delusion and conceit, colonized other countries to exploit the latter's natural resources unjustly, instead of using the right way of earning.

Therefore, Myanmar had to deal with British colonialists. Various national races from hilly and plain regions across the nation showed their unyielding spirit to colonialism in the First Anglo-Myanmar War (1824), the Second Anglo-Myanmar War (1852) and the Third Anglo-Myanmar War (1885). As soon as the alien troops intruded into the territory of the nation, national race people with whatever arms they got repulsed the attacks of the colonialists. The national people's bravery and nationalistic vigour formidable to the colonialists made history of the nation. Even the colonialists recognized Myanmar nationals' patriotic fervour, anti-colonialist spirit, and nationalistic fervour, with which they fought the colonialists at risk to their lives. The lake situated near the northern stairway of the Shwedagon Pagoda is called Thwaysay (washing blood stains) Lake because it was once used in washing Myanmar patriots' swords stained with the blood of the colonialists.

In 1906, the Young Men's Buddhists Association (YMBA) was established to collectively serve the interests of the people and preserve national language and promote the Sasana and education. The members were engaged in the struggles to see that the colonialists who visited the Shwedagon Pagoda without taking off their footwear take off their shoes. The slogans of the YMBA were:

- Cherish our lineage,
- Respect our language,
- Promote the Sasana,
- Promote national education.

In September 1920, the General Council of Burmese Association (GCBA) was formed with the branches of the GCBA (including other social and religious associations). The activities of the GCBA included rising against the colonialist government that was attempting with various means to tarnish the image of the Buddha Sasana.

The Oil Field Workers' Uprising and the Myanmar Year 1300 Uprising, independence struggles, were launched under the leadership of Doh Bamar Asiayon (Our Myanmar Association). The slogans of Doh Burma Asiayon were:

- Myanmar country is ours,
- Myanmar literature is ours,
- Myanmar language is ours,
- Cherish our motherland,
- Promote our language,
- Respect our language.

In that way, Doh Bamar Asiayon struggled for independence, built national solidarity, inculcated the people with the spirit of striving for independence, and initiated the Thirty Comrades, the Anti-Fascist

People's Freedom League and various forms of independence struggles.

Therefore, the entire national people were fully equipped with the spirit of striving for independence and anti-colonialist spirit. They claimed that they were masters, not slaves. The politics Myanmar people upheld throughout the period between 1885, when they lost independence and 1948, in which they regained independence, was national politics. Myanmar regained independence due to the national politics of national people or the national force fully imbued with the spirit of striving for independence and the anti-colonialist spirit.

Just before World War II, exotic political isms and policies penetrated into the nation. Some national politicians accepted and practised what they liked from among those exotic political isms and policies. They included various forms of Communism, Socialism, democracy, Liberal and Conservative. Many national politicians put in the fore the ism of their choice, their leader, and their party, culminating in rivalry based on ideology and sectarianism among them. Later, the rivalry grew into armed conflicts, having adverse effects on the national trend of independence struggles and national unity.

However, the national forces who always tried to catch up with the national politics and were fully equipped with nationalistic fervour managed to firmly build national unity in Panglong region and then helped the nation regain independence.

The national politics in the period of independence struggles was magnificent with such fine traditions. But, the national politics in the post-independence period was full of aboveground riots and underground insurgencies, which gave birth to multi-coloured armed insurgency stemming from attachment to the party concerned, sectarianism, ideology and personality cult. Different views of Myanmar people could be settled if they tried based on innate nature of Myanmar. However, the difference of political views between them grew at the instigation and interference of neo-colonialists.

The faithfulness to the nation is the concept that the aspiration to independence, peace and development of national races is true conviction. So, upholding such faithfulness and true conviction is upholding and serving the interests of the nation. If one is opposed to such faithfulness and true conviction, one will become traitor to the nation.

There usually occur differences of opinion in the time of various parties, isms, ideologies or policies, instigation and persons. Under such circumstances they should be able to choose what is the first priority—their policy or the national interest for the people—and do the right thing. If they favour their party, policy and particular person but consider the public interest to be insignificant, they will become national traitors. If they believe their conviction, policy and programme are the best and perfect, they will have to organize and convince the public till the latter accept it to be so. If they, however, take up arms and rise against the government or run away to foreign countries and bow to the aliens, who are the colonialists willing to practise the colonialism with relish; and if they attempt to make waves at the expense of their own people committing traitorous acts they will end up in the severest hell. In collusion with the unscrupulous elements they have

caused imposition of sanctions detrimental to the national interests. While expressing sweet words they commit acts of bombing, killing and arson targeting the people. Indeed, they have committed grave sins.

YMB Thakin Tin, a patriotic composer, composed a song for the Doh Bamar Asiayon. The parotitic song was well accepted by the people who sang it in patriotic fervour. The song, indeed, had an inspirational effect on the people.

"... Try hard for the national cause. As the Sun rises in the east, our era will be reached without fail. ..."

YMB Thakin Tin urged the people to strive for the regaining of independence as national duty and if they did so without relenting their efforts the independent Myanmar would be restored as the Sun usually rises in the east. He urged in the song that the people were to regard Myanmar Naing-ngan as their motherland and they should be determined to win her back. In the chorus, too, he urged the people to value their own land and own native place.

As the song was composed in the time of independence struggle, it exhorted the people to strive for the regaining of independence. After regaining of independence in 1948, the authorities concerned consulted the musicians and created the new national anthem. In doing so, the tune of the YMB's song was used with new words that suited the independent nation.

The words in the original song, "O, all must strive, for it is for national cause" were replaced by "Our nation, our land with justice, for the peace and equal benefits to all; this is the land of equality and sincerity, which is the Union, a legacy; all must safeguard it for its perpetuity." As the nation was independent then there prevailed justice, liberty and equality, the worldly values. It exhorted the people to preserve and safeguard the sovereignty or in other words independence; and the national solidarity that enabled the people to win back independence. It also called for preserving the Union or the legacy handed down by the ancestors.

In Myanmar today, the national politics is revived and the national force has brought peace to the entire Union resulting in development in all aspects. It is no easy work to bring about peace and progress prevailing at present. All have been able to enjoy the fruitful results only after overcoming the internal and external disturbances through the collective strength of the people based on national spirit.

Today, the US has been disturbing the country most and imposing sanctions. In league with its allies, the US has been perpetrating all kinds of attempts to drive a wedge and divide the nation. It is trying to install a puppet government in Myanmar in order to manipulate and exploit the nation, dominate militarily, politically and economically in the region and finally adopt the neo-colonialism; in doing so it has gone so far as misusing the United Nations.

At a time when the national traitors and the neo-colonialists are perpetrating destructive acts harmful to national interests, constructive forces overwhelmed by nationalism are exerting their utmost efforts to build the prosperous Union.

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Delegates of states and divisions discuss findings of sector-wise seminars

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — The third-day session of the Annual General Meeting (2006) of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the Convocation Hall of University of Veterinary Science (Yezin), here, on 7 November.

At the meeting, the groups submitted proposals on findings in group-wise discussions. CEC members explained matters related to the reports.

Present at the AGM were Secretary-General of the USDA U Htay Oo, secretariat members, CEC members, delegates at different levels of the association.

In the morning session, Secretariat Member U Thaung

Executive of Myaungmya Township USDA Daw Tin May Su acted as MC together with Executive of Pasawng Township USDA Daw Nan Yi Yi Htwe as Co-MC.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the validity of the meeting as it was attended by 500 delegates, and the start of the meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman.

The delegates of states and divisions reported on the findings of sector-wise seminars. Secretary Dr Wai Lin of Tarmoenye Union Solidarity and Development Association reported on findings of organizational and administration sector. He said more courses and multiplier courses should be

it opened national culture and moral courses, vocational and skill courses at 27,667 venues and over three million USDA members attended the courses.

Today is knowledge age and information technology has developed rapidly. The USDA headquarters has established its website for publicity of its activities and measures.

The mass meeting to support the National Convention organized by USDA at different levels was held from 6 to 21 January, 2006. The meeting showed the organizational strength of the association and the Union spirit.

The USDA must be well-aware of external and internal destructive elements who undermine



Meeting chairman USDA Secretariat member U Thaung, members of panel of chairmen CEC members Thura U Aye Myint and U Khin Maung Myint at Annual General Meeting 2006 of USDA. —MNA

guidance of the Patron of the association as work guideline at different levels of the USDA and to implement the guidance of the Patron of

seminar. She said USDA members are responsible for discharging the duty of practising the principles and objectives of the association. The USDA has turned 13 years and it has become a national political force of the nation. Success has been achieved in social activities.

The association provided 4,658 schools with 32,852 desks, presented cash for construction of schools totalling over K377.8 million. The USDA members participated in rescue operations in flooded areas in Mandalay Division. The association provided prisoners with food, medicine and others as humanitarian assistance. A total of 38 tube wells were dug in arid zone at a cost of K 177 million. More wells should be dug in the areas where there is scarcity of water.

Seventy per cent of the country's population are rural people and rural libraries should be

established in every village for their spiritual development.

Next, Executive of Yenangyoung Township USDA Daw The Wa discussed the findings of the seminar on economic affairs. She said the government made efforts for agricultural development building 189 dams, 800 rural dams and over 290 river water pumping station. According to the food security index, Myanmar placed sixth among the 24 Asian nations. The government is implementing 24 special region project, border areas development project and rural development project nationwide.

Local power consumption increased up to 5,325 million kwh from 1,428 million kwh in 1988-89. Mone, Tikyit and Paunglaung hydro-electric power projects were built and

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Secretariat member of USDA U Tin Htut makes clarifications on findings in education, social and culture sectors at AGM 2006 of USDA. — MNA



Secretariat member of USDA U Thaung makes clarifications on findings in organizing and management sectors at AGM 2006 of USDA. — MNA

presided over the meeting together with members of the panel of chairmen CEC members Thura U Aye Myint and U Khin Maung Myint.

conducted for USDA members to be qualified ones.

The USDA is an association that serves the interest of the people and

stability and development of the country and must ward them off together with the people.

He urged the USDA members to follow the

the USDA.

Next, Executive of Maubin District USDA Daw Atar Oo discussed the findings of education, social and cultural affairs



Those in attendance at the Annual General Meeting 2006 of USDA. — MNA

Delegates of states and divisions discuss...

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11 hydel power projects are under construction. By 2008 local power consumption will have been sufficient and there will be surplus of power.

While the government is working day in, day out to develop national economy, internal and external destructive elements are trying to install a puppet government. They are resorting to various ways to impose economic sanctions and trade embargo against Myanmar, dissuading foreign countries from investing and discouraging tourists from visiting the country. However, Myanmar is not practising isolationism. She is not only a member of the UN but also a member of Non-Aligned Movement.

the development of Myanmar, which is striving its utmost to develop in all aspects enlisting the strength of the people with nationalistic fervour. To catch with developments in international trade and economy the State is also taking measures for extensive use of the Internet like other nations. For the development of human resources, measures are being taken to ensure that all regions produce intellectuals and intelligentsia by establishing 24 special development regions. The emergence of productive forces in the country mainly rely on farmers and workers. So it is advisable to form organizations representing the mass of farmers and workers. The

implementing tasks for the establishment of agricultural and livestock breeding farms, the employing of techniques for high yield of crops, supply of irrigation water and construction of roads and bridges. So, it is advisable to conduct courses on agriculture, livestock breeding and economy under the leadership of the central USDA Headquarters. Tax and revenue is the lifeblood of a modern country to develop its economy. The State has to raise capitals based on collected taxes and revenues for its economic progress. So each and every citizen has the duty to pay taxes. But the State is collecting only a few percentage of taxes from their income. That is why it is necessary to convince the people of the goodwill of the government through the



Meeting chairman USDA Secretariat member U Kyaw Hsan, members of panel of chairmen CEC members U Aung Thein Lin and Thura U Aung Ko at the AGM 2006 of USDA. — MNA

that does not have a problem. The world has seen various problems such as instability of commodity prices and inflation. But such problems can be overcome by own government and its own people. Therefore, despite the outside

interferences and disturbances, the country is making economic progress as its endeavours are based on the strength of the people who are imbued with nationalistic spirit. The government on its part is never complacent about such fruitful results and will

continue to endeavour for the development of the State. In conclusion, she said all the members are to take part in the tasks for development of all the sectors of the State such as agriculture, electric power and industry.

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Daw Atar Oo — MNA



Dr Wai Lin — MNA



Daw The Wah. — MNA



U Win Aung Kyaw. — MNA



U Tint Lwin. — MNA



U San Lin — MNA

She is actively cooperating with ASEAN, BIMSTEC and SAARC, especially with her neighbours such as China and India. Economic sanctions of the countries of West Bloc will never hinder

USDA Headquarters as well as its branch associations at various levels are participating in the tasks for the development of State economy. They are also

media. Nowadays, some Western powers are levelling accusations against Myanmar and driving a wedge among the people to cause economic woes. There is no country

Let's work hard for the national concern

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On the National Day, the entire people will have to recall the milestones in the nation's history. They are:

- the national struggle of the patriotic people encompassing those of the hills and the plain regions waging the just war to drive out the aliens with unyielding spirit more than 100 years ago;
- the movement of the entire people against the introduction of colonial education designed to prolong the colonial rule in the country by the colonialists 86 years ago;
- the national strength or the solidarity that was shown by all the national people to regain the independence on 4 January 1948.

On the National Day this year, all the entire people need to be further strengthened with the above elements.

In Myanmar today, the national interests are:

- (1) Upholding Our Three Main National Causes and safeguarding the independence of the nation and the people;
- (2) To ensure durable peace desired for long by the people;
- (3) To build a genuine and discipline-flourishing democratic nation;
- (4) To build a modern and developed nation;
- (5) To continue to turn out human resources required for building of a modern nation;
- (6) For emergence of the enduring State Constitution;

(7) In accordance with the four-point People's Desire, to crush internal and external destructive elements, regarding them as common enemy.

In order to promote the above national interests, it is the historic duty of the national people on the National Day this year to promote the national interests and wipe out hindrances and disturbances harming the national interests. The national goal of the people is the one that is based on the national interests stated above. That goal is "Building of the peaceful, prosperous, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation".

Hence, I would like to exhort one and all, "Let's work hard for the national concern".

Translation: MS+AK

NLD members meddling in judicial affairs

YANGON, 12 Nov — Daw Khin Win, daughter of U Pale of Painhnegon village, Nyaungbintha village-tract, Kawhmu township, Yangon South District, filed a lawsuit against U Win Shein, Chairman of Nyaungbintha Village Peace and Development Council, for extorting money from cattle smugglers, illegally buying and selling State-owned lands and collecting diesel and fertilizers by doctoring facts and data for cultivation of summer

paddy. However, a thorough investigation led to the fact that the case was found to be made up and it was incorrect. So, U Win Shein filed again a lawsuit against Daw Khin Win on 27 September. The District Court charged her under section 211 and handed over her case to Kungyangon Township Court. When she was to appear in court on 6 November, 10 NLD members including Ma Su Su Nway of Htanmanaing village in Kawhmu township and Ko Zaw

Zaw of Twantay township via Kungyangon Township NLD Chairman U Kyaw Sein Aung's house visited Kungyangon Township Court at 11:30 am. The aim of their visit was to help her win her case. In connection with the case, the people of Kungyangon and Kawhmu Townships are criticizing the NLD members for their meddling in judicial affairs in order to help Daw Khin Win win her case, it is learnt. — H

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing...

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After that, members of the SPDC, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and deputy ministers presented offertories to the Sayadaws.

Next, Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maharathaguru Nyaungdon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Osadabhivamsa delivered a sermon and Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and the congregation shared the merits gained.

After that, the second session of the ceremony followed and the disciples flanked by regal processions conveyed the jewel stakes, golden mace and



General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence drives a stake at the north-west corner of the pagoda. — MNA

golden grub hole round the pagoda clock-wise.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party took positions at the designated places.

At the auspicious time, member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo drove a holy stake at the north-east corner of the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on it.

Next, member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Kyaw Win drove a holy stake at the east corner of the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on it.

Next, Prime Minister General Soe Win drove a holy stake at the south-east corner of the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on it.

After that, member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Ye Myint drove a holy stake at the south corner of the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on it.

Later, member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye drove a holy stake at the south-west corner of the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on it.

After that, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye drove a holy stake at the west corner of the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on it.

Next, member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann drove a holy stake at the north-west corner of the pagoda and sprinkled scented

water on it.

Later, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein drove a holy stake at the north corner of the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on it.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe drove the central holy stake and sprinkled scented water on it.

After that, the third session of the ceremony took place, and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party took positions at the designed places.



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye drives a stake at the west corner of the pagoda. — MNA

At the auspicious time, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein at the south-east corner, member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than at the south corner, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo at the east corner, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein at the south-west corner marked the circumstance of holes for stakes with golden grubbing hoes and sprinkled scented water on them.

Next, the Sayadaws recited the religious verse "Bhavatu Sabbhamangala".

Later, Chairman of Work Committee for Construction of the Pagoda Maj-Gen Than Htay of the



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein drives a stake at the north corner of the pagoda. —MNA



Senior General Than Shwe drives a stake for construction of Ordination Hall. — MNA

Ministry of Defence fed the dragons and the statement of feeding dragons was announced.

Next, Sayadaws recited the religious verse "Jayanto Bhodhiya Mule".

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party performed rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the success of the ceremony.

Afterwards, the ceremony to mark the circumstance of holes for seven holy places of reli-



General Soe Win drives a stake at the south-east corner of the pagoda. — MNA

gious edifices continued at south corner of the pagoda.

Senior General Than Shwe and party took positions where the ordination hall is to be built.

At the suspicious time, Senior General Than Shwe and party drove the stakes for the ordination hall.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and well-wisher U Soe Myint (Ngwe Hsin Co) drove the stakes for the monastery, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and well-wisher U Tint Hsan (ACE Co) for the Sangharama Hall-1, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and well-wisher U Aung Ko Win (Kanbawza Bank) for the

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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing...

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Sangharama Hall-2, Minister for Home Affairs

Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and well-wisher U Chit Khine (Edin the Sasana Beikman. Next, members of the Sangha recited the reli-



General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet donate offertories to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Maj-Gen Maung Oo and well-wisher U Tun Myint Naing (Asia World Co) for the Sangharama Hall-3, Minister for Livestock and

Co) for the Sangharama Hall-4 and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and well-wisher U Tay Za (Htoo Trading Co) for gious verse “Bhavatu Sabbhamangala”. Afterwards, the ceremony to plant the Maha Bo tree was held at the



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win donate offertories to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San donate offertories to a Sayadaw. — MNA

north-east corner of the pagoda with the recitation of Namo Tassa three times.

tree and doused it with holy water.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party went round the Maha Bo tree clock-wise once.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing put

Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party doused the Maha

The ceremony ended with the recitation of Buddha Sasanan



Prime Minister General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe donate offertories to a Sayadaw. — MNA

jewellery, gold and silver into the site where the Maha Bo tree is to be planted.

Bo tree with holy water.

Ciram Titthatu. Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party offered ‘soon’ to members of the Sangha.

After that, Senior General Than Shwe and party planted the Maha Bo

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and wife

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Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo drives a stake at the north-east corner of the pagoda. — MNA



Lt-Gen Tin Aye drives a stake at the south-west corner of the pagoda. — MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win drives a stake at the east corner of the pagoda. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint drives a stake at the south corner of the pagoda. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends meeting to build Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw



Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses the coord meeting for building Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — A coordination meeting on construction of Uppatasanti Pagoda here was held in conjunction with the cash donation ceremony at the pandal on the hill on 29

General of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, officials and wellwishers.

The ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of Namu Tassa.

Minister General Soe Win, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Chairman of the Finance Committee Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col

the Ministry of Rail Transportation, the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Ministry of PBANRDA, the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Electric Power No 2, the Ministry of Forestry, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries through respective ministers, deputy ministers, directors-general and managing directors.

Next, Minister Col Thein Nyunt, Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of the

Information and Records Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of the Greening Committee Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for Religious Ceremonies Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Chairman of the Transport Committee Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U

U Soe Myint (Ngwe Hsin Co), U Chit Khaing (Edin Co), U Tun Myint Naing (Asia World Co), U Tay Za (Htoo Trading Co), U Aung Thet Mann (Ayeya Shwewa Co), U Khin Maung Aye (K Co), U Tha Htay (Original Group), U Soe Myint (USM Co), U Tun Tun Lwin (Tagaungbwa Co), U Tint Hsan (ACE Co), U Zaw Zaw (Max Myanmar Co), U Aung Htwe (Golden Flower Co), U Toe Aung Cho



Prime Minister General Soe Win accepts cash donated for building Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

July afternoon, attended by Patron of the Construction Committee of Uppatasanti Pagoda Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present at the meeting were Chairman of the Leading Committee for Construction of the Pagoda Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers, members of the Leading Committee and the Work Committee for Construction of the Pagoda, the Director-

In his address, Prime Minister General Soe Win said that lush and green Nay Pyi Taw is being upgraded meeting the set standard systematically. At present, sector-wise construction tasks are in progress with momentum. Therefore, the government has made arrangements to build a grand pagoda to be in line with the geographical condition of Nay Pyi Taw.

Chairman of the Materials Collection Committee Maj-Gen Tin Tun of the Ministry of Defence reported on matters concerning the construction of the pagoda.

Afterwards, Prime

Thein Nyunt accepted cash donations presented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Transport,



Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepts cash donated for building Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin accepts cash donated for building Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Thaung Lwin, Chairman of the Materials Collection Committee Maj-Gen Tin Tun of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of the Pagoda Construction Work Committee Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence accepted cash donated by the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd, Myanma Economic Corporation,

(Hsaung Hay Marn Co), U Zaw Win (Aryon U Co), U Yan Win (A-1 Co), U Thet Lwin (TZTM Co), U Sai Philip Yi (Thaw Dar Win Co), U Aik Tun (Shwetaung Co), U Kyaw Win (Shwe Than Lwin Co), U Than Win Swe (MRT Co), U Win Aung (Dagon International Co), U Htay Myint (Yuzana Co), U Zaw Myo Naing (SP Din Co), (See page 11)

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends meeting...

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U Shein Win (Tetlan Co), U Sein Lwin (Diamond Mercury Co), U Sai Tit Aung (Naungton Co), U Pyae Phyo Aung (Moe Kyei Sin Co), U Win Naing (WEG Co), U Maung Maung Myint (Kaung Myat Co), U Kyaw Wai (Aung Kaung Kyaw Co), U Myint Shwe (Shwe Bayin Co), Daw Thin Thin Aye (Eik Hsi Tan Co), U Thura Aung Kyaw (KAF Co), Daw Khin San Tin (Myanma Ahla Co), U Oo Khaing (Tetkham Co), U Sein Win (Yadana Sein Tharaphu Co), Daw Thanda

Nay Win (Katpar Co), U Win Htin Kyaw (WHK Co), Dr Zaw Tun (Universal Co), U Thein Han (Super Technology Co), Dr Tun Tun Aung (Asia Hi-Tech Co), U Hla Kywe (Nan Ein Thu Co), U Thein Aung (Thein Co), U Htay Win (NEPS Co), U Thein Win (Shwe Thabyay Co), U Nyunt Hlaing (UNyunt Hlaing Co), Lt-Col Thein Lwin (Retd) (Myanmar Land & Development) and U Khin Maung Win (MWEP Co).

At the cash donation ceremony, ministries presented K 18 million and wellwishers, K 298.7 million, totalling K 316.7 million.

Next, Minister Col Thein Nyunt expressed gratitude.

Chairman of the Leading Committee Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo reported on matters related to construction of the pagoda.

Chairman of the Pagoda Construction Work Committee Maj-Gen Than Htay submitted the lists of the panel of patrons and committees and sought the approval. Later, the ceremony ended with three-time recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Çiram Titthatu*.

After the ceremony, Prime Minister General Soe Win inspected the scale models of the pagoda and religious edifices, and progress in construction task on the platform where the pagoda will be built, and gave necessary instructions. —MNA

Auspicious ceremony for cleaning land dedicating to religious use for Uppatasanti Pagoda held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Nov — The Anantarayika Auspicious Ceremony for cleaning land dedicating to religious use for Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw was held at the hill for the pagoda, here, on 4 August morning, attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Construction of the Pagoda Lt-Gen Thiha

Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Joint-Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka of Tatkon YwaU Sandayon Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Çandasiri and members of the Sangha, Minister

for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Chairman of the Pagoda Construction Committee Maj-Gen Than Htay, members of the Leading Committee, and guests.



Member of SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo sprinkles scented water on Paritta Pebble Pot. — MNA

UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Mr Ibrahim A Gambari and party leave

YANGON, 12 Nov — Visiting UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Mr Ibrahim A Gambari and party left here by air this afternoon at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win.

UN Under-

Secretary-General for Political Affairs Mr Ibrahim A Gambari and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Science and Technology and Minister for Labour

U Thaung and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Director of Asian Affairs Department of the UN Mr John Renninger and Officer Mr Erwan Pouchous also left.

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Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win bids farewell to UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Mr Ibrahim A Gambari at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Deputy Director of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U San Thinn Hlaing acted as MC.

The ceremony opened with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa*.

The Joint Secretary Sayadaw administered the Nine Precepts.

Disciples offered flowers, water, thread, sand and pebbles to the Sayadaw. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas. Next, the disciples scattered flowers, water, thread, sand and pebbles in the precinct of the pagoda.

Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo offered Paritta pebble pot and alms to the Joint Secretary Sayadaw.

The ministers and members of the Leading Committee donated provisions to members of the Sangha.

Presiding Nayaka of Maha Withokdayama Zaygon Monastery of Pyinmana Agga Maha

Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kavisara delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.

Members of the Sangha were ushered in the precinct of the pagoda. Next, the disciples took the designated places with Parittas pebbles pots.

Members of the Sangha recited Anantarayika Kammava.

Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo placed the Paritta pebbles pot in the precinct of the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on it.

Staff Officer U Thura of Religious Affairs Department read the paper on sharing of merits. Later, the ceremony ended with three-time recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Çiram Titthatu*, and performed the rituals of golden and silver showers in commemoration of the successful completion of the ceremony.

The days before the ceremonies of auspicious

ceremony for cleaning land dedicating to religious use and stake driving ceremony, members of the Sangha recited Pathana, Thiri Mingala Paritta and Kammava at the pandal on the hill. Religious associations of ministries, regiments and units of Pyinmana Station and local people recited religious verses.

The 325 feet high Uppatasanti Pagoda will be built as a replica of Shwedagon Pagoda. Likewise, arrangements have been made for construction of religious edifices — a Sasana Beikman measuring 170 feet by 144 feet, four Sangha Rama halls and one monastery measuring 90 feet by 36 feet each, a 45-square-foot ordination hall, a 400-square-foot lake, a 150-square-foot Shin Upagutta Lake and a Bodhi Park measuring 300 feet by 150 feet.

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Chinese minister refutes reports on new H5N1 strain in S China

GENEVA, 11 Nov— China's Minister of Health Gao Qiang on Thursday refuted a report by the US National Academy of Sciences that a new strain of the H5N1 bird flu virus has emerged in southern China.

Researchers from Hong Kong and the United States reported in a recent issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences that a new strain of H5N1 called the "Fujian-like virus," first isolated in the southern Chinese province of Fujian in 2005, has become prevalent in China's Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Laos, Malaysia, and Thailand.

At a Press conference in Geneva, Gao rejected the report, saying its data are false and its claims "lack scientific proof".

He said profound research and analysis by Chinese experts showed that the report's conclusions were not in conformity with the reality of the avian flu situation in China.

"The so-called 'Fujian-like virus' is not a new variant of the H5N1 virus," he said. "Gene sequence analysis of the virus shows that it shares high conformity with the H5N1

virus that was isolated in Hunan Province when bird flu broke out in early 2004."

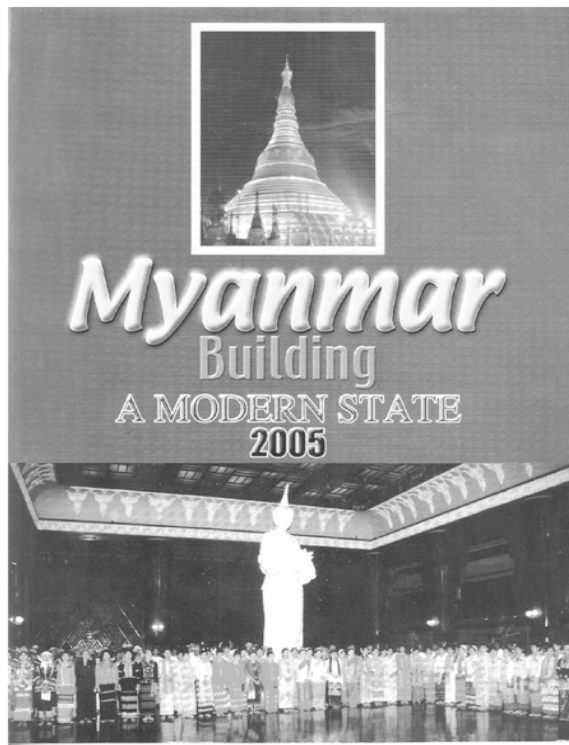
There has been no avian flu outbreak in Fujian since 2004, so it would have been impossible to isolate a so-called "Fujian-like" virus in the province in 2005, Gao told reporters.

He added that up to now there have been no radical mutation of the H5N1 virus in China that infected humans, and the danger of serious human-to-human infection did not exist.

The minister also rejected accusations that China is not willing to share avian flu virus samples with the World Health Organization (WHO). He said that those who made the accusations are irresponsible.

Gao also said that since 2004 China has provided a number of virus samples to the UN agency at its request, and the two sides actually have reached an agreement on sample sharing in 2005.

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၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ်(၁၇) နေပြည်တော်နှင့် ရန်ကုန်ရုံးခွဲသို့ ၄-၁၂-၂၀၀၆ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၄။ ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးထက်ပို၍ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းလိုပါက ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးစီအတွက် ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၂၀၀/- ကို သီးခြားပေးသွင်းပြီး ရာထူးအလိုက် လျှောက်လွှာသီးခြား တစ်စောင်စီ တင်သွင်းရမည်။

၅။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့် စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၂၀၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေနှုတ်ဖြေ စစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်ချက် များနှင့် စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့၏ ၂-၈-၂၀၀၆ ရက်စွဲပါစာအမှတ်၊ ၁၄၀၇/ရွေးချယ်ရေး(အစီက)/ ၂၀၀၆ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများ အတွက် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများလိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာ ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၆။ ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကို နေပြည်တော် တွင် ကျင်းပမည်။

၇။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်း လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိ တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲ မှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၄-၁၂-၂၀၀၆ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာ တစ်စောင်ကို ဓါတ်ပုံ အပိုတစ်ပုံနှင့်အတူ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးနေပြည်တော် သို့မဟုတ် အဖွဲ့ရုံးခွဲ၊ ရန်ကုန်သို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၈။ ၂၀-၁-၂၀၀၇ နေ့နှင့် ၂၁-၁-၂၀၀၇ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲ ကျင်းပမည်။ ၁၈-၁-၂၀၀၇ နေ့မှစ၍ ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ်(၁၇) နေပြည်တော် တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၉။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ်(၁၇)နေပြည်တော်နှင့် ရန်ကုန်ရုံးခွဲသို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ နေပြည်တော်ဖုန်းအမှတ် ၀၆၇-၄၀၉၀၅၂နှင့် ရန်ကုန်ရုံးခွဲ ဖုန်းအမှတ် ၀၁-၃၇၈၁၆၃သို့ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့် ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ် စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

၁၀။ ဤကြော်ငြာနှင့် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန်လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့၏ Website များဖြစ်သော csstb.imis.com.mm နှင့် www.csstb.gov.mmတွင်လည်း ဖော်ပြထားပါသည်။

Three US troops killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 11 Nov— Three American soldiers were killed in two separate incidents in Iraq, the military said on Friday.

Two soldiers from the Military Police were killed in Baghdad on Thursday when their vehicle was blasted by a roadside bomb. A third was wounded.

A Marine also died of wounds on Thursday following combat in Anbar Province, where Sunni rebels are fighting in the west.

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Tourist chopper crashes off Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH, 11 Nov— A tourist's helicopter dropped in the outskirts of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on Friday, causing no death or injury.

"My helicopter had technical problems. It then went down and hit the land of a local resident. The tail was broken off," 38-year-old Singaporean driver Mat Thaw Cheng told reporters.

MNA/Xinhua

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New UNSG ready to take on "most impossible job"

SEOUL, 11 Nov — South Korea's Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon ended 37 years of diplomatic service on Friday, saying his new post as chief of the United Nations was the "most impossible job".

In a rare, emotional speech to a crowd of diplomats, Ban said he was leaving with some regrets, especially not seeing through the resolution of the North Korean nuclear crisis.

Ban was picked over six rivals in October to take over as UN Secretary-

General from Ghana's Kofi Annan in January. He heads to New York on Wednesday to begin work on the transition.

"I will be on my way to face the challenge of doing, as they say, the most impossible job," Ban said at a farewell event in which the seasoned

diplomat was unusually frank "I feel as if I'm being thrown on an uninhabited island all by myself." Ban is renowned for his understated composure.

A career diplomat who graduated at the top of his class in international relations from Seoul National University, Ban

is only the second Asian to head the United Nations.

He became Foreign Minister in January 2004 and has been closely involved in his country's dealings with North Korea and international efforts to settle the nuclear crisis with Pyongyang's Korean Communist government.

Ban was at the centre of intense behind-the-scenes diplomacy in New York that led to a 2005 agreement-in-principle for Pyongyang to eliminate its nuclear weapons programme in return for aid and better ties with the world.—MNA/Reuters



NASA's Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) spacecraft has been out of contact with the Earth for the fifth straight day in a row and engineers tried on 10 Nov, 2006 to reestablish communication with the craft.—XINHUA

Expert says Chinese schools should promote chewing gum

BEIJING, 11 Nov—The days of students being admonished for chewing gum at the back of the classroom could be over. Although chewing gum is banned in Chinese classrooms, a new report by the Chinese Psychological Society says chewing gum helps students concentrate.

"Chewing can help people improve their concentration span as it can boost the number of red blood cells in the brain by up to 28 per cent," said Mei Jian, an expert with the society, citing research carried out at Kyushu University in Japan.

"In some other countries, students are given chewing gum by the school authorities

prior to major exams to relieve stress and increase concentration. Chinese schools should do the same."

He also said that

chewing gum had already become a common practice among athletes as it kept them calm and concentrated before their events.—MNA/Xinhua



Pupils walk past a Turkish honour guard as they enter Dolmabahce Palace in Istanbul to attend a ceremony marking the 68th anniversary of the death of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey on 10 Nov, 2006. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk died in the palace.—INTERNET

S Korean scientists say diabetes an epidemic in Asia

HONG KONG, 11 Nov — A common form of diabetes has reached epidemic levels in Asia and is afflicting people

at younger age than cases in the West, a South Korean study shows.

In the latest issue of The Lancet, researchers

warned that these victims would suffer longer from complications of type 2 diabetes, die sooner than people in other regions and that the epidemic may overwhelm health-care systems in Asia.

"The increase in type 2 diabetes in Asia differs

from that reported in other parts of the world; it has developed in a much shorter time, in a younger age group, and in people with a much lower body mass index," the researchers wrote.

Body mass index (BMI) is a measure of body fat based on height and weight.

The authors blamed the epidemic on fast-changing behaviour patterns, such as fast food and a sedentary lifestyle, and said lifestyle modifications must be made at once.

MNA/Reuters



Dancers from the Nafas Dance Company perform "Good Night Amadeus" at the Principal theatre in the northern Spanish town of Burgos on 10 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Study shows heavy smoking cuts chances of IVF success

LONDON, 11 Nov — Heavy smokers are less likely to become pregnant through IVF treatment, even with donated eggs, fertility experts said on Thursday.

They found that smoking more than 10 cigarettes a day makes the womb less receptive to the embryo and reduces the odds that it will implant and result in a pregnancy.

Smoking has been known to affect a woman's fertility but Dr. Sergio Soares, of the IVI Clinic in Lisbon and his team believe their findings are the first to show heavy smoking has an independent impact on the uterus.

"Cigarette smoking negatively affects pregnancy probability even when the eggs come from a non-smoker," he told Reuters.

"This is the first time an effect of tobacco consumption has been demonstrated on the uterus."

He added that even if fertilization takes place, heavy smokers have less chance of achieving a successful pregnancy.

The scientists compared the success rates of in-vitro fertilization (IVF)

treatments using donated eggs on 44 heavy smokers who puffed more than 10 cigarettes a day and 785 women who did not smoke or were light smokers.

All the women were married to non-smokers.

"The non-heavy smokers had a significantly higher pregnancy rate, with over half becoming pregnant (52.2 percent), compared with just over a third (34.1 per cent) of the heavy smokers," Soares said.

He added that the findings, which are published in the journal *Human Reproduction*, show light smoking did not have any impact on the receptiveness of the uterus to the embryo.

Although heavy smokers were less likely to get pregnant, paradoxically there was a higher multiple pregnancy rate among them. Sixty per cent of the heavy smokers had multiple births compared to 31 per cent in the other group.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS



Fres Oquendo (R) of Puerto Rico lands a punch to the head of Evander Holyfield of the US during round nine of their heavyweight boxing match in San Antonio, Texas on 11 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Holyfield fails to impress with win over Oquendo

SAN ANTONIO, 12 Nov—Former world heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield scored an unimpressive unanimous decision over fellow American Fres Oquendo in a 10-round fight on Friday night.

Holyfield, 44, displayed little of the punching power that made him a four-time heavyweight champion as he continued his bid to become the first five-time heavyweight champion. All three judges at the Alamodome gave the fight to Holyfield, with one judge scoring it 116-111 and the other two scoring the fight 114-113 for the former champion.

Many fans in the crowd booed throughout the fight, which featured little sustained action as Holyfield battled a journeyman fighter 11 years his junior.

The ring veteran ended a 21-month layoff in August by stopping Jeremy Bates in the second round. He improved his career record to 40-8 with two draws and 26 knockouts with Friday's win.—MNA/Reuters

Schalke close on Werder, Bayern grab late win

BERLIN, 12 Nov — Schalke 04 brushed aside Mainz 4-0 to move level on points with Werder Bremen at the top of the Bundesliga on Saturday, while Bayern Munich revived their title challenge with a frantic 3-2 win at Bayer Leverkusen.

Werder's 3-1 defeat at home to Borussia Dortmund on Friday had put their clear lead under unexpected threat and Schalke took advantage thanks to two goals apiece from Kevin Kuranyi and Halil Altintop.

Bayern, desperate to atone for a 1-0 defeat at home to Hanover 96 in midweek, took the lead through Hasan Salihamidzic but were heading for defeat after second-half goals from Stefan Kiessling and Athirson gave Leverkusen the edge.

Martin Demichelis headed in an equalizer with seven minutes to go, however, and three minutes later Claudio Pizarro struck from close range to give Bayern a much needed win.—MNA/Reuters

Totti strikes twice as Roma beat Milan 2-1

ROME, 12 Nov—AS Roma's bid for the Serie A title gathered momentum when Francesco Totti scored twice to give them a 2-1 win over AC Milan on Saturday.

The Roma captain struck first in the seventh minute when he volleyed crisply past Milan keeper Dida.

Cristian Brocchi equalized early in the second half but in the 83rd minute Totti grabbed the winner, heading in a cross by Brazilian winger Mancini.

Roma's victory—their first away win against Milan in Serie A for 19 years—gave them 23 points from 11 matches, one point behind joint leaders Inter Milan and Palermo, who play Parma and Torino respectively on Sunday.

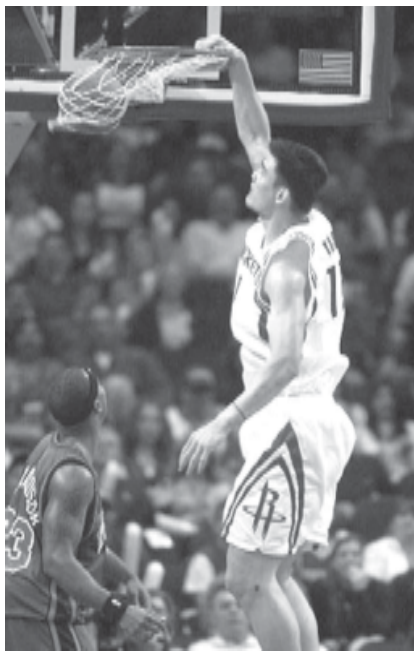
Milan's fourth defeat in five matches left them stranded in 16th place in the 20-team division with seven points, after they began the season with an eight-point penalty for being implicated in a match-fixing scandal.

Defeat seemed particularly harsh for Milan, who played one of their liveliest league matches of the season. "Overall I thought we played

an excellent match but we were punished for one or two lapses in concentration," said coach Carlo Ancelotti.

MNA/Reuters

Houston Rockets center Yao Ming dunks over New York Knicks' Quentin Richardson during the first period of their NBA game in Houston on 10 Nov, 2006. Yao Ming scored 35 points, grabbed 17 rebounds and matched a career high with seven blocks to lead the Houston Rockets to a 103-94 victory over the New York Knicks on Friday night.—XINHUA



Atletico reignite season with impressive win

MADRID, 12 Nov—Atletico Madrid reignited their season when they came from behind to notch up their first win in four games with a classy 3-1 victory at home to Villarreal on Saturday. Javier Aguirre's side fell behind in the 13th minute when centre back Fabricio Fuentes made the most of some poor defending to head in at the far post after playmaker Juan Roman Riquelme had dinked

a free kick into the area.

Atletico responded well, however, and were twice denied by superb reflex saves by Villarreal keeper Mariano Barbosa before Ze Castro headed in the equalizer with his first goal since joining the club in the close season.

The Portuguese stooped low to head the ball past Barbosa after Mariano Pernia had fired a free kick in from the right.—MNA/Reuters

Hat-trick for Drogba but Saha keeps United clear

LONDON, 12 Nov—Striker Louis Saha restored Manchester United's three-point lead in the Premier League on Saturday, scoring in a 1-0 win at Blackburn Rovers after champions Chelsea trounced Watford 4-0.

With United playing later in the evening kick-off, Chelsea had briefly joined them on 28 points after Ivorian striker Didier Drogba fired a hat-trick at Stamford Bridge.

But Saha steered United to 31 points from their 12 Premier League games after the French forward rifled home a fine second-half winner at Ewood Park.

Martin O'Neill's Aston Villa moved up to third place after they beat Everton 1-0 away and two rivals slipped up — Bolton Wanderers squandering a two-goal lead in a 2-2 draw at Sheffield United and Portsmouth held 1-1 at home by Fulham.

West Ham United, late winners over Arsenal last weekend, lost 1-0 at Middlesbrough, Newcastle United drew 0-0 at Manchester City and Wigan Athletic beat Charlton Athletic 3-2.

United showed no ill-effects from their shock League Cup exit to Second Division Southend in midweek and deserved their win despite the narrow scoreline.

They dominated the first half, in which England striker Wayne Rooney spurned two gilt-edged chances from close range, and snuffed out a brief Rovers revival after the restart. Rooney was denied by a point-blank save from American keeper Brad Friedel on 61 minutes but United were in front three minutes later.

Defender John O'Shea, on for injured Gary Neville at the start of the second half, swung a high ball over from the right, Ryan Giggs somehow pulled it back from the dead-ball line and Saha acrobatically smacked the ball past Friedel. Asked about United's title hopes, manager Alex Ferguson told Sky Sports: "The results are proving that we've got a chance this year.—MNA/Reuters



Nancy lose to leave Lyon 12 points clear

PARIS, 12 Nov—In-form Nancy slumped to a 2-0 clumsy defeat at promoted Lorient on Saturday to let runaway leaders Olympique Lyon maintain a 12-point lead at the top of the Ligue 1 table.

Nancy, who lost to Lyon two weeks ago, suffered their second league defeats in three months to surrender second place to Racing Lens, who were held to a goalless draw by Stade Rennes.

Midfielder Ulrich Le Pen scored with a powerful strike from 20 metres to give Lorient the lead before Hamed Namouchi sealed the win with a last-gasp effort.—MNA/Reuters

Chelsea's Didier Drogba, left, and Watford's Lloyd Doley, right, run for the ball during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge ground in London, on 11 Nov, 2006. Chelsea won the match 4-0.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Delegates of states and divisions discuss...

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In the sector for upholding Our Three Main National Causes, Yangon Division USDA executive U Win Aung said as Our Three Main National Causes is in accord with the wishes of the entire people, it should be handed down to generation after generation as a national duty. The disintegration of national consolidation and loss of independence can lead to the disintegration of the Union and loss of sovereignty. All the people cannot accept it at all. That is why new generation youth will always safeguard Our Three Main National Causes. All the national races are born of the same land and equipped with Union Spirit although they speak different languages. Goodness or badness of a country depends on its national consolidation. When the State had strong national unity, it became strong. But when its national unity was weak, it lagged behind development in all sectors. The country has suffered various hardships. So, national consolidation is essential.

The State is building a network of facilities such as roads and bridges, hospitals, dispensaries, schools, colleges and universities. For the development of economic, education and social infrastructures, the Head of State and State level officials are going to far-flung areas to make

inspection tours. This is the goodwill of the government towards the people. However, there are some persons holding negative views attempting to grab State power by inciting public unrest to cause national disunity.

He said that all the youth had realized destructive elements of national traitors and axe-handles. Therefore, the entire new generation youth will wipe off the destructive elements.

Non-disintegration of the Union is the essential factor of the nation; non-disintegration of the national solidarity is the most important point of the nation; and perpetuation of sovereignty is the mainstay of the State and entire national people. All the people are to safeguard Our Three National Causes as the inborn duty for ever. Hence, all new generation youth are to uplift national prestige and integrity, preserve and safeguard national cultural heritage, try their best to become good organizers, and build a peaceful and developed nation on a grand scale, joining hands with the people. In conclusion, all new generation youth will sacrifice their lives for safeguarding the national policy — Our Three Main National Causes — for perpetual existence of the Union.

Next, Secretary U San Lin of Mohnyin District USDA participated in the

discussions. He said that the strength of the Union is the united strength of the States and Divisions. For strengthening the Union, all national brethren are to live in the nation through weal and woe, and they should have to realize the Union Spirit. Therefore, it is necessary to forge the Union Spirit that all the national brethren are to realize the patriotic spirit forever. Thus, the spirit to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes can be called the Union Spirit. In the history of Myanmar, Kings Anawrahta, Bayintnaung and Alaungphaya built the country through the strength of all national races. Hence, Myanmar was held in high esteem by other countries.

Using the UN as a tool, some western countries will use various ways and means to enable the puppet government to come to power for manipulating Myanmar. At present, the constitution being drawn in Myanmar can grant the sovereignty of the nation to be put in the hands of the country and the people. When the constitution emerges, those under the influence of alien will not become the Head of State. Some western countries are expected to disturb process of State's seven-step Road Map, using various methods. These countries together with national traitors may jeopardize Our Three Main National Causes and welfare tasks of the nation and the people. Thus, all the national people are to strive for

flourishing the Union Spirit to be able to safeguard the nation and sovereignty. That is why all the USDA members are to pledge flourishing and strengthening of the Union Spirit.

Next, Executive U Tint Lwin of Nattalin Township USDA said at a time when the government is making efforts for development of the country, some local organizations that want to grab power are undermining the development with the support of some western nations.

A big nation considered that their democracy system is appropriate for all nations of the world. Therefore it persuaded the nations to practise their democracy system and it is practising the expansionist policy of neo-imperialists.

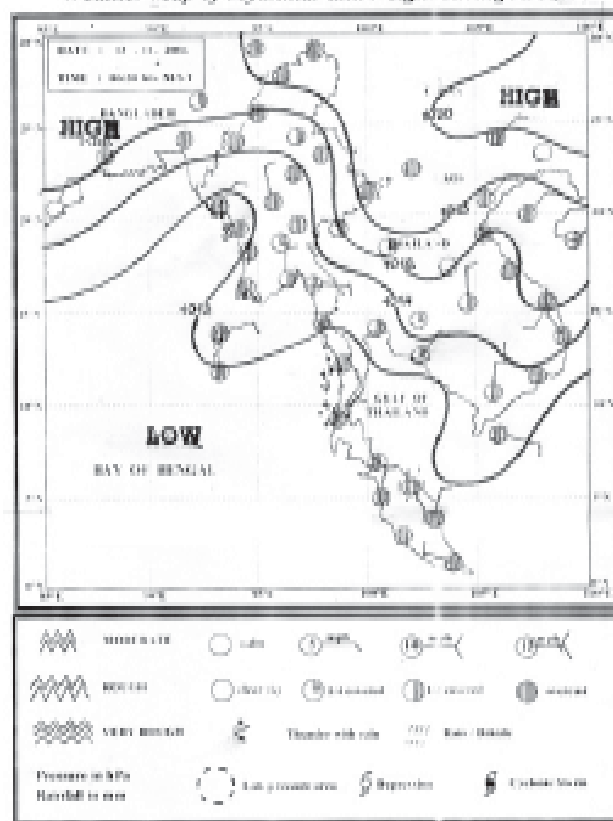
The USDA members are those who serve the national political duty and they are to prevent any danger against the country.

The third day session of the AGM 2006 of USDA was presided over by Secretariat member U Kyaw Hsan together with CEC members U Aung Thein Lin and Thura U Aung Ko. Executive of Ye Township USDA Daw Nu Nu Mon acted as master of ceremonies and executive of Pinlaung Township USDA Daw Nan Zin Mar Lin as co-master of ceremonies.

USDA Secretariat members U Thaug and U Tin Htut discussed findings on the discussions for organizing and management sector and education, social and cultural sector. Later, the third day session concluded.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 12 November, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been scattered in upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and Ayeyawady Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Chin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions and about normal in the remaining states and divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Phyapong (0.67) inch and Hkamti (0.27) inch.

Maximum temperature on 11-11-2006 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 12-11-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 12-11-2006 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 11-11-2006 was (7.8) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 12-11-2006 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 (12) mph from North at 10:15 hours MST on 11-11-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 13-11-2006: Weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Kayah and Kayin States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and light rain are likely to be isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 13-11-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 13-11-2006: Possibility of isolated light rain in afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 40%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 13-11-2006: Partly cloudy.



Monday, 13 November
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌ ဝုရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news

- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 5. Song of National Races
- 8:10 am
 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
 7. Cute little of dancers
- 8:30 am
 8. International news
- 8:45 am
 9. Grammar made easy
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ်(ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)

- 4:45 pm
 4. Dance variety
- 4:55 pm
 5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:00 pm
 6. Song and dances of National Races
- 5:15 pm
 7. Musical Programme. (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:30 pm
 8. “တန်ဖိုး” (ညီညီနေနိုင်၊ လှိုင်ဖြူဖြူထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)
- 5:35 pm
 9. မြန်မာတကောင်း ပျူတကောင်း (ကိုကျော်ဆွေ၊ မလှိုင်သန်းထွန်း) (ဂန္ထဝင်သီကုံးဖွဲ့နွဲ့သည်)
- 6:00 pm
 10. Evening news

- 6:30 pm
 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 6:50 pm
 13. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:15 pm
 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်မြင်းနှင့်အတူ” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 8:00 pm
 15. News
 16. International news
 17. Weather report
 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “စပိုင်ချစ်သူ” (အပိုင်း-၂၀) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
 19. The next day's programme

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing...

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SPDC Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, members of the SPDC and their wives, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, ministers and their wives, members of the Leading Committee for Construction of the Pagoda, the work committee and the sub-committees, deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC Office and heads of department, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs, the Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigade, well-wishers, local people and others.

The ceremony was opened with the recitation of

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing donate offertories to Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing pour scented water on the soil on which Maha Bo Tree will be planted in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Namo Tassa three times.

Next, the congregation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing received the Nine Precepts from Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara.

After that, the disciples presented the holy stakes, golden mace and golden grub hoe of the Pagoda and seven holy places of religious edifices to the Sayadaws.

Later, members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing presented offertories to Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San presented offertories to the Sayadaw.

After that, General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet presented offertories to the Sayadaw.

Later, Prime Minister General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe presented offertories to the Sayadaw.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win presented offertories to the Sayadaw.

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The words in the original song, "O, all must strive, for it is for national cause" were replaced by "Our nation, our land with justice, for the peace and equal benefits to all; this is the land of equality and sincerity, which is the Union, a legacy; all must safeguard it for its perpetuity." As the nation was independent then there prevailed justice, liberty and equality, the worldly values. It exhorted the people to preserve and safeguard the sovereignty or in other words independence; and the national solidarity that enabled the people to win back independence. It also called for preserving the Union or the legacy handed down by the ancestors.

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TEKKATHO MYAT THU



Senior General Than Shwe drives the stake for Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA