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18th Plenary Meeting of Fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee continues for second day

YANGON, 15 Nov — The 18th Plenary Meeting of the Fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee continued for the second day at State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hall here this morning and successfully concluded in the afternoon.

Present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman of SSMNC Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Dawei Sayadaw Bhaddanta Arcinnabhivamsa and member Sayadaws of SSMNC. It was also attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Director-General of the Religious Affairs Department U Myo Kyaw,

Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint, Pro-Rector (Admin) Dr Myint Kyi of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, officials of Religious Affairs Department and Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana and heads of state and division RADs.

Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Arcinnabhivamsa presided over the meeting. Joint-Secretary Agga Maha Pandita Dwpitakadhara Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa acted as MC.

First, the MC announced that the meeting valid. Afterwards, members of SSMNC discussed mat-

ters related to Vinnicchaya affairs, religious affairs and academic matters.

At 1 pm, the Sayadaws held discussions on Vinnicchaya and religious affairs. Joint-Secretary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa discussed matters related to the report of the Fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (Third Group), and approved the report.

Later, the meeting decided to select State Vinayadhara Sayadaws for the fifth four-monthly period.

MNA

Proposals of delegate groups will be submitted to Plenary Session of the National Convention

Secretary-1 addresses National Convention Convening Commission Meeting 13/2006

YANGON, 15 Nov — The National Convention Convening Commission held the Meeting 13/2006 at the hall of the commission at Anawrahta Yeiktha of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, this morning, with an address by Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairmen of the NCCC Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Commission members.

Joint-Secretary-2 of the Commission Director-General U Myint Thein of Pyithu Hluttaw Office acted as MC.

First, Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address. He said that today's meeting was the coordination meeting of the National Convention Convening Commission. The

National Convention was reconvened on 10 October 2006, and it has been in progress for over one month.

The Alternate Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention has reported on a collection of proposals at the National Convention submitted by delegate groups at the previous sessions on laying down detailed basic principles for the chapter on legislative functions of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaw, and the chapter on Citizenship, Rights and Duties of Citizens and Role of

Tatmadaw to be included in drafting the State Constitution. With regard to separate suggestions, the National Convention Convening Work Committee, after seeking the approvals of the delegate groups, adopted the detailed basic principles for the chapter on legislative functions of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaw, and the chapter on Citizenship, Rights and Duties of Citizens and Role of Tatmadaw.

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As the National Convention has been in progress for over one month, the National Convention Convening Management Committee is to provide assistance for reception and accommodation, transport and health matters of the delegates during the period of the National Convention.



NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses National Convention Convening Commission Meeting 13/2006. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Constantly turn out outstanding students

Nowadays, every nation is giving special emphasis to development of human resources and taking steps to develop science and technologies and train the new generation with the use of modern technologies.

Training the new generation to become outstanding intellectuals and intelligentsia is fulfilling the most basic requirement for peace and stability of the future nation. Short-term and long-term national education promotion plans are being implemented to enable the youth to follow their natural bent and well versed in their specialties.

Due to the suitable and complete education policy of the government, systematic teaching and training by teachers, support of parents and diligence of students, the national education plans are meeting with success and a large number of outstanding students have emerged. Outstanding students are annually awarded on school family days and at prize-giving ceremonies.

As the level of the basic education has become higher, basic education students will be able to pursue higher education. Measures are also being taken for teachers to teach the subjects they have specialized at university to constantly hone the qualifications of teachers. Only then will the number of outstanding students capable of serving the interests of the nation and the people increase.

သက်ရှည်ကျန်းမာဖို့ လမ်းလျှောက်ကြစို့

ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု နည်းပါးခြင်းကြောင့် အဝလွန်ရောဂါ၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ သွေးတိုးရောဂါ၊ ဆီးချိုရောဂါနှင့် အရိုးအဆစ်များ နာကျင်ရောင်ရမ်းခြင်းတို့ ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်ပါသည်။

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- ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Recognized by the State

- * 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

Industry-1 Minister receives Indian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov — Minister for Industry -1 U Aung Thuang received Chief General Manager Mr S S Roy Burman and party of M/S PEC Ltd, the Republic of India, at the ministry here, on 13 November.

Also present at the call were the directors-general and managing directors of the ministry. — MNA

Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thuang meets Chief General Manager Mr S S Roy Burman and party. — INDUSTRY-1



F&R Minister visits Revenue Appellate Tribunal, Internal Revenue Department



F&R Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun meeting service personnel of Internal Revenue Department. — MNA

YANGON, 15 NOV — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun visited Revenue Appellate Tribunal, here, on 13 November. Officials reported to him on tasks being carried out and hearing of cases. The minister gave instructions on keeping the office and its environs neat and tidy. Next, he met personnel

Ambassador U Than Tun presents credentials to Portuguese President

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — U Than Tun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Portuguese Republic, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Anibal Cavaco Silva, President of the Portuguese Republic, on 24 October 2006, in Lisbon. — MNA

Commerce Journal Vol 6 No 21 in circulation

YANGON, 15 Nov — The Commerce Journal Vol 6 No 21 comes out today.

The journal features news on Myanmar-Laos border trade, discussions on export and import with top companies, export and import services of industrialists, Myanmar coffee offered by one world renowned company, marketable croaker in China's border, banana earning for foreign exchange and marketable cucumber.

Moreover, it carries articles written by Maung Sue San, Aung Thin, U Han Tun, Maung Hsu Shin, Kyi Min, Kyi Shawn, Aung Soe, U Than Maung (Sittway), Htay Shwe, Maung Thit Oo, Arkar Soe and local and foreign news, commodity prices at border areas, humour, movies and astrology.

MNA

Fires break out in Wakema, Mingaladon

YANGON, 15 NOV — A fire broke out at the house of U Kyaw Shwe Moe, starting from the stove, on the 2nd Street in Hsayon Ward in Wakema at 9 pm on 13 November. The fire razed 17 homes. A total of 73 persons were rendered homeless, and K 1.5 million worth of property were destroyed.

Likewise, a fire starting from offering of lights to the Buddha Image burnt down U Sai Wunna Aung's house at 81 on Padauk Street in the 15th block of Paukkon Ward in Mingaladon Township at 2 am yesterday. Due to the fire, 36 houses were blazed and 184 persons were left homeless. The property worth K 4.7 million were destroyed.

MNA

Malaysia to build new national palace

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Nov—Malaysia will build a new national palace complex, which will be ready by 2009, Works Minister Samy Vellu said Monday.

The new palace, with a cost of 400 million ringgit (108.1 million US dollars), will be built atop a hill on a site covering 96.52 hectares, Samy said in the official function here.

Construction of the palace will start next June and is expected to be completed in 2009, said Samy.

“We need a new palace with larger space. Currently, the Istana Negara (National Palace) is also used for banquets and meetings. One room for multiple use

is just inadequate,” he told reporters.

Malaysian Supreme Head of State Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin officiated the function. Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak were present.

The new national palace featuring Islamic and Malay architectural designs had been on the drawing board since nine months ago, said Samy.

“It will not be the largest palace as there are larger ones around, but will be one suitable for a country like Malaysia,” said the Works Minister. Site for the new palace had been gazetted for the purpose 30 years ago, added Samy.—MNA/Xinhua

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Premier Wen Jiabao (C) talks on the Eighth Congress of the China Federation of Literary and Art Circles (CFLAC) and the Seventh Congress of the Chinese Writers Association (CWS), on 13 Nov, 2006 in Beijing. —XINHUA

Strong earthquake jolts N-W Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 14 Nov—An earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Richter Scale rocked northwestern Argentina overnight, the US Geological Survey said on Monday.

The tremor occurred at 10:26 pm on Sunday (0126 GMT Monday) about 210 kilometres northeast of Santiago del Estero City, at a depth of 550 kilo-metres, US monitors said.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. A quake measuring 6 on the Richter Scale is capable of causing severe damage, depending on factors such as the quake's depth and the epicentre's distance from residential areas.

MNA/Xinhua



Master Kishan, 10, has found a place in the Guinness Book of World Records as the youngest film director in the world. The record was earlier held by a 13-year-old boy from New Zealand. —XINHUA

Australian driver threatens police with snake

SYDNEY, 14 Nov—An Australian driver threatened police with a live snake after he was pulled over for a breath test for driving under the influence of alcohol, police said on Monday.

The driver in the outback Northern Territory was stopped on Saturday night by police just outside the city of Darwin after they saw him swerving, police said in a statement. After registering a blood alcohol level well over the legal limit, the man ran onto the road and picked up a live snake.

“The driver allegedly armed himself with a live snake, pointed the head of the reptile at them and threatened them,” said police.

Police told the man to drop the snake, but he ran into bushland still carrying it. The man has been charged with drunken driving and will appear in the Darwin Magistrate Court.—MNA/Reuters

Asia Pacific defence chiefs to meet in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Nov— Defence chiefs from the Asia Pacific region will meet here to address security challenges and enhance regional co-operation, the Bernama news agency reported Monday. Bernama quoted a statement issued by the Malaysian Defence

Ministry as reporting that Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Najib Tun Razak will open the 9th Annual Chiefs of Defence Conference.

The three-day conference, themed “Meeting Security Challenges with Capabilities and Co-

operation”, is the first to be held in Malaysia.

It is co-hosted by the Malaysian Chief of Defence Forces Admiral Tan Sri Mohamed Anwar Mohamed Nor and the United States Pacific Command Commander Admiral William J Fallon, said the statement.—MNA/Xinhua

Landslide kills four in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 14 Nov—At least four people died and four others were injured in a landslide caused by heavy rains, the police said on Monday.

The tragedy happened at Pussallewa area, about 140 kilometres east of the capital Colombo.

“We found at least five vehicles buried in a heap of earth which had fallen onto the road at around 9 pm (1530 GMT) on Sunday,” said the police.

Among the buried vehicles was an earth moving machine which was deployed to remove earth from the main highway leading to the holiday resort

of Nuwara Eliya in the central hill district.

The police said the road to Nuwara Eliya was not motorable as a result of the landslide and the drivers should take alternate de-routes to reach there.

The island has been experiencing heavy inter monsoonal rains since the end of October causing floods in most parts of the country.

The police said that over 20 deaths were caused by flooding in the Ratnapura, Gampaha, Kalutara, Badulla and Puttalam districts in the recent floods.

MNA/Xinhua



A nurse massages newborn babies inside a children's hospital in Xining, in northwestern China's Qinghai Province, on 13 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET

Pakistani PM says US attacks within borders unacceptable

WASHINGTON, 13 Nov—Pakistan is an ally of the United States in its war on terrorism but cannot abide US strikes on militants within its borders, Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said on Sunday.

“We do not allow any country to violate our sovereignty. We are committed to fighting terrorism but it has to be fought together,” Aziz said on CNN’s “Late Edition” programme.

The US military has used pilotless drone aircraft in places that are seen as hotbeds for anti-American activity like Afghanistan, Pakistan and Yemen to try to take out Islamic militants targeted in the US war on terrorism.

But Aziz said Pakistan does not allow the drone attacks and that foreign strikes were unacceptable to a nation that has voiced its commitment for US President George W Bush’s worldwide campaign.

“We are totally capable of taking care of activities within our borders and we do not encourage or allow any country to violate this understanding,” Aziz said.

Shaukat also said that there was a “fair element of truth” to US media reports about a US predator strike in Pakistan in January, which was purportedly aimed at al-Qaeda second-in-command Ayman al-Zawahiri but had missed its target.

“It’s very difficult to say who was there because ... the individual in question got away,” Shaukat said. “Clearly the indications from various intelligence sources was that there are high value targets there.”

Such attacks can be fiercely unpopular in Pakistan and the January strike prompted a formal complaint. It also triggered debate about Pakistan’s complicity in — or at least acceptance of — US strikes there.

Aziz, a former banker and finance minister tapped by President Pervez Musharraf in 2004, also rejected recent allusions from Afghan President Hamid Karzai that al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden is hiding in Pakistan. “We have no clue where he is,” Aziz said. “If he were ever in our territory and we found out, we would go after him.”

Aziz also said the Afghan Government is wrong to assert that Taleban insurgents are now being directed from within Pakistan.

MNA/Reuters

Typhoon “Chebi” leaves Philippines, killing one

MANILA, 13 Nov—Typhoon “Chebi” left the Philippines on Sunday and moved toward Vietnam, leaving one person dead and triggering floods and landslides in the north-eastern Philippines, according to a report of the Office of Civil Defence (OCD).

A man drowned in a swollen creek on Saturday in Aurora Province, the OCD said, adding that three people were missing after they were swept away by floodwaters and eight others were injured by fallen trees in Casiguran in nearby Isabela Province on the same day.

However, most of the floodwaters in the area

have receded by early Sunday, but some rice crops were damaged in San Jose City in Nueva Ecija Province where some farms were submerged under about 1.2 metres of water, the OCD said.

About 8,300 people who evacuated flooded villages in San Jose have returned home, it added.

MNA/Xinhua

Dengue death toll rises to 40 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 14 Nov—Pakistani Health Ministry on Sunday said mosquito-borne dengue fever so far has caused 40 deaths across the country since early October and the number of patients declared positive for dengue virus reached 1,527.

As many as 4,176 patients with symptoms similar to dengue fever have been admitted to hospitals across Pakistan till Sunday evening, said the health ministry, quoted by the state-run Associated Press of Pakistan.

Among the 40 deaths, 38 are from south province Sindh and two others from North West Frontier Province, said the APP report.—MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi PM plans Govt shake up, bomber kills 35

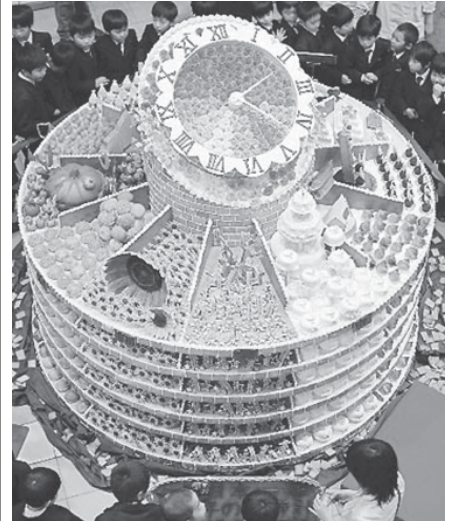
BAGHDAD, 13 Nov—A suicide bomber killed 35 Iraqi police recruits on Sunday, the bloodiest such attack in weeks.

Hours later, under pressure to avert civil war, the prime minister told a Parliament crackling with sectarian tension that he would fire a host of underperforming ministers.

In Washington, where President George W Bush has said he is open to “any ideas” for fixing problems in Iraq, his Democratic opponents who took

control of Congress last week said they would push to start bringing US troops home in four to six months. The White House warned against fixing a withdrawal timetable.

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki’s reshuffle announcement to a closed session of Parliament came hours after a man wearing an explosive vest walked into a crowd lining up outside a police commando recruiting centre in Baghdad and blew himself up.—MNA/Reuters



School children gather around a clock tower made of cake on display at a two-day college festival in Osaka, on 10 Nov, 2006. Around 400 students from a nutrition college made the two-meter high, 2.7 meter diameter and 800 kilograms cake.—XINHUA

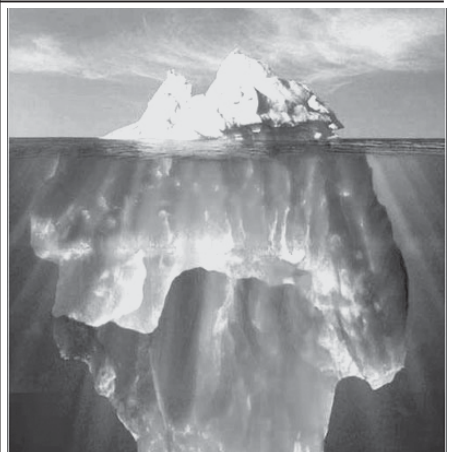
Turnbull says states shouldn’t rely on rain for water supply

ADELAIDE, 13 Nov—The parliamentary secretary for water, Malcolm Turnbull, says the states need to find new sources of water that are not dependent on rainfall.

Mr Turnbull has been in Adelaide to discuss a desalination plant that is being built by the State Government and BHP Billiton at Whyalla, on the north-west coast of the Spencer Gulf.

He says as rainfall decreases and storages hold less, governments need to consider water recycling and desalination.

“That is expensive, but as we learn or as I learn ... and travel around Australia, working closely with state governments and local governments on water issues, there are no new cheap new sources of water,” he said. “All of the new sources of water are expensive, relative to what we’ve enjoyed historically.”—Internet



This photo was taken by a staff of an American oil drilling company, who worked at an offshore oil rig by St Johns, Newfoundland, Canada. Whenever iceberg alarm comes, frogmen and specialists of the company must check all the water areas where icebergs may move through, so as to protect the oil rigs from them. Thanks to the calm, crystal-clear sea water, the staff took this perfect photo of the giant iceberg. According to the specialists, this iceberg weighs at least 300 million metric tons!—XINHUA



Actress Karena Lam (C) and models display the jewelry of royal jeweler Asprey during an opening ceremony of Asprey’s first shop in Hong Kong, south China, on 13 Nov, 2006. London-based royal jeweler Asprey, founded in 1781, opened its first shop in Hong Kong on Monday.—XINHUA

China marks 140th birth anniversary of Sun Yat-sen

BEIJING, 13 Nov — China held a grand gathering at the Great Hall of the People on Sunday to mark the 140th birth anniversary of Dr Sun Yat-sen, the forerunner of China's democratic revolution.

General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Hu Jintao delivered a speech at the gathering, which was presided over by Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

Top CPC and state officials Wu Bangguo, Wen Jiabao, Zeng Qinghong, Wu Guanzheng, Li Changchun and Luo Gan also attended the conference.

The meeting gathered about 3,000 people including CPC, government and military officials, non-Communist personages, Dr Sun's relatives and other people from all walks of life.

Dr Sun is known across the country as a "great revolutionist and statesman" who fought against feudalism and imperialist aggression and for the independence and freedom of the Chinese people.

He was born in 1866 in Xiangshan County (now Zhongshan City) in south China's Guangdong

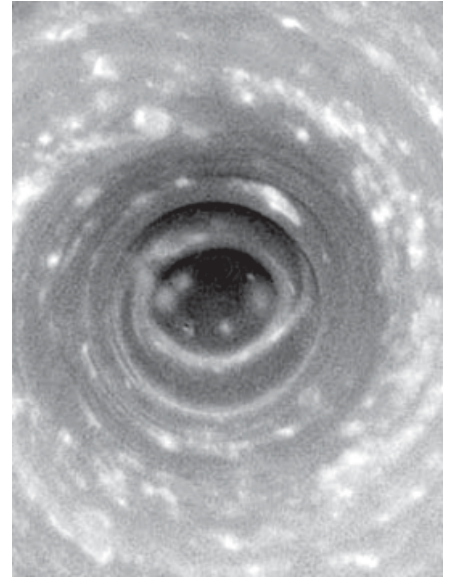
Province and died of illness in Beijing (then called Beijing) on 12 March, 1925.

MNA/Xinhua



Flowers presented by the people from different social sectors are placed in front of Sun Yat-sen's statue in Dr Sun Yat-sen's Mausoleum in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 11 Nov, 2006. Activities were held here to mark the 140th birthday of China's revolutionary forerunner Dr Sun Yat-sen, which falls on 12 Nov, 2006.

XINHUA



This 11 Oct, 2006 image obtained from NASA, shows a hurricane-like storm in Saturn's south pole. NASA's Cassini spacecraft has pinpointed a hurricane-like storm swirling at Saturn's south pole, marking the first time such a system has been spotted on another planet, the US space agency said recently.—XINHUA

Three baby crocodiles seized by Manila airport Customs

MANILA, 14 Nov — Philippine Customs here seized three juvenile crocodiles from a Filipino arriving from Singapore on Tuesday morning.

At the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, the Bureau of Customs quarantine section confiscated the three 1.5-foot crocodiles, which were being declared by Enrique Castillo Jr, a passenger just arrived from Singapore on board Singapore Airlines flight SQ-76, according to a report by radio station dzBB.

Initial reports said Castillo was stopped by Customs agents who said he may face charges for violating the Convention of International Trade and Endangered Species.

The crocodiles were likely acquired from Cambodia and Castillo claimed he wanted to bring them to his house as pets in the City of Paranaque, Metro Manila, the report quoted the agents as saying.

Despite Castillo's attempts to convince Customs agents to release the crocodiles to him, authorities kept the three reptiles. —MNA/Xinhua



French climber Alain Robert, 44 years old, climbs Lisbon's Vasco da Gama tower for a television advertisement on, 13 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET

President says Indonesian population growth alarming

JAKARTA, 13 Nov — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said that the country's population growth reaching 1.3 per cent per year was alarming and must soon be lowered by the promotion of family planning programmes.

"The population growth rate has reached 1.3 per cent per year. This figure is higher than that before the reform era. It is cause for alarm as it will give an extensive impact, among other things, on staple food availability, education, healthcare and jobs," Antara news agency on Saturday quoted the President as saying at the opening of a National Congress on Indonesian People Development here Friday.

"We must find new breakthroughs to control the population growth through family planning programmes. Therefore I call on the National Family Planning Board, regional administrations and non-governmental organizations to intensify the familiarization of family planning to the people," he said. Indonesia is the fourth largest populous country in the world with a population of 220 million.

MNA/Xinhua

APEC meetings provide golden chance for local businesses

HANOI, 14 Nov — The APEC-2006 Economic Leaders' Week on 12-19 November will provide a golden opportunity for Vietnamese businesses to promote their products, a Vietnamese business leader told local media prior to the event.

"As the host of the APEC Year 2006, our enterprises must take full advantage of the

golden opportunities brought about by leaders and enterprises of APEC member economies in 2006 and the following years," Vietnam News Agency quoted Hoang

Van Dung, Deputy Chairman of the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI), as saying on Sunday.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese actress Gong Li (C), director Zhang Yimou (L) and actor Chow Yun-Fat pose at a screening of their new film "Curse of the Golden Flower", written and directed by Zhang Yimou, during the Closing Night at the AFI Fest 2006 in Hollywood, California on 12 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA



Singapore review security measures in past five years

SINGAPORE, 14 Nov—Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister S Jayakumar on Monday said that the threat of transnational terrorism remains and his country has to steadfastly enhance the security.

He reviewed the city-state's security measures over the past five years at this year's national security seminar.

He said the measures include three phases, raising the baseline of Singapore's national security, reviewing the national security architecture and raising the awareness of citizens to play roles in anti-terrorism.

He said Singapore had to raise the baseline of the country's national security, including improve

capabilities and security measures in many areas, such as maritime, aviation and other key installations.

Singapore's security architecture was reorganized, with the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS) established to handle the country's security policies. The NSCS is under the Prime Minister's Office. Jayakumar said another key aspect was reaching out to Singaporeans to understand the issues at stake, because keeping the

country safe needed a "whole-of-nation" approach.

According to a survey conducted by the Ministry of Information, Communication and the Arts (MICA), 82 per cent of Singaporeans said they feel the government's security measures are sufficient to prevent the threat of terrorist attacks. —MNA/Xinhua

The world's largest software maker Microsoft Corp will start selling the Zune portable music player and the Zune Marketplace in the United States on 14 Nov, 2006. XINHUA



Beijing's largest garbage treatment plant under construction

BEIJING, 14 Nov— Beijing has begun building a new garbage treatment plant that is designed to generate 38 million kilowatt-hours of electricity a year out of methane.

The plant, covering 23,460 square metres in Taihu Town in the Tongzhou District on the city's eastern outskirts, will become operational at the end of next year, said sources with Beijing Construction Engineering Group, the prime contractor for the project.

Designed to be the city's largest garbage treatment centre, the plant will dispose of 650 tons of urban waste daily, including 200 tons of kitchen waste from the downtown districts of Chongwen and Chaoyang.

The 184-million-yuan (23 million US dollars) project will produce 22 million cubic metres of methane gas annually to fuel four power generators installed at the

facility, said Liang Guangsheng, chairman of Beijing Urban Environment and Hygiene Group.

Environment workers around the globe are seeking ways to convert urban waste into energy resources and experts say a ton of kitchen waste produces around 100 cubic metres of gas fuel.

Effective central disposal of kitchen waste would also prevent dealers from illegally bringing contaminated food and vegetable oil back to the dinner table, Liang said.

The plant would also produce organic fertilizer for farmers and forestry workers, he added.

The plant will have a waste classification unit that separates garbage for incineration from other waste to minimize air pollution. It will also use state-of-the-art technologies to prevent waste being attacked by anaerobic bacteria that produce offensive odours, said a statement from Beijing Construction Engineering Group.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore to raise GST to 7%

SINGAPORE, 14 Nov— Singapore will raise the Goods and Services Tax (GST) to 7 per cent from the current 5 per cent, according to a Channel NewsAsia report on Monday.

The extra funds will be used to help the needy, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong announced in Parliament.

Lee said the GST report would come with a package weighted in favour of lower income groups.

There are plans to increase the grant to the needy to buy their first home, as well as to give them more "workfare" bonuses as an incentive to stay employed, according to the report.

More details of the GST increase will be announced in the government's budget in February, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua



Eileen Roca, the new Miss Colombia from Cesar Province, poses for photographers in Cartagena, Colombia, on 13 Nov, 2006. Twenty-three young women from across the country were competing for the title of Miss Colombia.—INTERNET

Brazil flights delayed, air traffic snarls

BRASILIA (Brazil), 14 Nov — Thousands of travellers faced long delays in Brazil's airports on Monday, according to Brazil's airport authority Infraero, because of what a source said was a work slow-down by air traffic controllers.

More than 400 of some 1,000 flights were delayed by afternoon, Infraero said.

The bottleneck was caused by air traffic controllers staging a work

slow-down, said an Infraero employee who asked not to be named. A similar jam occurred two weeks ago when traffic controllers in Brasilia refused to handle more than 14 flights at a time, in line with international standards. Hundreds of flights were delayed and air traffic was backed up for days.

The action started after 10 controllers were put on leave after a plane crash on

29 September.

Two planes clipped in mid-air over the Amazon and one of the aircraft crashed, killing all 154 people on board.

The accident is under investigation. Controllers said their work load increased after the crash, and some said they had been handling as many as 20 flights simultaneously at the peak of their six-hour shifts.

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Eva Green poses for photographers as she arrives for the world premiere of the latest James Bond movie "Casino Royale" at the Odeon cinema in Leicester Square in London on 14 Nov, 2006.

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Democracy lesson provided by Iraq

Ye Yint Tint Swe

CNN reported that Saddam Hussein, former leader of Iraq in the Middle-East, had been sentenced to death. And in the news story, many crowds were seen on the streets of Baghdad, the capital city of Iraq, clapping their hands to express their happiness, while some fired shots in the air. Their reaction might represent a victory or success. However, the next news story said that a bomb explosion killed 11 people in Baghdad. In the scene of the bomb blast, workers were clearing the rubble and washing away the blood stains with the use of water hoses, and some wounded persons were taken in ambulances. At that time, a group of people were mourning inconsolably.

Now, Iraq has been in the most terrible and disgusting condition. The glory of Iraq in the Middle-East is now something of the past. It is very doubtful that the puppet government relying on foreign assistance and alien troops deployed in Iraq for restoration of peace and stability will be able to transform the nation into a democratic one. The Saddam Hussein regime said to be awful and dictatorial was ousted in April 2003. Saddam Hussein was captured alive in December the same year. The Iraqi Tribunal sentenced Saddam Hussein to death in November 2006. However, in contrast to the hopes of the majority, there has not been any sign of development and democracy in Iraq. In reality, war-torn Iraq remains as a battlefield full of events involving bloodshed.

Those events brought my thought to the world affairs that occurred in the early 1970s. At that time, the rivalry for supremacy between the two most powerful countries reached its peak in the Cold War. The Soviet Union gave priority to power in quantity, whereas the US focused on power in quality. They were also seeking new state-of-the-art technologies. Then, the rivalry between the East Bloc and the West Bloc grew in Europe and Asia.

How were the conditions on security and peace and stability in Myanmar when the world saw China-Soviet border incident (1969), Arab-Israel war (1973) and Vietnam war? At the time, Myanmar had no external enemies due to its practice of independent and active foreign policy, but it

encountered internal armed insurgency. The Burma Community Party (BCP) that established its base on Bago Yoma mountain range was most active at that time. Trips by car and by train to such townships as Nyaunglebin and Pyu, about 100 miles from Yangon, were insecure, and the passengers had to travel in army conveyances just after leaving Bago. Bomb blasts occurred at some cinemas in those townships. However, the destruction was not appalling because the hand-grenades used at the time had not much impact. After the Tatmadaw had crushed Thakin Zin and Thakin Chit in the early 1975, the BCP came to an end in Bago Yoma, and since then the route linking lower Myanmar with central Myanmar has been secure.

In the 1980s, the world saw changes in international affairs. In 1979, Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan and there broke out China-Vietnam border war. Former Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was assassinated, and Israel bombed the nuclear reactor of Iraq. US-backed Shah Dynasty was toppled in Iran. Falklands battle between England and Argentina broke out.

At that time, the US attempted to implement a national strategy for security of the Middle-East. In the 1980s, Myanmar had to launch many major military operations such as the Operation "Chu Shwe", Operation "Pankauk", Operation "Naung Hlaing", Operation "Par Phan", Operation "Man Khu", Operation "Man Kha" and Operation "Ciciwan Tarpan" to crush strong BCP troops in the northeastern part of the nation. Then, it had to get engaged in border combats such as Methawaw and Maw Pho Kay with the KNU.

During the time, it was unsafe for the people, once they passed Sittoung Bridge, that is just 100 miles from Yangon. What's more, Hpa-an, the capital of Kayin State, came under frequent heavy weapons fire of insurgents. Only 60 miles from Hpa-an is the Dawna mountain range that saw Tatmadaw columns defending the nation and securing public lives and property in its surrounding areas.

Great changes took place in the world in the 1990s. The Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact member countries collapsed. America became the sole

superpower when the global balance of power was upset. As the US has no principal enemy to deal with, it openly focused its national defence and security strategy on the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Latin America and Africa. It proclaimed its interest covering the issues it deems essential or important for its national interest and humanitarian issues. With this proclamation, the US has been trying to interfere in the affairs of the countries included in its priority list.

Myanmar also faced political changes due to economic difficulties that eventually led to the end of the administration of the then government. Yangon was gripped with chaotic situation— anarchy, lawlessness and terrorism. As the civil commotion spread to almost the whole country, the Tatmadaw had to save the nation in time. Insurgents and aboveground and underground elements were fueling the anarchy that reigned the nation during the time. The Tatmadaw waged a decisive battle against the BCP insurgents in Mongyawng in the north of Myanmar, while crushing the KNU insurgents in another decisive battle at Methawaw lying in the south-eastern part of the nation. In the later periods, the nation started to enjoy gradual peace and stability. Now the nation is in the step-by-step process to a new democratic state.

The background history of Iraq is so deep and delicate that swift and collective establishment of democracy will be only a dream in the country where Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds are going their own way. It is undeniable that Iraq during the time of Saddam Hussein was the most powerful country in the Middle East. Before Saddam, Iraq was the scene of many military coups. Then came the US sanctions imposed on Iraq followed by invasion with excuses to liberate the Iraqi people and plant democracy in the country.

The current situation in Iraq proves that the act of launching attacks from all angles against the government of a sovereign nation or its head, with various excuses, is not the right solution to establish a democratic nation overnight.

Nations greatly differ from one another depending on their peoples, history, culture, customs and geographical location, and in some cases a country cannot be the same as another. It is true that a turning point in a nation may have connections with the international changes. But the fact is that a certain length of time is essential for the people of that nation to become accustomed to the new system.

We believe that only the institution that has protected the nation against attacks to undermine her security and progress for decades with much endurance will always be able to safeguard peace and progress of the future state; and the people born and brought up together in the nation will determine the nation's future.

(Translation: MS+TMT)

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Furthermore, the clarifications of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman for laying down of detailed basic principles concerning the chapter on Election, the chapter on Political Parties and the chapter on Provision on State of Emergency to be included in drafting the State Constitution, and the clarifications of the NCC Work Committee Chairman for laying down of detailed basic principles concerning the chapter on Amendment of the Constitution, State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, and the Capital, the chapter on Transitory Provisions, and the chapter on General Provisions have been made at the Plenary Sessions of the National Convention.

At present, delegate groups of the National Convention are holding discussions concerning the chapter on Election, the chapter on Political Parties and the chapter on Provision on State of Emergency, and compiling the proposals. On completion, the proposals of the delegate groups will be submitted to the Plenary Session of the National Convention. Likewise, when the delegate groups complete com-

pilation of the proposals concerning the chapter on Amendment of the Constitution, State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, and the Capital, the chapter on Transitory Provisions, and the chapter on General Provisions, these proposals will be read at the Plenary Session of the National Convention.

As the National Convention has been in progress for over one month, the National Convention Convening Management Committee is to provide assistance for reception and accommodation, transport and health matters of the delegates during the period of the National Convention. In addition, it is necessary to take care of lush and greening and sanitation at the Nyaungnnapin Camp.

Next, NCCC Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan reported on tasks being carried out for putting records on the National Convention.

Afterwards, members of the NCCC discussed matters related to proposals submitted by the National Convention Convening Work Committee to the NCCC, and they also held the meeting on other matters to be reported to the National Con-



Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan makes clarifications.

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tion.

Members of the NCCC gave suggestions on successful convening the National Convention.

The Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions, and the meeting ended at noon.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects ...

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Now, 94.67 per cent of the whole project has been covered. Next, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Hlaing of special group-2 of Public Works reported on upgrading tasks for extended runway and future tasks. Afterwards, the director-general of the Department for Civil Aviation gave a supplementary report.

The airport's original length is 8,100 feet and its width, 200 feet. If completed, the airport would be 11,200 feet in length and 200 feet in width. Now, concrete laying tasks are being carried out at the airport.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on measures to be taken for construction tasks to meet the set standard.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe looked into progress of extended building at the airport, installation of passenger boarding bridge, departure lounge and installation of conveyor belt.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe oversaw extended building of the runway and concrete laying tasks with the use of heavy machinery. Later Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions to officials.

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The expansion of Yangon International Airport in progress. — MNA

Myanmar Unicode System introduced

YANGON, 15 Nov — A brief demonstration on Myanmar Unicode

System to be used in mobile communication took place at Traders Hotel

this afternoon, attended by departmental officials, journalists, entrepreneurs

and enthusiasts.

Firstly, Project Manager U Myint Thu of Myanmar Unicode System extended greetings. Maung Htoo Myint Naung of University of Computer Studies (Yangon) explained usefulness of the system and purpose of creation and answered the queries raised by those present.

Arrangements are being made for public use at the end of 2006.

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Maung Htoo Myint Naung of University of Computer Studies (Yangon) explains usefulness of the system at the demonstration on Myanmar Unicode System. — MNA

Mayor inspects upgrading tasks in Yangon

YANGON, 15 Nov — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin accompanied by officials inspects tasks being carried out at the asphalt concrete factory and quarry of Engineering Department (Road/Bridge) at Setsan in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning.

Next, the mayor and party looked into tarmacking of 8,095 feet long road in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, and sanitation task and construction of underground ditches in South Okkalapa Township. Later, the mayor also inspected tarmacking of 2,200 feet long road in Mayangon Township and gave necessary instructions.— MNA

Commander attends ceremony to mark Dipavali festival



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung light the lamp to mark Dipavali festival, organized by All Myanmar Tamil-Hindu Foundation (Central). — MNA

YANGON, 15 Nov— A ceremony to mark Dipavali festival sponsored by All Myanmar Tamil-Hindu Foundation (Central) was held at Hotel Nikko Royal Lake, here yesterday.

Present were Chairman Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon

Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, the directors-general, the chairman of AMTHF (Central), officials of Myanmar-India Chambers of Commerce and Industry and guests.

The commander, the minister, Chairman of

AMTHF (Central) U Zaw Zaw Naing and secretary U Hla Shwe lit the lamp.

The minister spoke on the occasion.

Chairman U Zaw Zaw Naing extended greetings and Tamil traditional dances were staged. After the ceremony, dinner was served.

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Educative talks on dynamism of patriotic spirit held

YANGON, 15 Nov — Organized by Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization, educative talks on dynamism of patriotic spirit was held at Mayangon No 1 Basic Education High School on 13 November.

Present on the

occasion were Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai, Chairperson Daw Khin Myo Thu, executives, members of Yangon Division WAO, chairpersons of Township WAOs, teachers from Mayangon Township No 1 BEHS and students

totaling 150.

First, Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai made an opening speech on the occasion. Next, writer Ledwinthar Saw Chit gave educative talks on salient points of dynamism of patriotic spirit.

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Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai makes a speech at educative talks on dynamism of patriotic spirit. — MNA

Myanmar delegation leaves for Singapore



Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo left for Singapore by air, here on 14 November.

The Myanmar delegation is to attend the 28th ASEAN Agriculture and Forestry Ministers' Meeting and the 6th ASEAN Plus Three Meeting to be held on 16 and 17 November.

The Myanmar delegation was seen off at

Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, departmental heads and responsible personnel.

ASEAN Unit In-Charge Deputy Director U Than Htay of Agricultural Planning Department accompanied Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo. Before the 28th ASEAN Agriculture and Forestry Ministers' Meeting, Myanmar

delegation members Director-General of Agricultural Planning Department U Tin Htut Oo, Deputy Director U Zaw Myo Tun of Directorate of Livestock and Fisheries Department, Assistant Director Dr Myint Oo of Forest Department left for Singapore in advance on 12 November to attend the Preliminary Senior Officer' Meeting to be held from 13 to 15 November. — MNA

Myanmar whitewashes Singapore 11-1 in AFC U-19 Women's C'ship qualifier

YANGON, 15 Nov — The AFC U-19 Women's Championship 2007 Qualifying Round continued in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia at 7 pm local

time today.

In the Group (A), Myanmar U-19 Women's Team defeated Singapore U-19 Women's Team with a 11-1.

Myanmar women's team achieved a deserved win over Singapore women's team through a hat-trick score by Naw Ahlo Wah Phaw at the 14th minute in the first half, the 15th minute and the 30th minute in the second half, another hat-trick score by Khin Marlar Tun at the 32nd minute in the first half, the 17th minute and the 34th minute in the second half. Khin Moe Wai netted the balls at the 29th minute in the first half and the 23rd minute in the second half. Aye Aye Khaing kicked

the ball into the net at the 3rd minute in the second half; Mu Mu Lwin added one more at the 8th minute; and Thanda Moe shot the 11th at the 36th minute.

Myanmar women's team was qualified for the championship, standing at the second position in the Group (A) with 10 points in three wins and one draw.

Despite having equal points with Myanmar, Thai women's team stood first in the Group (A) due to goal difference.

Myanmar and Thai teams from the Group (A) have the opportunities to enter the finals of the AFC U-19 Women's Championship 2007.

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MWAF raises awareness of human trafficking, HIV/AIDS

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov — Working Group for Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation conducted the educative talks on human trafficking and HIV/AIDS at No 3 Sugar Mill in Pynmana Township on 13 November.

First, Leader of Working Group for Rehabilitation and Reintegration of MWAF Daw Tin Tin Nwe briefed those present on MWAF. Next, Police Inspector Daw Htay Htay Tun gave talks on

human trafficking and Dr U Aye Ko Koon on HIV/AIDS.

It was also attended by Head of the Organizing Department of MWAF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, Leader of Social and Cultural Working Group Dr Daw Sandar Aung, Leader of Working Group for Nationalities Affairs Daw Kyin Khaing, Leader of Working Group for Legal Affairs, Daw Ni Ni Win, Leader of Working Group for Environment Daw Nilar Thaw, Regional Organizer Daw Khin Nwe, Leader of Sub-

Working Group for Rehabilitation and Nurturing Daw Kyi Kyi Mya, Secretary of Sub-Working Group for Girl/Child Daw Nann Myat Nilar Aung, members Pynmana Township Women's Affairs Organization and Pynmana Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, officials of No 2 and No 3 sugar mills, teachers, students and local people.

The talks ended with concluding remarks by Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo.

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Electric Power No 2 Minister inspects Botahtaung Township office



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects emergency unit at Botahtaung Township Electric Power Supply Office. — MNA

YANGON, 15 NOV

— Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint together with officials met with service personnel at Botahtaung Township office of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board on 13 November and gave necessary

instructions.

The minister and party inspected power supply task at Botahtaung Township Sub-Station and heard reports on consumption of electric power and installation of transformers in official.

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Leader Daw Tin Tin Nwe of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group gives a speech at educative talks. — MNA

Forestry Minister arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 15 NOV

— The three-member Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Forestry Brig-

Gen Thein Aung arrived back here by air this morning after attending the 10th ASEAN Environment Ministers' Meeting and the 5th ASEAN plus three environment ministers' meeting at Cebu, the Philippines. They were welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Thein, departmental heads and officials.

On his tour, the minister met the Thai Minister and the Japanese Deputy Minister on 10 and 11 November respectively and discussed bilateral cooperation in environment and forestry sector. The minister also visited wood-based factory of Pacific Traders Manufacturing Corporation and Murillo wickerwork factory in Cebu.

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UMFCCI, HSCCI sign MoU

YANGON, 15 NOV — The MoU signing ceremony of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Hwaseong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HSCCI) of the Republic of Korea was held at

UMFCCI Office on Min Ye Kyawswa Street in Lanmadaw Township on 9 November.

UMFCCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing extended greetings at the ceremony. Chairman of Yangon Division Chambers of

Commerce and Industry U Than Oo and HSCCI Chairman Mr Chung Shi Kyun made addresses and signed an MoU agreeing to increase trade and exchanged the documents.

Later, they held discussions on economic opportunities. — MNA



Officials of UMFCCI and HSCCI sign an MoU.

UMFCCI



Indonesia, Australia sign security pact

JAKARTA, 15 NOV — Indonesia and Australia have signed the much-awaited bilateral agreement on the framework for security cooperation as an important landmark to help the two countries deal with conflicts and sensitive issues in more open and constructive ways, a report said on Tuesday.

Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda said the treaty, which was signed on Monday on the Lombok resort island, provided a structure and legal basis for cooperation and consultation on security issues for Indonesia and Australia, reported the *Jakarta Post* newspaper.

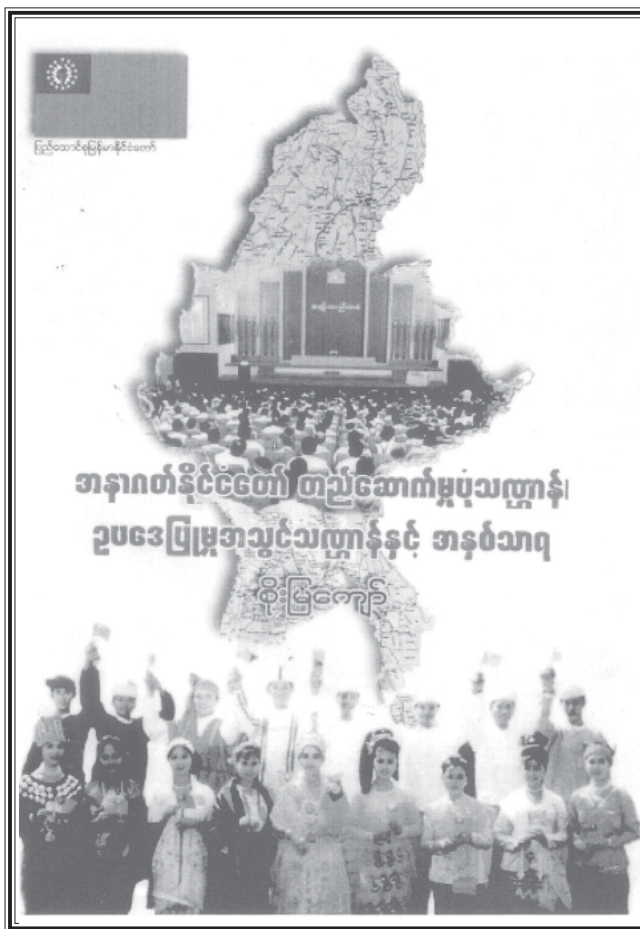
"This agreement covers cooperation on security in the broader sense, and is not a military pact. We strongly believe that the agreement signing will strengthen the bilateral relations between Indonesia and Australia," he was quoted as saying.

The agreement, he said, reflected the maturity of Indonesia's and Australia's relations as close neighbours.

Wirajuda signed the agreement with his Australian counterpart Alexander Downer.

Downer said that the agreement was a written expression of Australia's commitment to respect Indonesia's territorial integrity.

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Philippines to deploy 7,000 policemen for ASEAN Summit

MANILA, 15 Nov — The Philippines will deploy some 7,000 policemen for the Association of South-East Asian (ASEAN) Summit to be held in Cebu City, the police chief said on Tuesday.

Police forces will secure the arrival and the departure of all the delegates of the summit in December, Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief Oscar Calderon told reporters in a Press conference at Camp Crame, PNP headquarters in the capital.

Calderon said that the police could not rule out the possibility that international and local terrorist groups might take advantage of the event.

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Thai zoo finds gold in giant pandas' dung

BANGKOK, 15 Nov— A Thai zoo has discovered a way to utilize unwanted dung from a couple of pandas by using it to make paper for souvenirs, the country's panda project manager said on Tuesday.

The zoo had improvised a traditional way of making paper from mulberry trees in the northern city of Chiang Mai by using bamboo pulp that the pair of pandas

could not digest, Prasertsak Buntrakoontoonpoontawee said.

The pandas, who are fed chopped bamboo, excrete about 23 kilos (50 pounds) of the pulp a day, he said.

"We know that any kind of pulp can be used to make paper, so we have applied the 2,000-year techniques of making paper from mulberry tree in this rural neighbourhood to bamboo pulp from panda dung," Prasertsak said. The zoo had earned 300,000 baht (8,200 US dollars) a year from selling fans, greeting cards, key chains, book marks — all with panda faces and made from panda excrement paper — and dried panda dung, enough to fund the project, he said.

The project would be presented at a four-day international panda conference in Chiang Mai that started on Monday, drawing 200 wildlife and panda specialists from

around the world.

The zoo would also start to separate the pair — six-year-old male Chuang Chuang and five-year-old female Lin Hui — in

December in a bid to breed them in captivity as Chaung Chaung would be shown frank videos of how to mate, Prasertsak said.

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“A380” arrives in Singapore as first stop of global test flight

SINGAPORE, 15 Nov— Airbus A380, the world's largest passenger plane, landed in Singapore's Changi Airport on Tuesday morning for the first of 10 stops of its global test flight.

The A380 embarks on 17 days of technical tests to complete 150 hours of flying time, simulating the pressures of a typical airline schedule, according to a Channel NewsAsia report.

If it passes all its tests with flying colours, the A380 should be on course to receive export certification, which it needs to enter into commercial service.

This was the third time the A380 came to Singapore. It flew here for the first time in November last year and again in February during the Asian Aerospace Show.

Airbus, the European giant aircraft manufacturer, has received firm orders for more than 160 A380s from 15 airlines worldwide, including Singapore Airlines (SIA), which ordered 19.

However, the A380 roll-out has now been delayed three times due to "wiring problems" and the first A380 is to be delivered to SIA in October, 2007.

The superjumbo is designed to transport between 555 and 840 passengers over distances of up to 15,000 kilometres.

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Sarah Ray displays a cell phone with the new Boost loopt service which allows users to find other users, in New York on 14 Nov, 2006. The nationwide location-based social mapping service enables young mobile phone users to share their real-time location, status messages, photos and other on-the-go experiences with friends from their mobile phone.—INTERNET

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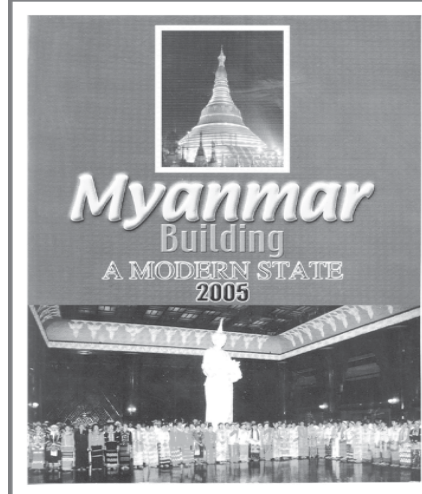
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Suicide bomber kills 11 on minibus in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 14 Nov—A blast that police said was caused by a suicide bomber killed 11 people and wounded 18 more on a minibus in northern Baghdad on Monday.

Some sources said there was more than one explosion but it was not immediately clear what caused any secondary blasts. The attack took place in the Shaab District of the capital, an area with a mixed population of Sunni Arabs, Shi'ites, ethnic Kurds and others in northern Baghdad.

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NZ, Japan to reinvigorate trade economic ties

WELLINGTON, 14 Nov—New Zealand and Japan officials agreed to reinvigorate trade and economic relations, said New Zealand Trade Minister Phil Goff on Monday.

According to a government Press release, Japan and New Zealand have established a working group to take a fresh look at the bilateral trade and economic relationship. This will be a forward-looking project to identify specific possibilities for building trade and investment.

The working group has a broad mandate, looking at all options for developing the relationship. It is expected to report to both governments before the end of 2007.

He said the working group process will allow both sides to set out their interests and concerns.

Japan is the third largest trading partner of New Zealand with two-way trade worth more than 7.3 billion NZ dollars (4.7 billion US dollars).

Goff said New Zealand would welcome starting negotiations for a trade agreement with Japan. "To date that has been a step too far for Tokyo, principally because of their concerns about the strength of our agriculture sector. We want to demonstrate that our agriculture sector can work with Japan for shared benefit," said Goff. —MNA/Xinhua

Beijing bans salted duck eggs suspected of containing harmful dye

BEIJING, 14 Nov—Beijing has banned sales of some salted duck eggs suspected of containing a possibly carcinogenic red dye, the municipal authorities confirmed on Monday.

Officials have begun to seize stocks of red-yolk salted duck eggs for testing after some were suspected of containing the industrial dye, Sudan-IV.

"Sales of all red-yolk salted duck eggs from neighbouring Hebei Province have been banned temporarily in markets, shopping malls and stores," said a spokeswoman surnamed Wang with the Beijing Administration of Industry and Commerce.

Officials have sealed 96.5 kilogrammes of red-yolk salted duck eggs in more than 55 shopping malls, supermarkets and open markets, according to the industry and commerce

authorities with the Chongwen District.

Four retailers have been forced to remove 14 boxes of red-yolk salted duck eggs weighing 458 kilogrammes from shelves in the Dayanglu Agricultural Products Wholesale Market in the Chaoyang District.

Those who recently bought the red-yolk salted duck eggs can return them to the sellers with their receipts, said Wang.

MNA/Xinhua

Australian air guitar T-shirt actually rocks

SYDNEY, 14 Nov—Australian scientists have invented a T-shirt that allows air guitarists to play actual music as they strum the air.

The T-shirt, created by scientists from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), is called a "wearable instrument shirt". The shirt has sensors in each elbow and sleeves to detect and interpret the air guitarist's arm movements — one arm chooses chords and the other strums imaginary strings.

The gestures are then connected wirelessly to guitar audio samples to generate the music.

"It's easy to use, virtual instrument that allows real time music making, even by players without significant musical or computing skills," said CSIRO engineer Richard Helmer. "It allows you to jump around and the sound generated is just like an original mp3," Helmer said in a statement on Monday. — MNA/Reuters

Vietnam faces fertilizer shortage in winter-spring crop

HANOI, 14 Nov—Fertilizer producers in Vietnam can supply less than half of the estimated 920,000 tons of urea fertilizer needed for the winter-spring rice crop, according to local newspaper Vietnam News on Monday.

Domestic enterprises are expected to produce only 230,000 tons of urea in the fourth quarter of this year, while another 200,000 tons are in stock, the newspaper quoted the Vietnamese Trade Ministry as reporting. Many fertilizer

producers are operating under heavy debt loads representing over 30 per cent of their turnovers and leading to a shortage of capital to expand production. High fuel and transport costs are further compounding the problem. —MNA/Xinhua

China's first bilingual magazine launched in Beijing

BEIJING, 14 Nov—The World of Chinese, China's only bilingual magazine for the overseas Chinese language learners, starts publication in Beijing on Sunday.

Co-produced by the Beijing Centre for the Promotion of Chinese Language Teaching Overseas and the Commercial Press, the Chinese-English bimonthly is mainly published overseas, said Zhu Xiaojian, chief editor of the magazine who is also a professor with the Beijing Normal

University. "We hope the magazine will help the people, who are interested in China and want to learn Chinese, overcome the hardship of learning the so-called one of the most difficult language in the world," said Zhu.

"What's more, we believe the magazine will set up a bridge for foreigners to get to Chinese culture and the people who speak the language," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A large chalk rendition of Da Vinci's "The Last Supper" drawn by artist Tracy Lee Stum is displayed in the lobby of the Trump Towers in New York City, on 13 Nov, 2006. —XINHUA

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China, New Zealand agree to accelerate FTA talks

BEIJING, 14 Nov— China and New Zealand on Monday agreed to accelerate the talks on building a China-New Zealand Free Trade Area (FTA).

Chinese Minister of Commerce Bo Xilai and visiting New Zealand Minister of Trade Phil Goff reached the agreement during a meeting here.

China and New

Zealand reached a consensus on FTA negotiation during Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's visit to New Zealand last April.

"China will work with New Zealand for a substantial progress of the talks on the basis of balanced interests, as leaders of the two countries have set," Bo said.

Goff said a New

Zealand-China FTA will help deepen bilateral cooperation and New Zealand wishes the talks would achieve result as soon as possible.

The two ministers exchanged views on specific matters concerning the building of FTA, including manufactured goods, principle of origin and service trade among others.

MNA/Xinhua



Rene Obermann (L), new CEO of Deutsche Telekom AG shakes hands with Supervisory board chairman Klaus Zumwinkel (R) after a news conference in Bonn on 13 Nov, 2006. —XINHUA

Death toll rises to 27 in train and truck collision near Cape Town

CAPE TOWN, 14 Nov— The death toll in the accident involving a train and a truck at a railway crossing in Somerset West, about 45 kilometres east of Cape Town, has risen to 27 on Monday morning.

Netcare 911 spokesman Chris Botha said shortly before 10.30 am (0830 GMT) "there were 27 dead at the last count."

He said that there were also six injured, three of whom he described as "critical" and three "serious". All those killed and injured are believed to have been travelling in the truck and trailer.

According to Metro-rail, the accident happened at 7:16 am (0516 GMT),

"when a truck and trailer carrying some 30 farm workers collided with Cape Town-bound train 3208 en route from Strand". No rail commuters were injured in the accident, the rail company said in a statement. "The incident happened at the level crossing to Ridgemoor Farm between Faure and Firgrove stations.— MNA/Xinhua



A model displays a creation by designer Khoon Hooi during the Kuala Lumpur Fashion Week 2006 in Kuala on 13 Nov, 2006. The annual fashion event showcases creations from Malaysian designers. —INTERNET

NZ scores highly in OECD anti-bribery report

WELLINGTON, 14 Nov— New Zealand has scored highly in an Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) report for its efforts to prevent local companies from trying to bribe foreign public officials, Foreign

Minister Winston Peters said on Monday.

The report of the 36-country OECD Working Group on Bribery said New Zealand had scored highly in comparison with other OECD countries.

"This should not come

as a surprise, given our ranking as the world's least corrupt nation (along with Iceland and Finland) on Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index," said Peters.

The OECD report praised New Zealand for efforts to make extradition easier, for whistleblowing laws, for tax laws prohibiting deductions for bribes, and for proposed legislation to allow confiscation of the proceeds of bribery.

"But we agree with the OECD that there are always improvements to be made. Officials are already reviewing anti-bribery and corruption laws in the Crimes Act and the Secret Comm-issions Act and will be introducing legislation making it easier to recover the proceeds of bribery," said Peters.—MNA/Xinhua

China's economy to grow 9.5% in 2007

BEIJING, 14 Nov — China's economy will most possibly keep a moderate growth of 9.5 per cent in 2007, with the fixed asset investment up 20 per cent over 2006, the latest report by the State Information Centre (SIC) has predicted.

According to the SIC, growth of the three main engines driving Chinese economic growth, namely, exports, consumption and investment, will be slow down by various degrees.

Fixed asset investment is expected to hit 13.45 trillion yuan (1.68 trillion US dollars) in 2007, up 20 per cent, or 6.5 percentage points lower than its prediction for the year 2006.

China's fixed asset investment rose to 7.19 trillion yuan in the first nine months of this year, up 27.3 per cent over the same 2005 period, according to the National Bureau of Statistics.

Meanwhile, the volume of retail sales will reach 8.59 trillion yuan in 2007, a nominal growth of 12.5 per cent, which is 1.1 percentage points lower than the predicted whole-year growth rate for 2006.

Exports will jump 15 per cent in 2007, 9.5 percentage points slower than in 2006.

Trade surplus is expected to reach 177 billion US dollars, 30 billion US dollars more than that of 2006.

MNA/Xinhua



A recent study indicates that venom from cone snails may bring relief from severe nerve pain such as sciatica in people.—XINHUA



Malian soldiers hide while training in Gao, eastern Mali on 13 Nov, 2006. Mali is one of nine West and North African countries which have signed up to the US military's Trans-Sahara Counter-Terrorism Partnership.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Trezeguet joins Del Piero on Juventus injured list

MILAN, 15 Nov— Juventus and France striker David Trezeguet will be sidelined for two to three weeks with a thigh muscle injury, his Serie B club said on Tuesday.

Trezeguet's injury means promotion-chasing Juventus, demoted to the second division after being implicated in a match-fixing scandal, will be without both their first-choice strikers as Italy international Alessandro Del Piero has also been ruled out for around 20 days. Like Del Piero, Trezeguet picked up his injury in Juventus's 2-0 win over Pescara on Saturday.— *MNA/Reuters*



Hozumi Hasegawa of Japan (L) battles with Genaro Garcia of Mexico during a WBC bantam weight title bout in Tokyo on 13 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Investigation opened after French lab's computers hacked

PARIS, 15 Nov— A preliminary investigation has been launched after the computer system of the leading French anti-doping laboratory (LNDD) was hacked, the public prosecutor said on Tuesday.

"Some e-mails have been sent as if they were from the laboratory to other (anti-doping) laboratories, including Montreal's," French Anti-Doping Agency (AFLD) boss Pierre Bordry told French Radio France Info.

"These e-mails were meant to show the laboratory was bound to make mistakes," Bordry added.

The head of the Montreal anti-doping

laboratory, Dr Christiane Ayotte, told sports daily *L'Equipe* on Tuesday that she had received an e-mail saying the French laboratory specialized in repeated errors in doping analyses.

"Some 'interesting' documents were attached, as well as an e-mail from (WADA chief scientist) Olivier Rabin addressed to the LNDD," Ayotte was quoted as saying.— *MNA/Reuters*

Saviola joins Barcelona's growing injury list

MADRID, 14 Nov— Striker Javier Saviola has joined fellow Argentine Lionel Messi on Barcelona's lengthening injury list after the 3-1 Primera Liga win over Real Zaragoza on Sunday that put them top of the table.

"Saviola has torn a muscle in his left thigh. We predict a recovery period of between four and six weeks," Barca's medical services said on the club website on Monday.

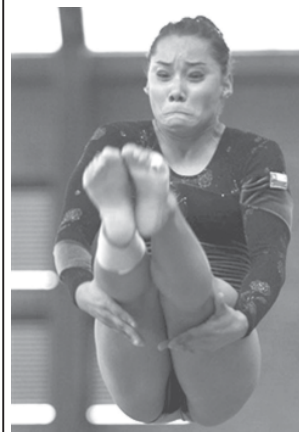
The 24-year-old international scored Barca's third goal in the Nou Camp after coming on as a second-half substitute.

He will miss Barca's remaining Champions League Group A matches against Levski Sofia and Werder Bremen. The European champions are third in the group.

Earlier, Barca confirmed that

Messi will need surgery on a broken fifth metatarsal in his left foot which will put him out of action for around three months.

Messi will also miss Barca's remaining Champions League group matches and will be unable to compete in December's World Club Championship in Japan. The loss of Saviola and Messi is a major blow to the Primera Liga leaders with Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o still recovering from knee surgery and not expected back until February at the earliest.— *MNA/Reuters*



Chile's Daisy Makarena Pinto Adasme competes in the vault women's during the South American Games (Odesur) in Buenos Aires, on 13 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Thailand assures AFC it is ready to host Asian Cup

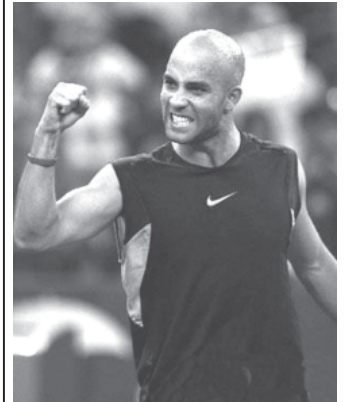
BANGKOK, 15 Nov— Thailand has given assurances it will be ready to co-host next year's Asian Cup, less than a month after Asian soccer chiefs threatened to strip the country of its chance to stage the tournament.

Thai officials submitted a written guarantee to the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) late on Tuesday, guaranteeing its facilities will be ready for the 7-29 July tournament, which it will co-host with Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia.

"The (tourism and sports) minister had a meeting with all the relevant parties and the budget has been agreed," Chaipayak Siriwat, chairman of Thailand's organizing committee, told *Reuters*.

"We will open the bidding for the construction rights for the stadium next week, and everything will be completed by March."

An AFC delegation visited Bangkok's Rajamangala and Supachalasai stadiums on October 17 and expressed dissatisfaction with the playing surfaces, floodlights and facilities for players, media and VIPs. It also said organizers had done little to promote the event — the Asian equivalent of the European Championship — or generate commercial support and threatened to allow Singapore to take Thailand's place.— *MNA/Reuters*



James Blake of the United States reacts after defeating Spain's Rafael Nadal during the competition of Group Gold at 2006 Masters Cup tennis in Shanghai, China, on 13 Nov, 2006. Blake won 2-0.—XINHUA

Real agree deal for Brazil defender Marcelo

MADRID, 15 Nov— Real Madrid have agreed a deal to sign Fluminense's Brazil fullback Marcelo, club president Ramon Calderon said on Tuesday.

"He is an important signing for us. He is a young player who will inject some freshness into the side and is part of our plan to bring younger players into the squad,"

Calderon was quoted as saying on sports daily *Marca's* website.

The 18-year-old international is reported to have signed until 2013 and could play the rest of this season in the club's youth team Real Madrid Castilla, who compete in the second division, to aid his

transition to European football. He will take a medical and could be presented on Wednesday.

Marcelo is seen as a long-term replacement for Roberto Carlos, and has many similar characteristics in that he is very quick and likes to join the attack. He scored on his in-

ternational debut in Brazil's 2-0 win over Wales at the beginning of September, and becomes the sixth Brazilian in Real's squad.

"Roberto Carlos is very happy and Marcelo is coming to replace him when he allows him to," added Calderon.

MNA/Reuters

S Korea assistant coach faces visa quandary

SEOUL, 15 Nov— South Korea will likely be without assistant coach Afshin Ghotbi for Wednesday's Asian Cup qualifier in Teheran after a visa spat reached stalemate on Tuesday.

Iranian-born American citizen Ghotbi was not issued a visa to enter Iran when the Embassy in Seoul issued visas to the rest of the Korean squad.

Instead, the embassy claimed he would not need

one as he held Iranian citizenship as well as American.

They did warn, however, that problems with his application might cause him difficulties leaving Iran after the match.

"Assistant coach Afshin Ghotbi does not have to obtain a visa because he has dual citizenship from the US and Iran. It doesn't make sense for us to issue a

visa because he just needs his Iranian passport to enter the country," Ali Piri, counsellor at the Iranian Embassy, told *Reuters*.

"He didn't have his Iranian passport with him at the time he sent his application through the Korea Football Association, so we offered to issue a new one but he didn't have the necessary documents or ID card," Piri said.— *MNA/Reuters*

Hungarians set Guinness record in non-stop basketball

BUDAPEST, 14 Nov— Pupils of a secondary school in Vac, 30 kilometres north of Budapest, set a new Guinness record by playing basketball for 60 hours incessantly.

The team of Boronkay Gyorgy Technical Grammar School played from 8 a.m. on Friday to 8 p.m. on Sunday to enter the *Guinness Book of Records*. The attempt was announced in advance and officially recorded, organizers told MTI on Monday.

The previous record of 57 hours and 25 minutes was held by US university students.— *MNA/Xinhua*

German prosecutors receive complaint over Rumsfeld

BERLIN, 15 Nov— German prosecutors received a complaint on Tuesday from rights groups seeking charges against outgoing US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld for alleged abuse of detainees at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo prisons.

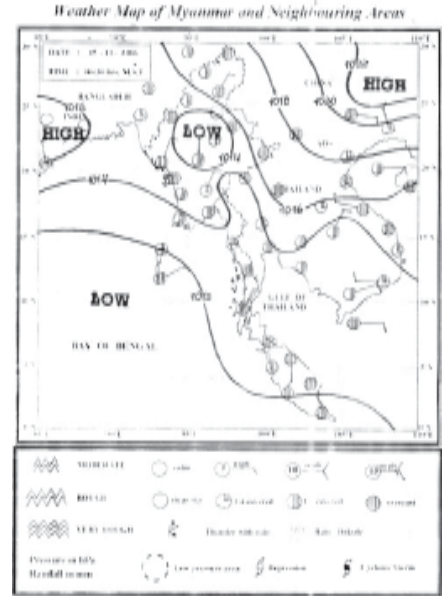
The federal prosecutor's office, which refused to take up a similar case in 2004, confirmed it had received the complaint, which also names US Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez, former CIA director George Tenet and high-ranking military officers.

"We received it by email this morning," spokesman Frank Wallenta said. "We have to look at it and that will take some time." He declined to say when the prosecutor's office, based in Karlsruhe, could make a decision on the complaint, which he said was over 300 pages

long. The US-based Centre for Constitutional Rights (CCR) hopes German prosecutors will take up the case under Germany's universal jurisdiction law, which allows them to pursue cases originating outside the country. The complaint is on

behalf of 11 Iraqi citizens who were held at Abu Ghraib in Iraq and one detainee at the US Guantanamo Bay base on Cuba. The CCR says they were victims of beatings, sleep and food deprivation, hooding and sexual abuse.

Joining CCR in filing the complaint is the International Federation for Human Rights, the Republican Attorneys Association and others represented by Berlin attorney Wolfgang Kaleck, the CCR said in a statement.—MNA/Reuters



Flight attendants have a photo taken in front of an Olympic Fuwa airliner unveiled by Air China in Beijing on Monday, 13 Nov, 2006. The company, a partner of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, is considering decorating two more aircraft with the Olympic mascots to promote the Games. It adorned three aircraft with the "Beijing 2008" logo last year. Air China has a fleet of 206 planes. —XINHUA



Thursday, 16 November
View on today
7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဠိ ရုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဠိဓမ္မ ဇောတီက၊ တီပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ 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. Dance of national races
8:10 am
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am
7. Dance variety
8:25 am
8. နတ်သားစတာရေလောင်တစ်
8:30 am
9. International news
8:45 am
10. Let's go
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. English for everyday use
4:45 pm
4. လက်ဆွဲကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
4:50 pm
5. အဆောင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
5:05 pm
6. Cute little dancers
5:15 pm
7. "ပေါင်ပေါ်ကျတုမီး" (ရဲအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းနီ၊ ဦးညီမင်းတော်၊ ဘုန်းလျှံ၊

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5:30 pm
8. Musical programme
5:45 pm
9. ကြွယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ ရင်ခုန်သံ
6:00 pm
10. Evening news
6:30 pm
11. Weather report
6:35 pm
12. သီရိဓကဟာ
7:00 pm
13. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ် ဆိုကြမယ်
7:10 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြား ဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်နတ်သမီး" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြား ဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသွယ်လေးပထမချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
19. The next day's programme



Thursday, 16 November
Tune in today
8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music:
-I wanna be with you
...Fun Factory
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
Sha La La
... Dream House
8:50 am National news / Slogan
9:00 am Music:
The day we find love... 911
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
Let me in... Off
1:30 pm News / Slogan
1:40pm Lunch Time Music
-Look for a star
... Garry miles
-Genny comes lately
... Brian Hyland
-Blue Bayou...
Linda Ronstadt
9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Pourri
9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
-Always on my mind
... Elvic Presley
-Complicated heart
... MLTR
-When I look into your eyes
... Selena
-Fool again
... Westlife
9:45 pm News / Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

WEATHER

Wednesday, 15 November, 2006
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been scattered in Shan State, isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were PyinOoLwin (0.51) inch, Minesat (0.32) inch, Kawthoung and Heho (0.16) each.
Maximum temperature on 14-11-2006 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 15-11-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 15-11-2006 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 14-11-2006 was (8.0) hours approx.
Rainfalls on 15-11-2006 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 (7) mph from North at 9:10 hours MST on 15-11-2006.
Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
Forecast valid until evening of 16-11-2006: Rain are likely to be isolated in Shan and Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is 60%.
State of the Sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of night temperature in the Southern Myanmar areas.
Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 16-11-2006: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 40%.
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 16-11-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 60%.
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 16-11-2006: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 40%.

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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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects expansion of Yangon International Airport



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects expansion of Yangon International Airport. — MNA

YANGON, 15 Nov — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence went on an inspection tour of expansion of Yangon International Airport this afternoon and gave necessary instructions to responsible personnel.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win arrived at the site for expansion of Yangon International Airport.

At the briefing hall, Director-General of Department of Civil Aviation U Tun Hlaing briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win on progress in building extension of the airport and extended construction of the runway.

Next, Director of Asia World Co Ltd U Kye reported on measures for expansion of the airport, car parking and construction of three oil tankers with audio visual aids. Afterwards, Director-General U Tun Hlaing gave a supplementary report.

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Delegate Group of Political Parties holds meeting

YANGON, 15 Nov — Group Meeting of the Delegation Group of Political Parties was held at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township today.

U Le Kwe Chin of Shan State Kokang Democratic Party presided over the meeting together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U

Tun Yin Law of National Unity Party and U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Wa National Development Party and Deputy Director U Tin Maung Oo of

Work Group-5 of National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as MC together with Assistant Director Daw Htay Htay Win.

The MC announced the validity of the meeting as 27 delegates out of 30 attended the meeting accounting 90 per cent.

Next, Meeting Chair-

man U Le Kwe Chin delivered an opening speech.

U Tun Yi of National Unity Party, U Kun Maung Toke of Union Pa-O National Organization and U Khaung Dai of Shan State Kokang Democratic Party presented proposals on the detailed basic principles concerning the chapter on "Election", the chapter on "Political Parties" and the chapter on "Provision on State of Emergency" clarified by the Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee to be included in drafting the State Constitution.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the Chairman of the Meeting. — MNA



U Le Kwe Chin of Shan State Kokang Democratic Party makes a speech at the group meeting of Delegate Group of Political Parties. — MNA