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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

Agriculture, livestock breeding and construction tasks inspected in Maubin, Pyapon Districts

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and officials, arrived at Wetland Reclamation and Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Project of Wah Wah Win International Co Ltd near Khattiya Village of Nyaungdon Township yesterday.

Chairman of the company U Shwe Kyaing re-

ported on cultivation of 891 acres of monsoon and summer paddy and breeding of fish and prawn.

Departmental officials presented reports on construction of sluice gates and allotment of land to the entrepreneurs. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged them to strive for carrying out tasks to contribute towards meeting the targets of 3.7 million acres of monsoon paddy, 1.6 million acres of summer paddy and 110,000 acres of fish farms in Ayeyawady Division.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than viewed hatching of

fresh water prawn and fish of the company. He also visited Fuel-Substitute Paddy Husk Fire Power Generator Industry of Mann Cho and Sons Co in Hsamalauk Village.

In Meethwaychaung Village of Maubin Township, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on Yadana Win paddy strain. It can be cultivated in the wetland and can be harvested one month earlier than other strains. Hence, large-scale cultivation of the strain is possible in the region. Next, he inspected thriving paddy plantations.

While in Maubin Township, Lt-Gen Khin

Maung Than viewed cultivation tasks.

After inspecting construction of Maubin-Kyaiklat Road, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than proceeded to Kyaiklat Hospital. He heard reports on common diseases in the region presented by the medical superintendent and officials.

At the site of Pyapon Bridge Construction

Project, Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung Hse of Special Group-7 of Bridge Construction Project submitted reports on progress of the construction task. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions, saying that as the bridge will be completed soon, it is necessary to carry out the tasks meeting set standard in time. Lt-Gen Khin

Maung Than viewed construction of the bridge with the use of heavy machinery.

In Aukkingyi Village, he viewed harvesting of paddy and sample of paddy and rice.

At the local battalion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the commander inspected self-reliant vegetable plantation of (See page 8)

- * **Pyapon Bridge nearing completion.**
- * **Officials urged to carry out tasks meeting set standard.**



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence inspects harvesting of paddy in Maubin, Ayeyawady Division. —MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Boost agricultural production through mechanized farming

As Myanmar is an agricultural country, the agriculture sector is the most important part of the production industry. Food security is the most basic necessity of people and therefore water supply projects are being implemented to irrigate the farmland sufficiently.

So far, a total of 190 major dams, 298 river water pumping stations and 999 small dams have been built. Moreover, artesian wells are being dug wherever necessary. As a result, the total area of farmland has increased from 19.9 million to 29.3 million acres and the sown acreage from 23.8 million to 46.9 million acres. The cultivated acreage for monsoon paddy has also increased from 11 million to 16.8 million acres.

Due to the emergence of dams and river water pumping stations, summer paddy and other crops can be cultivated on 3.4 million acres of farmland in the regions where summer paddy could not be grown in the past. To help boost the production of the agriculture sector, quality strains and agricultural technologies are being provided and steps taken for fertilizer factories to be able to operate to its full capacity and to build new factories.

Private entrepreneurs are making investment in agriculture and farming tens of thousands of acres of land with the use of machinery. Moreover, majority of farmers are also doing the farming by widely using power tillers, water pumps and harvesters.

As more machines can be used in agriculture, the production of the agriculture sector has become higher. The yield of paddy has increased more than twofold, that of beans and pulses elevenfold, that of edible oil crop more than threefold and that of kitchen crops more than fourfold. Therefore, we would like to urge farmers and entrepreneurs to try to boost agricultural production through mechanized farming.

သက်ရှည်ကျန်းမာဖို့ လမ်းလျှောက်ကြစို့

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

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- ၂။ စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာစေသည်။
- ၃။ အရိုးများ ကြံ့ခိုင်သန်စွမ်းစေသည်။
- ၄။ အဝ မလွန်အောင် ထိန်းသိမ်းနိုင်သည်။
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- ၈။ အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတန်းစားမရွေး ဆောင်ရွက်နိုင်သည်။

ရောဂါဘယကင်းစင်၍ သက်ရှည်ကျန်းမာ ကြစေရန် မိသားစု တစ်စုလုံး နေ့စဉ်နာရီဝက်ခန့် ပုံမှန် လမ်းလျှောက်ကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

People's 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

Production of No 2 Oil Refinery, No 1 Fertilizer Plant (Sale) inspected

YANGON, 16 Nov — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met with the health care team led by Director Dr Soe Tint of Health Department at No 2 Oil Refinery (Chauk) in Chauk on 13 November.

The minister presented gifts to Director Dr Soe Tint. Daw Win Maw Tun of Shwe Naga Co Ltd donated K 1 million to the medical funds for the employees to the refinery manager.

Next, the minister viewed medical treatment being given by the health care team to the employees. He also inspected the refinery and left instructions on production of the factory to meet the target and measures to be taken for fire prevention.

At No 1 Fertilizer Plant (Sale), Plant Manager U Tin Maung Swe reported to the minister



Energy Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi gives encouragement to service personnel of No 2 Oil Refinery (Chauk) who are undergoing treatment. — ENERGY

on production of the fertilizer at the plant. Managing Director U Thein Lwin submitted reports on arrangements being made for production of the plant to meet the target. After hearing the reports, the

minister laid down the plan for boosting production of the plant.

Afterwards, the minister inspected production process of the plant.

Accompanied by officials, the minister viewed

thriving physic nut plantation in the Chauk oil field.

A total of 106.5 acres of land have been put under 127,800 physic nut plants on 19 June 2006.

MNA

4th Junior Golf Tournament concludes

YANGON, 16 Nov — Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, the Fourth junior Golf Tournament continued for the second day at 9th Mile Golf Course of Myanmar Golf Club, here, this afternoon.

After the second round, the prize presentation ceremony followed. Handicap and Tournament Committee member of Myanmar Golf Club U Win Myint Tun presented first, second and third prizes to Yin May Myo, May Oo Khaing and Kay Thant Zin respectively in the aged 10-18 girls' event. MGF Executive U Ko Ko Lay awarded first, second and third prizes to Zwe Lin Ngwe, Aung Kyaw Lin and Khun Aung Myat and diligence award to Phone Pyae Chan Han in the aged 10-12 boys' event respectively.



MGF General Secretary U Aung Kyi, executives and victorious new generation youth pose for a documentary photo in 4th Junior Golf Tournament for 2006. — MGF

event respectively.

CEO U Chan Han of Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd gave first, second and third prizes to Nyan Lin, Nyan Lin Thant and Swan Thiha Aung in the aged 13-15 boys' event respectively.

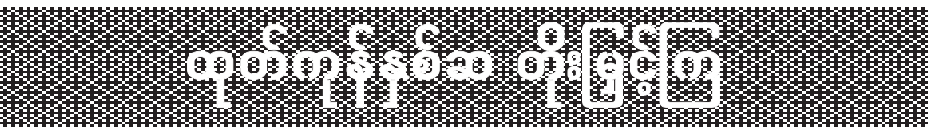
MGF General Secretary U Aung Kyi presented the first prize to Nay Bala Win Myint who fired 142 strokes, the second prize to Yan Naing Phyo, 148 and Yan Myo Aye, 148.

The tournament was mainly sponsored by Han

Golf Masters Pte Ltd together with co-sponsors Srixon, Han Event Management, Han Golf Masters Academy, Myanmar Gold Club Driving Range, Han Golf Course Design and Construction and Golf Masters Magazine. — MNA



The photo taken on 14 Nov, 2006 shows a set of gold cultural relics from Asia displayed at American Museum of Natural History in New York of the United States.—XINHUA



Cambodian-Thai cooperation to control disease along the border

BANGKOK, 15 Nov—Thailand's Public Health Minister Mongkol Na Songkhla on Wednesday departed Bangkok to visit Cambodia to boost cooperation on resolving public health problems along the shared border.

Dr Mongkol is scheduled to meet with his

Cambodian counterpart Nuth Sokhomon to discuss health issues, including ways to curb communicable diseases across the Cambodian-Thai border as well as human resources development in the area of public health.

The Thai minister and

senior health officials visited the Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital in the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh, to observe its medical care services and public health management system.

After five-years of public health cooperation between the two countries, the number of Cambodian patients suffering from key diseases including malaria and HIV cases has dropped, according to Thai health officials.

Malaria deaths in Cambodia fell dramatically.

About 1,500 malaria patients from Cambodia who were in critical condition are sent to Thai hospitals in the north-eastern province of Surin each year.—Internet

Indonesian protestors burn a piece of paper with slogan reading "Bush Real Terrorist" during an anti-Bush demonstration outside the US Embassy in Jakarta, on 15 Nov, 2006.
XINHUA

Republican's defeat, a defeat of US global policies

TEHERAN, 15 Nov—Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Tuesday that the Republican's defeat in US mid-term election was not the defeat of President George W Bush but a

defeat of US policies in the world.

"This is not the defeat of Bush's party but the defeat of US policies in the world, the policy of arrogance, the policy of disrespect to the world

nations," Ahmadinejad said at a Press conference.

Commenting on the latest US Congress election, Ahmadinejad said, "This defeat in fact is the humiliation of the US nation since it questioned the prestige of the Americans."

Meanwhile, the President also warned the winning Democrats not to choose the same policies of the Bush Administration.

"I advise those who have been elected in the US elections to be more cautious of what they do, if they follow their predecessor's policies they should expect even worse outcome, the slap this time will be even harder on their

face," stressed Ahmadinejad.

"If they correct their attitude toward Iran we are ready to proceed with dialogue, we think the result of the mid-term election is an good opportunity for the US to change attitudes in order to facilitate the dialogue," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers repair the battlements of Castello Odescalchi in the central Italian lakeside town of Bracciano on 15 Nov, 2006.
INTERNET



Iraqis say 30 killed in US raid at Ramadi

RAMADI (Iraq), 15 Nov— Iraqi medical officials said at least 30 people were killed in violence overnight in the Sunni guerilla stronghold of Ramadi in what local police described on Tuesday as a US military raid.

The US military said its troops killed 11 guerillas using tank rounds in three separate incidents, and said there were no reports of civilian casualties.

The US commander in the city, 110 kilometres (70 miles) west of Baghdad, said last month he was on the offensive to

crack down on guerillas. An Iraqi police source, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals, said US forces raided the al-Dhubat

District late on Monday and several houses were destroyed. In one part of the district, a Reuters reporter saw several bodies of adult men lying in a

street, some being placed in coffins by relatives, and a number of body parts. One small structure was burnt out in that street.

MNA/Reuters



Cast members (L-R) Matthew Broderick, Danny DeVito and Kristin Davis pose at the premiere of "Deck the Halls" at the Chinese theatre in Hollywood, California on 12 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Four French climbers missing in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 15 Nov—Four French climbers have gone missing while trying to scale an Himalayan mountain peak in central Nepal, a climbing group and the French Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

The men had gone to climb the 5,896 metres (19,344 feet) Paldor peak north of the capital, Kathmandu, last month and were due to return on 5 November, Binayak Shakya, a senior Nepal Mountaineering Association official told Reuters.

"But nothing has been heard about

them so far," Shakya said.

An aerial search was conducted but there was no trace of them, he added.

In Paris, the French Foreign Ministry confirmed the men were missing. The team, two mountain guides and two climbers hoping to become guides, set off to scale the peak without porters or local climbers, it said in a statement.

Every year, thousands of foreign climbers visit Nepal, home to eight of the world's 14 highest peaks including Mount Everest.— MNA/Reuters

Brazilian President reinforcing alliances with Venezuela

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Nov — Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, on a mission to reinforce alliance with Venezuela, offered warm words for Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Monday.

“For many years here in Venezuela there wasn’t a government that worried about the poor people as you have,” Lula told Chavez in a speech made during a visit to Venezuela.

Chavez’s anti-poverty initiatives showed his heart in the right place, he said, predicting that the Venezuelan leader will win elections next month.

Lula, on a visit to Venezuela after his re-election, also criticized Brazil’s elite who he said got used to ruling for the few.

He said both he and Chavez were victims of prejudice from people “who ruled our countries for centuries and centuries”.

Chavez, who is running for re-election, thanked Lula for choosing Venezuela in his first foreign trip following his own re-election on 29 October.

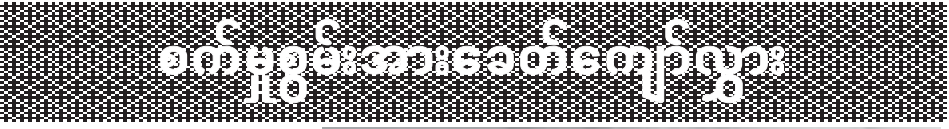
“It was an honour to Venezuela to be the first country visited by Lula as

re-elected president of Brazil,” he said.

He said he will visit Brazil if he is re-elected on 7 December and that the exchange of visits was aimed at continuing efforts to unite South America.

Chavez and Lula will preside over the inauguration of a bridge over the River Orinoco, which connects the eastern and central regions of Venezuela, as well as the north of Brazil to the Caribbean Sea.

It was built by Brazil-based company Odebrecht and cost 1.2 billion US dollars. — MNA/Xinhua



Skender Halim Prushi holds a small book, measuring 26.8 mm long by 21.6 mm wide, with thickness of 10.9 mm and weighing 5.2 grams, in his hand at his home in the northern Albania town of Lac some 55 km (34 miles) from Tirana on 15 Nov, 2006. The tiny Koran has been with the Prushi family for generations, but now he wants to sell it to a museum either in the Arab world or the West.

INTERNET



Japan’s baby prince presented at Royal shrine

TOKYO, 15 Nov — Two-month-old Prince Hisahito, the first boy to be born into Japan’s royal family in more than 40 years, was presented at a Shinto shrine in the imperial palace grounds on Tuesday in a traditional ceremony for royal babies.

Princess Kiko, the 40-year-old wife of Emperor Akihito’s second son, Prince Akishino, gave birth to Hisahito in September, to the joy of

conservatives anxious to preserve the custom of male-only succession in the royal family.

He was later taken to visit his grandparents, the emperor and empress.

“We call him Yu-chan,” Akishino told reporters at the entrance to his residence, *Kyodo News* reported. ‘Yu’ is an alternative reading of the

first of the two characters that make up the baby’s name.

“This is a ceremony similar to the shrine visits carried out by other families,” the palace spokesman said. “It is not limited to heirs to the

throne.”

Japanese infants are often presented at Shinto shrines shortly after birth, then periodically during childhood. Shinto, a form of animism, is Japan’s native religion.

MNA/Reuters



Katie Melua performs at the World Music Awards at Earls Court Arena, London, on 13 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET

At least 15 hostages released from Baghdad mass kidnapping

BAGHDAD, 15 Nov — At least 15 hostages were released late Tuesday from an earlier kidnapping in the Higher Education Ministry in Baghdad, local security and education sources said.

A security source told media that 12 more hostages were found released in different parts of Karradah District in the Iraqi capital, after three other hostages were freed earlier by their kidnappers.

Dr Alaa Makki, a lawmaker in the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education, meanwhile, confirmed the release of a number of the ministry’s staffers.

MNA/Xinhua

Harald Bauer performs a “Capriole” on a Lipizzaner stallion named Conversano Toscana I of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna during a photocall in London on 15 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET



China to open green channels for relief vehicles

BEIJING, 15 Nov — China will open green channels at toll gates for vehicles transporting relief materials to disaster-affected areas this winter.

Minister of Communications Li Shenglin instructed provincial departments to grant relief vehicles special licences so they can go quickly

through toll gates free of charge.

The government has also doubled funding for the reconstruction of roads and bridges in areas struck by disasters to 200 million yuan (25 million US dollars). Ministry of Civil Affairs figures show that up to 11 Sept, natural disasters this year had left 2,295 people dead and 564 missing.

MNA/Xinhua

A plume of vapour rises above the Popocateptl volcano after an early morning exhalation seen from the city of Puebla, 100 kilo (60 miles) east of Mexico City on 14 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET





German Chancellor Merkel (L) smiles as she walks past infantry soldiers during her visit to the Bundeswehr training area Altmark near the eastern German town of Letzlingen on 14 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

China urges writers, artists to contribute to harmonious culture

BEIJING, 15 Nov— Senior Chinese official Li Changchun has called for writers and artists to contribute to the prosperity of advanced socialist culture and the building of the country's harmonious culture.

The key task for Chinese writers and artists is to study and carry out the guidelines put forward at the sixth plenary session of the 16th Central Committee of the

Communist Party of China (CPC) to contribute to building a harmonious society, Li Changchun, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, said at a gathering of Chinese artists and literary workers.

He said artists and writers should fully reflect real life in their works to encourage people and promote social progress.

The five-day meeting — the 8th Congress of the China Federation of Literary and Art Circles (CFLAC) and the 7th Congress of the Chinese Writers Association (CWS) — has attracted more than 3,000 people including Chinese artists from China's Mainland and Taipei, Hong Kong and Macao, and from abroad.

The CFLAC and the CWS, with 420,000 members and 7,700 members respectively, are two leading organizations in China's art and literary circles. — MNA/Xinhua

GE, Hitachi combine nuclear energy business

WASHINGTON, 15 Nov— General Electric Co and Hitachi Ltd signed an agreement recently to combine their nuclear energy businesses, which was aimed at competing for a growing number of nuclear power projects around the world, *The Wall Street Journal* reported.

The agreement came as power suppliers lay the groundwork for new nuclear plants in the United States and overseas, the report said.

GE Energy President and Chief Executive John Krenicki said the United States would need to build 20 plants over the next decade to replace retiring reactors, according to the report.

Under the arrangement, Hitachi will hold 40 per cent of GE's existing nuclear business and GE will hold about 20 per cent of Hitachi's nuclear business. The companies expect to complete the deal in the first half of 2007.

The GE-Hitachi deal marks further consolidation among reactor makers. Last month, Japanese electronics maker Toshiba Corp purchased Westinghouse Electric Co of the United States, striving to become the world's No 1 nuclear power company.

MNA/Xinhua



Customs officers of the harbour customs authority check the shredding of counterfeit Nike, Adidas and Puma trainers at the Hamburg harbour on 14 Nov, 2006. Some 117 containers with over two million counterfeit trainers and watches worth up to 383 million euros, were seized since the end of August 2006 Hamburg Customs said. —INTERNET

Goya painting stolen in US while in transit

WASHINGTON, 15 Nov— A painting by revolutionary Spanish master Francisco de Goya, insured for more than \$1 million, was stolen last week on the way from Ohio to New York for an exhibition, two museums announced.

The 228-year-old painting "Children with a

Cart" was stolen near Scranton, Pennsylvania, according to a joint statement issued on Monday by the Solomon R Guggenheim Museum in New York and Ohio's Toledo Museum of Art which acquired the work in 1959.

The work was to be displayed at a Guggenheim exhibition, "Spanish Painting from El Greco to Picasso: Time, Truth and History," scheduled to open on Friday.

The painting was being carried by a professional art transporter at the time of the theft, the museums said. They added the FBI was investigating the theft.

The museums said it

would be virtually impossible to sell the painting on the open market, and the insurer had offered a reward of \$50,000 for information leading to its recovery.

Goya, who lived from 1746 to 1828, is considered an early force of modernism in art. He was a painter of Spanish royalty and also depicted scenes of horror in a time of social and political upheaval. —MNA/Reuters



Spanish master Francisco de Goya's painting *Children With a Cart* is seen in this undated handout photo. A painting by 18th century Spanish master Francisco de Goya was stolen last week while being transported from Ohio to New York for an exhibition and a bounty of 50,000 US dollars was offered for information leading to its recovery. —XINHUA

Iraqi gunmen seize up to 100 from ministry building

BAGHDAD, 15 Nov— Gunmen wearing Iraqi police commando uniforms kidnapped as many as 100 men from a Higher Education Ministry building in central Baghdad on Tuesday, a spokeswoman for the ministry said.

She said gunmen arrived in new pick-up vehicles and stormed the ministry's Research Directorate building in Karrada, a religiously mixed neighbourhood.

They ordered all the women into one room, took away their cellphones, and seized the men, who included employees, guards and visitors to the office. An Interior Ministry source had earlier put the number kidnapped at around 20.

The Interior Ministry, which is controlled by Shi'ites, has repeatedly denied any connection to militias blamed by Sunni Arabs and Washington for

operating death squads and kidnapping cells.

The Higher Education Minister is a member of the Iraqi Accordance Front, a Sunni group in the government.

MNA/Reuters

Climate change: Key countries stick to old stances despite UN appeal

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 Nov—Key countries in the fierce debate over tackling climate change struck familiar negotiating stances, despite warnings from UN chief Kofi Annan that goodwill and fresh action were desperately needed.

Annan—whose valedictory speech to environment ministers coincided with a watershed in the Iraq war and the row over Iran’s nuclear programme — pointedly said leaders should give global warming the same priority they gave to violent conflicts and the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

The UN Secretary-General said the Kyoto Protocol, while crucial, was “far too small” a step for tackling the carbon

pollution which drives global warming.

“As we consider how to go further still, there remains a frightening lack of leadership,” Annan sombrely warned.

He said climate change imperilled agriculture through drought, threatened coastal cities through rising sea levels and opened the door to billion-dollar weather calamities and mosquito-borne epidemics.

“Climate change is also a threat to peace and security,” Annan warned.

“Changing patterns of rainfall, for example, can heighten competition for resources, setting in motion potentially destabilising tensions and migrations, especially in fragile states or volatile regions.

“There is evidence that some of this is already occurring; more could well be in the offing.”

Annan declared: “The message is clear. Global climate change must take its place alongside those threats — conflict, poverty, the proliferation of deadly weapons — that have traditionally monopolised first-order political attention.”—*Internet*



Kenyan Masai women entertain a delegation from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference in Nairobi, on 15 Nov, 2006, after the signing of an agreement aimed to reforest 2,000 hectares (4942 acres) in the Aberdares and Mt Kenya region in 2007 and 2008. —INTERNET

Volunteers dressed as Santa Claus and a Christmas Angel walk through downtown Berlin on 14 Nov, 2006 following the installation of the annual Berlin Christmas tree near the famous landmark Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche ‘Emperor Wilhelm Memorial Church’.—INTERNET



Venezuela has 87.6 b barrels of oil reserves

CARACAS, 15 Nov— Venezuela’s Energy and Petroleum Minister Rafael Ramirez announced on Monday that his country has oil reserves of around 87.62 billion barrels.

The Brazilian state-owned oil company Petrobras had estimated the reserves at 7.6 billion barrels. Petrobras has ended a certification process in October for the Carabobo 1 in the Orinoco Petroliferous Strip with its Venezuelan counterpart Petros de Venezuela.

The joint venture was part of the 2006-2012 Siembra Petrolera Plan (Petrol Harvest Plan) to develop and certify crude oil reserves. The two state oil companies were building a new refinery in the northeastern Brazil state of Pernambuco to process oil.

The Venezuelan Government estimated that Orinoco’s extra-heavy crude deposits may be as much as one trillion barrels. Around 230 billion barrels could be refined with the right technology, Ramirez said.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese JV to build power plant in northern Vietnam

HANOI, 15 Nov— A joint venture between Vietnam and China will invest 28 million US dollars in constructing a hydroelectric plant in northern Lao Cai Province, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported Wednesday.

The plant to be built by the joint venture between the Power Company No 1, affiliated to the state-owned Electricity of Vietnam, and China’s Yunnan Power Grid Company is expected to contribute around 98.5 million kilowatt hours to the national grid annually when it goes online at the end of next year.

The two companies have recently agreed to extend their two existing contracts on purchasing Chinese electricity via the 110-kilovolts power grid for the next four years, ensuring power supplies for the five Vietnamese provinces of Lao Cai, Lai Chau, Ha Giang, Yen Bai and Tuyen Quang.

Vietnam has purchased 588 million kilowatt hours each year under the contracts since they were signed in 2004, said the report.— *MNA/Xinhua*



Craftsman Lucio Valentini prepares a metal chastity belt in the central Italian town of Gubbio on 13 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET

Iran asks for IAEA’s help in building nuclear reactor

VIENNA, 15 Nov — Iran had asked the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for technical aid in constructing and applying a heavy-water nuclear research reactor, the *Austria News Agency* (APA) reported on Monday, quoting diplomats in Vienna.

The heavy-water reactor would be built at Arak, about 200 kilometres south of Teheran.

The reactor could provide 12 kilos of plutonium annually after its completion in 2009.

The diplomats said Iran’s application would be first discussed by the IAEA’s technical assistance committee next week.

According to the Charter of the IAEA, Iran’s application would need to be finally ratified by the IAEA’s governing board in Vienna.

The diplomats said the IAEA would not be likely to provide Iran with technical support in constructing the reactor at present. However, it could

be in a position to offer some assistance to help ensure the project goes ahead safely. Western countries, particularly the United States, claim that Iran’s nuclear programme could eventually lead to the production of atomic bombs, but Teheran says it only intends to generate power.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Mumbai train commuters searched in anti-terror drill

MUMBAI, 15 Nov — Hundreds of thousands of train commuters in India’s financial hub were frisked on Monday in a massive drill to check the preparedness of a city that has faced repeated bomb attacks.

The security exercise comes four months after bombs on Mumbai’s teeming railway network killed 186 people, an attack blamed by police on an Islamist militant group fighting Indian rule in Kashmir.

MNA/Reuters

World Diabetes Day

Dr Tint Swe Latt (Project Manager)

The World Diabetes Day for 2006 was celebrated on November 14. World Diabetes Day is the primary global campaign for raising public awareness of diabetes. It aims to inform the public of the causes, symptoms, complications and treatment associated with the condition. World Diabetes Day serves as an important reminder that the incidence and prevalence of diabetes is increasing all over the world and will continue to do so unless action is taken immediately. Diabetes is an increasing global health threat. In 2003, IDF(International Diabetes Federation) estimated that there were 194 million people with diabetes around the world. New estimates show that there are now more than 230 million people with diabetes. This figure is predicted to exceed 350 million within 20 years. Approximately 80% of all diabetes will be in low or middle income countries. Diabetes brings significant human, social and economics costs and will continue to do so unless immediate action is taken to curb the current trend.

World Diabetes Day is celebrated every year on 14 November. The date was chosen as it is the birthday of Frederick Banting who, along with Charles Best first conceived the idea which led to the discovery of insulin on October 21. Insulin is a hormone produced from pancreas and it plays an important role in the pathogenesis of diabetes mellitus. It is also important medication for the treatment of diabetes mellitus.

World Diabetes Day was introduced by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1991 in response to concern over the escalating incidence of diabetes around the world. Since then the event has grown in popularity every year.

Each year World Diabetes day is centered on a unifying idea, a theme which is the special focus of attention. Topics covered in the past have included diabetes and human rights, diabetes and lifestyles and the cost of diabetes. Since 2001 particular attention has been paid to diabetes complications. Recent and future themes include:

- 2002 Your eyes and diabetes: Don't lose sight of the risk
- 2003 Diabetes could cost you: Your kidneys: Act now!
- 2004 Fight obesity, Prevent Diabetes
- 2005 Diabetes and foot care: Put feet first

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prevent amputations

This year, the emphasis falls on communities and groups in both developed and developing countries that experience difficulties in accessing optimal diabetes care. The theme for this year is Diabetes in the disadvantaged and the vulnerable, the slogan is Diabetes Care for Everyone.

The activities carried out on World Diabetes Day vary from county to country and they are aimed to inform and educate the people about the disease in entertaining ways. Here are some examples of activities that are organized every year:

- * Radio and television shows
- * Sport events
- * Free screening tests for diabetes and its complications
- * Marches
- * Public information meetings
- * Poster and leaflet campaigns
- * Diabetes and workshop and exhibitions
- * Press conferences
- * Newspaper and magazine articles
- * Events for children and adolescents

Diabetes Care for Everyone

Unfortunately, optimal diabetes care is not reaching many-perhaps not the majority those who could and should benefit. This is particularly true of people who are disadvantaged and vulnerable.

Who are disadvantaged

By saying as disadvantaged, it means the person or community who has less access to diabetes care. The most significant contributor to disadvantaged and vulnerability is economic status. More than 2.5 billion people in the world have to survive on less than two dollars a day. A quarter of the poorest people in the world live in Sub Saharan Africa (World Bank 2000 figures).

IDF estimates that the number of people with diabetes will increase to over 350 million within a generation (2025). Of this total, 80% will live in low and medium income countries. In many of these countries, there is little or no access to life-saving and disability preventing diabetes treatments. The growing burden of diabetes is going to fall hardest on those who are at the greatest economic disadvantage.

Quite contrary then widely held misconception that diabetes is a disease of the affluent, it is impoverished communities that are most vulnerable.

Who are vulnerable

By vulnerable, it means that the person, community or group is for some reason at increased risk of diabetes or is a victim of unforeseen circumstances that make their health situation precarious.

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The campaign focuses on a number of special interest groups that include:

- The economically disadvantaged
- migrant communities
- ethnic minorities
- the geographically isolated
- people with disability
- indigenous people and the elderly

Main objectives of the 2006 campaign are:

- * To draw attention to communities that are disadvantaged
- * To increase awareness among the international assistance community of the need to provide greater funding for non-communicable diseases
- * To raise awareness among people with diabetes of the care possibilities available to them.
- * To persuade governments to tighten the welfare net so that individuals with diabetes do not slip through.
- * To draw attention to vulnerable groups
- * To raise awareness solutions that have been found and share best practices.
- * To engage networks, groups and individuals working with target communities to join the campaign and promote the campaign messages.
- * To support the global campaign for a UN Resolution on Diabetes
- * To stimulate research that will foster a better understanding of the socio-cultural origins of diabetes among disadvantaged and vulnerable communities

It is time for a greater understanding of the relationship between the health of a community and its socio-economic and cultural make-up. It is time to demand that governments ensure that optimal diabetes care reaches everyone.

World Diabetes Day brings together our member associations, the World Health Organization and its regional offices organization involved in diabetes as diabetes related areas, industry partners, health professionals and individuals with an interest in diabetes from all over the world. Let us once again join forces to give visibility to diabetes and improve the lives of all who are directly or indirectly affected by the condition.

Commander inspects earthworm breeding tanks in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin inspected the earthworm farm at Kyaukchet Agricultural Education Camp in Pyinmana on 14 November morning.

At the camp, 1,000 earthworms each are being bred at two tanks, beginning 23 September 2006. After a three-month breeding period, the tanks produces about one ton of fertilizer and 12 gallons of waste monthly. Furthermore, the number of earthworm will increase 10 times. Hence, arrangements are being made for distribution of earthworms to the local farmers.

The commander gave instructions on educative talks on breeding of earthworms to be given to the local farmers and attended to the needs.

Next, the



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin views harvesting of Hsinthwelat monsoon paddy in Maudaw Village-tract in Pyinmana. — MNA

commander heard reports on cultivation of sample paddy strains being nurtured by Myanma Agriculture Service of the township and Agricultural Research Department presented by officials.

Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin inspected monsoon paddy plantation of farmer U Thein Kyaw in Thittat Village. He

attended the paddy harvesting ceremony in Maudaw Village-tract. — MNA

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families and left necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with departmental officials of Pyapon District and Township. Secretary of Pyapon District PDC U Hla Myint reported on cultivation and harvesting of monsoon paddy in the district and progress in growing summer paddy.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on extended cultivation of monsoon paddy in Pyapon District to be contributed to meeting the targets of 3.7 million acres of monsoon paddy and 1.6 million acres of summer paddy in Ayeyawady Division, efforts to be made for enhancement of production and services in agriculture, livestock breeding and other service sectors, and field trips to be made to grass-roots level to carry out five rural development tasks.

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New model of EPSON printer, Durabrite Ultra Ink introduced

YANGON, 16 Nov — Jointly organized by Client Focus Technology Group and EPSON (Thailand) Co Ltd, a ceremony to introduce the new model of EPSON printer and Durabrite Ultra Ink took place at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, this evening.

Computer industrialists and invited guests attended the ceremony.

Mr Francis Au Seng Huat of Client Focus Technology Group extended greetings. General

Manager U Aung Kyaw Moe demonstrated the new model of EPSON printers and Durabrite Ultra Ink to those presents and sold the new items at a special price.

EPSON Inkjet Printers and LCD Printers imported by Client Focus Technology Group can be purchased at No 7 (D), Pyay Road in Hline Township, Ph 513419. EPSON showroom is open at No 130 Seikkantha Street, Kyauktada Township, Ph 249344, 249345, 374110, 391409. — MNA



Mr Francis Au Seng Huat of Client Focus Technology Group extends greetings at the ceremony to introduce new model of EPSON printer and Durabrite Ultra Ink at Traders Hotel.

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Minister inspects Tikyit Coal Mine in Pinlaung

YANGON, 16 Nov — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin went to Tikyit Coal Mine in Pinlaung and Shan State (South) on 12 November and assisted in the mining.

The mining of the private-owned Tikyit Mine has been carried out by Myanma Industrial Construction Services of the Ministry of Industry-2. During his inspection tour, the minister called for the completion of tasks in time.

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin also went to Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi the next day and met with officials of the supervisory committee for the industrial zone. At the meeting, he called for industrial development and production of import substitute materials at the zone and inspected foundries in the zone. — MNA

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

Delegates Group of Workers

U Kyaw Win Tun of Mandalay Division



Duwa Zoak Dong of Shan State (North) makes a speech at the group meeting of Delegates Group of National Races at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township. — MNA



presided over the meeting together with U Khin Maung Aye of Sagaing Division and U Bo Thein of Shan State

(East) and Deputy Director U Zaw Win of Work Group-7 of National Convention Convening Work Committee

acted as MC together with Assistant Director U Aung Win.

The MC announced the validity of the meet-

ing as 44 delegates out of 47 attended the meeting accounting for 93.62 per cent.

Next, Meeting

Chairman U Kyaw Win Tun delivered an opening speech.

Meeting Chairman U Kyaw Win Tun of Mandalay Division presented proposals on the detailed basic principals concerning the chapters on "Amendment of the Constitution", "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital", "Transitory Provisions" and "General Provision" to be included in drafting the State Constitution.

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

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U Kyaw Win Tun of Mandalay Division makes a speech at the group meeting of Delegate Group of Workers at hall-5 of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township. — MNA

Orphanage schools in Dawei benefitted from donations

YANGON, 16 Nov — Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization and the division Maternal and Child Welfare Association donated cash and stationary to orphanage schools in Dawei on 3 November.

Patron of Taninthayi Division WAO Chairperson of the division's MCWA Daw Khin Than Htay and party went to Pakokku Monastic Education School in Dawei and donated cash, exercise books and stationary to 229 students through the

presiding Sayadaw of the monastery. They also donated provisions to the monastery.

Similarly, they also went to other two monastic education schools in Dawei and donated cash, exercise books and stationary. — MNA

Special express trains to ply between Yangon and Mawlamyine

YANGON, 16 Nov—Two special express train schedules will be launched under the arrangements of the Ministry of Rail Transportation on 19 November 2006 for the comfort and convenience of the growing number of passengers travelling between Yangon and Mawlamyine, the Myanmar Railways announced today.

No 35 Yangon-Mawlamyine Special Express Train leaves Yangon at 7.15 am and arrives the destination at Mawlamyine at 5 pm, and No 36 Mawlamyine-Yangon Special Express Train leaves Mawlamyine at 6 am and arrives at Yangon at 4.35 pm. On the route, the trains stop at Kyaikto for a while. —MNA

Energy Ministry welcomes complaints about malpractice

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — Quick and punitive action will be taken against staff at all levels for any malpractice including the practice of bribery and corruption, breaking of rules and regulations or abuse of power and position for self-interest and official harassment, said the Ministry of Energy today.

People if they face any of those misconduct may file complaints about them to the ministry by post, phone or e-mail, it said, adding, official inquiry concerning the cases will be swift and effective.

For any complaint the public may dial 067-411049 (the Minister), 067-411054 (the Deputy Minister), 067-411060 (the Head of Office) or 067-411012 (Fax) or contact the ministry at No 6, Nay Pyi Taw or e-mail to myanenergy@mptmail.net.mm.

The ministry has formed the Office of the Minister, the Energy Planning Department, the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, the Myanmar Petrochemicals Enterprise and the Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise in serving the public interest.

As the government has been in the drive to ensure a clean administrative machinery through effective supervision of its functions from all angles, the Ministry of Energy is also striving to offer smooth and efficient services to the public.

Public cooperation is required in combating misconduct, the ministry said.

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Demonstration of putting out fire held in Tamway

YANGON, 16 Nov — Yangon Division Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement demonstrated the use of emergency fire fighting equipment and measures on fire prevention at the 17-storey building at Myanmar Gonyang Housing Estate in Myitta Nyunt Ward in Tamway Township this afternoon.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win attended the demonstration.

First, the commander and guests viewed fire extinguishers of the fire brigade members, the demonstration of putting out fire with the use of modern fire extinguishers, use of rescue equipment

and prevention of dangerous chemicals.

Next, the commander cordially greeted fire brigade members.

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USDA Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presents uniforms to USDA members.

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Commander, Secretariat Member inspect progress of Kachin State



YANGON, 16 Nov — Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected the police station, the TV relay station of Myanma Radio and Television and the hospital in Sadon, Kachin State, on 13 November.

At Sadon Basic Education High School, the commander and the minister attended the ceremony to hand over USDA membership applications.

Next, the commander, the minister and party inspected construction of Kanpaikti-Lajaryan-Washaung-Waingmaw-Myitkyina Road, Nammali Creek Bridge and Nammyitkha Bridge.

Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw left Myitkyina for Tanai. On his trip, he viewed thriving paddy and sugarcane plantation in Hukaung Plain. The minister inspected reclamation of land by Yuzana Co Ltd.

At the site for reclamation of 200,000 acres for cultivation of sugarcane, Managing Director U Yup Zaw Khong of Jade Land Co Ltd reported to the minister on arrangements for cultivation tasks.

On 14 November, the commander and the secretariat member attended the ceremony to honour the monks who had passed the Vinaya Saddhammapala examination and offer rice to 451 members of the Sangha. —MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win views the demonstration of fire preventive measures organized by Yangon Division Fire Services Department. — MNA

Basic Computer Course No 2/2006, On-line D Form Service Centre open

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — Basic Computer Course No 2/2006 for Registration, e-Entrance, On-Line D Form and Visa Project centred on Government On-line System of the Ministry of Immigration and Population was opened at the hall of the ministry here this morning, with an address by Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, directors-general of the departments under the two ministries, deputy directors-general and directors, course instructors and trainees.

First, the minister made a speech on the occasion, saying that the course was to teach trainees the use of computer and give lectures on facts about the basic computer skills on the use of Myanmar Unicode. The trainees are to operate the computer properly. The system of On-Line D Form is being practised on test in Nay Pyi Taw starting today. The system of On-Line D Form will be introduced for the public starting from 1 January 2007. Next, the minister cordially greeted the trainees.

A total of 31 trainees are attending the six-week course.

Afterwards, the minister and party attended the opening of On-Line D Form Service Centre. Later, the minister formally opened the centre and inspected

functions of the centre.

Those wishing to apply D Form will have to pay K 200 as service fees to the account No SF-001723 at No 3 Savings Bank (Branch) of Myanmar Economic Bank and furnish the application forms which will be available at dform.mip.gov.mm website.

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Wellwishers make donations for building Vipassana Pagoda

YANGON, 16 Nov—The sixth donations-presentation ceremony took place at Dhamma Joti Meditation Centre on Ngahtatkyi Pagoda Road in Bahan Township, here, on 12 November morning for the Vipassana Pagoda being built under the patronage of world meditation instructor Maha Saddharma Jotikadhaja U Goenka at a place near Mumbai, India.

On the occasion, 131 wellwishers donated K 53,648,190, US\$ 2,052, 10 FECs and various kinds of jewellery worth 76,143,428 to the project through Director-General of the Religious Affairs Department U Myo Kyaw and officials.

Those wishing to donate cash or kind may contact Dhamma Joti Meditation Centre, International Dhamma Giri Vipassana Association on Ngahtatkyi Pagoda Road in Bahan (Ph: 549290, 546660).

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Director-General of the Religious Affairs Department U Myo Kyaw accepts cash donation from a wellwisher for building Vipassana Pagoda in Mumbai, India. — MNA

Chinese President leaves for 4 Asian nations, 14th APEC Summit

BEIJING, 16 Nov— Chinese President Hu Jintao left here Wednesday afternoon for a state visit to Vietnam, Laos, India and Pakistan from 15 to 26 November.

While in Vietnam, Hu is also expected to attend the 14th Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Informal Meeting to be held in Hanoi from 17 to 19 November.

Hu is to pay the state visit as guest of General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Nong Duc Manh and Vietnamese President Nguyen Minh Triet, General Secretary of Lao People's Revolutionary Party and Lao President

Choummaly Sayasone, Indian President Abdul Kalam and Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf.

Vietnam, Laos, India and Pakistan are good neighbours of China and bilateral ties have maintained a good momentum of development, said assistant Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai prior to Hu's departure.

"Hu's upcoming visit will be of great significance and exert far-reaching

impact on pushing forward relations between China and its four Asian neighbours," he said.

According to Cui, it is Hu's first ever visit to Vietnam and Laos after the two countries' ruling parties have their new leaders.

It is also the first visit by the top Chinese leader to India and Pakistan in a decade.— *MNA/Xinhua*



A fan of South Korea cheers while supporting an Asian Cup 2007 qualification soccer match against Iran in Tehran on 15 Nov, 2006. — INTERNET

Indian conquers world's highest peaks in 172 days

NEW DELHI, 16 Nov— Malli Mastan Babu, an alumni of India's premier technology and management institutes, has set a world record for conquering the highest peaks of all the seven continents in the shortest time.

Babu, 32, whose childhood dream was to

just scale the Mount Everest, says: "When I was at Sainik School, an alumni who was leading an Army Everest expedition to the Mount Everest was killed. A statue was installed in our school in his memory and it was then that I made up my mind to complete his unfinished task," he told *PTI*.

Babu was honoured by Indian mountaineering

legends led by Captain M S Kohli in the capital recently. He also features in Kohli's book, *On Top of the World — The Indian Everest Saga* (1854-2006).

Babu took to serious mountaineering in 2004 by climbing peaks in the Himalayas. After extensive practice, he hit upon the idea of breaking the world record for fastest climbing of all the highest

peaks in the seven continents.

"I came across a record by late Rob Hall of New Zealand, who had taken more than 200 days to climb all the peaks, and I was confident of bettering it," he says.

Babu, who climbed all the peaks in 172 days, says: "My initial target was 165 days," says the man from Nellore in south India.— *MNA/PTI*

A Haier factory in Amman, the capital of Jordan. Already one of the country's most famous brands, Haier Group was awarded the title of "China's Most Admired Company" for 2006 on Tuesday, 14 Nov, 2006 based on the findings of a survey conducted by Fortune China and Chinese firm Hay Group.

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Fire damages 10 jail cells in Guatemala

MEXICO CITY, 16 Nov— About 10 jail cells were damaged in a fire at a newly remodelled Guatemalan prison on Monday, but no one was injured, according to reports reaching here.

Prison director Alejandro Giammattei said an electrical short circuit had caused the fire on the Pavon Model Rehabilitation Farm. Several hundred inmates were evacuated when the fire broke out, Giammattei said.

Firefighters stamped out the fire and the cells would have to be rebuilt. Some 350 prisoners would return to the jail this week and the remainder will return later.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Russia seizes over 80 tons of drugs this year

MOSCOW, 16 Nov — More than 80 tons of drugs have been seized in Russia so far this year, a senior drug control official said on Tuesday.

"Over 82 tons of narcotics were confiscated in Russia over the past ten months," General Viktor Cherkosov, head of the Federal Drug Control Service, was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying.

Large batches of heroin were confiscated from Russia's "black market", he added.

"We do not stop. The confiscation of narcotics is one of the most effective ways to inflict damage on the drug business," he said.

The service's data showed that there are 6 million habituated drug users in Russia, while 15 million have tried drugs at least once.

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Australian fined for saying "bomb" on Singapore flight

SINGAPORE, 16 Nov — A 65-year-old Australian man was fined 10,000 Singapore dollars (6,423 US dollars) by a Singapore court for uttering the word "bomb" on a flight to Indonesia, *The Straits Times* reported on Wednesday.

Riccardo Paulin, a retiree, pleaded guilty on Tuesday to having asked a flight attendant "Where do you keep the bomb?" on a flight operated by Singapore regional carrier SilkAir to the Indonesian city of Surabaya, the newspaper said.

The newspaper said he made the remark after trying to find space in the overhead lockers.

Paulin was charged under the United Nations anti-terrorism regulations, which carry a maximum fine of Singapore dollars 100,000 or up to five years in jail or both. He apologized to the court for his remark, saying it was meant as a joke.— *MNA/Reuters*



The Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition ended last month. Here is one of the best wildlife photos of year 2006. — XINHUA

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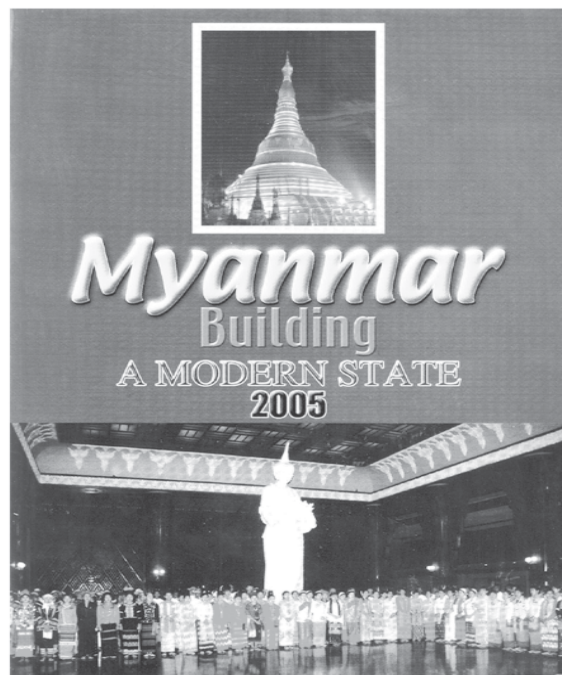
German FM to visit North Africa

BERLIN, 15 Nov—German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier is leaving on Tuesday for a five-nation visit to North Africa, including the oil-rich Libya, spokesman said on Monday.

Besides Libya, Germany's fourth-biggest oil supplier, Steinmeier will also visit Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia during his five-day trip, said a spokesman for the foreign minister.

Steinmeier is hoping to boost ties between the European Union (EU) and the region as Germany is taking over the rotating EU presidency on 1 January 2007.

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Italy plans to set up honorary consulate in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 15 Nov—Italy plans to establish a honorary consulate in Cambodia in order to facilitate the influx of Italian tourists and

investors, a government official and parliamentary member told *Xinhua* here on Tuesday.

The Italian Ambassador who resided in Thailand had asked permission from the Cambodian Government to open a honorary consulate in Cambodia in order to make it easier for Italian tourists and investors to enter the kingdom, said Prak Sokhon, deputy secretary general of the Council of Ministers.

"Cambodia has its Ambassador to Italy, but his residence is in Paris, France, while Italy also has its Ambassador to Cambodia, but his

residence is in Bangkok, Thailand, which makes the process of visa difficult," he said.

An Italian honorary consulate in Cambodia could help make the process efficient, he said. The Italian Ambassador made the proposal during his earlier meeting with Prime Minister Hun Sen, who then told him to work with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Meanwhile, Pov Savoeurn, member of the National Assembly, told *Xinhua* by phone that both sides could have better cooperation if the

consulate was established.

The Parliament had created a nine-member group to work with the Italian Parliament to strengthen the bilateral ties and cooperation, including the establishment of the consulate, she said.

Italy established diplomatic ties with Cambodia in 1992 and has been helping Cambodia in the sectors of upgrading social work, countering human trafficking, restoring classic temples in Siem Reap Province, and building an irrigation system in Battambang Province.

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APEC business leaders urge vast free trade zone

HANOI, 15 Nov—Asia-Pacific business leaders called on Tuesday for an Asia-Pacific free trade area to counter the proliferation of mini-pacts that are adding costs and complexity to doing business in the region.

The APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) also urged leaders of the 21 Pacific rim economies meeting in Hanoi to take stronger steps to curb trade in pirated goods and develop better plans to deal with

pandemics such as bird flu.

At their annual meeting ahead of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit this weekend, the business council noted that bilateral and regional trade pacts have blossomed in recent years, while a vast APEC-wide zone had yet to get off the drawing board.

"ABAC strongly urges leaders to develop an APEC initiative to promote convergence and consolidation among existing agreements, and

those currently being negotiated," the group said in a report prepared for the leaders' summit.

At least 50 free trade pacts have been agreed or are under discussion among countries represented at APEC, experts say.

APEC says its 21 members account for nearly half of global trade, 40 per cent of the world's population and 56 per cent of the world's gross domestic product.

MNA/Reuters

Malaysia needs to catch up in seed industry

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Nov—Malaysia still lags behind in seed industry and should make more efforts to tap the potential of seed production, a senior official said Tuesday. "We have been producing (seeds) but not to the extent of being able to fulfill the needs of our farms. This is something we have to look at," Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Minister Muhyiddin Yassin told reporters after opening the Asian Seed Congress 2006

here. When it comes to agriculture, people tend to only think of fruits and vegetables, but seed production can also bring in money, said Muhyiddin.

In 2004, Malaysia's seed imports amounted to 22.23 million ringgit (6.01 million US dollars). The plantation industry (oil palm and rubber) is the only self-sufficient sector in seed production.

When asked if the Government has set a specific target for seed

production, the minister said there was none at the moment but the plan was to first increase local production of seeds and planting materials.

"The second step is to reach self-sufficiency and the third is to go for the export market. How long that will take, I'm not too sure at the moment," he said. Some 600 delegates from more than 30 countries and regions are attending the Congress jointly hosted by the Asia and Pacific Seed Association and Malaysian Agriculture Research and Development Institute.

MNA/Xinhua



Horse riders from the Middle East compete in a 120 km (75 miles) International Endurance Race in the desert of Wadi Rum in southern Jordan on 14 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

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The crew of Shuttle Discovery poses in front of the M-113 armored personnel carrier at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 14 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Motorola launches new research centre in China

BEIJING, 15 Nov— US telecom giant Motorola Inc announced here Tuesday to launch a research centre in China targeting next-generation wireless broadband technologies.

The centre would focus on key technologies in future wireless broadband equipment and help the company to develop global standards in this area.

Gregory Brown, executive vice-president of Motorola, said that as China strives for an active role in development and standard making in the future mobile communications, Motorola hopes to strengthen cooperation

with its Chinese partners on this.

Brown did not tell how much they plan to invest in the new centre and how many engineers it would recruit, but saying that the centre would provide professional technical support to its Chinese business section.

The new centre would also help to boost Motorola's cooperation with local universities and

companies, said Brown.

China set up a forum organization on future mobile communication last year, aiming to promote research and development of post-3G technologies. Motorola is one of the initiators. Motorola has 18 research centres in China with about 3,000 engineers, making it the largest R&D base by multi-nationals in China.

MNA/Xinhua

Environmentalists oppose Victoria Falls hotel project

LUSAKA, 15 Nov—Zambian environmentalists oppose a 260 million US dollars plan to construct two hotels, a golf course and hundreds of chalets in a park near the famous Victoria Falls world heritage site, officials said on Monday.

Zambia's Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) has given permission to local and foreign investors to go ahead with the project in Livingstone, 480 kilometres (298 miles) south of Lusaka, even though environmental groups said it would harm the local ecology.

Critics say the park and

its wildlife, which includes black rhinos, could be damaged by the development and Victoria Falls could lose its status as one of Africa's biggest tourist sites. Peter Sinkamba, the head of one of the environmental groups opposed to the plan, said the government broke the law because it did not do a

proper study of potential ecological damage.

"The whole project has been done in reverse... the (law) was not followed (and) this is an anomaly," he told journalists. Environmentalists have threatened to ask the courts to block the project if the government allows it to proceed on its present site.—MNA/Reuter



A visitor looks at a painting by Portuguese artist Amadeo Souza-Cardoso during an exhibition at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon on 15 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET

Quake hits Kuriles, tsunami warning in Japan

TOKYO, 16 Nov— An 8.1 quake was recorded in the Kurile Islands on Wednesday, and a tsunami warning issued for eastern Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, NHK public television said.

The first waves of the tsunami, which was expected to arrive shortly after 9 pm local (1200 GMT), were predicted to range from 1 to 2 metres in Hokkaido. The site of the quake was roughly 1,700 kilometres northwest of Tokyo.

Hokkaido residents reported feeling little to no shaking from the earthquake.

The Kuriles are known as the Chishima Islands in Japan and are part of the Northern Territories, the subject of a territorial dispute between Japan and Russia.

MNA/Reuters

Kuwait orders six more "Airbus A320"

KUWAIT CITY, 15 Nov— Kuwait-based Aviation Lease and Finance Company (ALAFCO) has placed a large order for six Airbus A320 planes, Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported on Monday.

The European aircraft manufacturer said in a statement to KUNA that "a firm contract" has been signed by ALAFCO for six A320s, but the value of the deal was not revealed yet. The new order came after an ALAFCO contract signed with Airbus last year for 12 larger A350 carriers and options for another six A350s, KUNA added. "There will be strong demand for the

A320 family aircraft during the coming years and ALAFCO is positioning itself to meet such demand from regional and international carriers", said Ahmad al-Zabin, ALAFCO Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). According to earlier reports, the main plane-leasing market of ALAFCO in future would come from Chinese and Indian airways.

The A320 plane has the widest single aisle fuselage on the market and was designed to optimize revenue through cabin flexibility and passenger comfort. It is in service with over 200 customers worldwide.—MNA/Xinhua



A model presents a creation by Belarusian designer Ekaterina Shukalo during Belarusian Fashion Week in Minsk on 15 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET

Indonesian shipbuilding firm gets orders for eight tankers

JAKARTA, 15 Nov— Indonesian shipbuilding firm PT Dok Koba Bahari has received orders from four countries to manufacture eight liquid chemical tankers worth 202 million US dollars, a report said on Tuesday.

The orders come from various companies in South Korea, Greece, Malaysia and Singapore, reported leading economic daily Bisnis Indonesia.

Each of the 1,600-ton tanker is priced at 25.25 million dollars. The local manufacturer has targeted to deliver the tankers within two years.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Nadal back on track

SHANGHAI, 16 Nov — World number two Rafael Nadal recovered from a slow start to keep his Masters Cup hopes alive with a 7-6, 6-2 win over his fellow Spaniard Tommy Robredo on Wednesday.

Nadal will play Davydenko on Friday for a place in the last four, while Robredo, who had already lost to the world number three, cannot now qualify for the knockout stage.

Nadal initially continued where he left off against Blake on Monday and sixth-ranked Robredo took advantage of his lacklustre start to break the French Open champion for a 4-2 lead.

That seemed to galvanize Nadal and he broke straight back but Robredo, who had lost all three of their three previous meetings, stuck doggedly to his task to force a tiebreak.

Nadal raced out to a 5-1 lead with his best tennis of the day and found a superb down-the-line winner to claim the first set in just over an hour.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese players advance in 1st Asian University Tennis C'ship

GUANGZHOU, 16 Nov — Most of the Chinese players advanced to the next round in the 1st Asian University Tennis Championship doubles competitions.

In boy's doubles, Tan Haiyun/Chen Xin from China ousted their opponents Yusuke Isobe/Yusuke Seko from Japan 8-0 to enter the 3rd round. The match was fairly one-sided that the Chinese pair played aggressively and controlled the rhythm of the match completely.

However, the other Chinese pair Lu Hao/Zhang Lei lost to Lee Menghua/Lin Daichiao from Taipei 8-9.

In girl's doubles, China has obvious advantage over the other countries and regions. The Chinese pair Sun Shengnan/Chen Yanchong and Ren Jing/Yang Sujing all ousted their opponents to enter the 3rd round games. The other two pairs are Thongdach Pichitra/Phonkan Daowadueng and Attachoo Ketravee/Choptang Wilawan from Thailand.

In mixed doubles, Tan Haiyun/Sun Shengnan and Lu Hao/Chen Yanchong from China all beat their opponents. Players from Taipei and Thailand also played well that all the pairs entered the next round.

MNA/Xinhua



Roger Federer of Switzerland serves to Andy Roddick of the United States in the competition of Group Red at 2006 Masters Cup tennis in Shanghai, China, on 14 Nov, 2006. Federer won 2-1. —XINHUA



Spain's coach Luis Aragonés stands in front of players during a training session in Cadiz on 14 Nov, 2006 before their friendly soccer match against Romania on Wednesday. —INTERNET

China beat Cuba 3-1 at World Women's Volleyball C'ship

OSAKA (Japan), 16 Nov — Olympic champions China beat the Olympic bronze medallists Cuba 26-24, 25-21, 26-28, 25-20 here on Wednesday to enter the fifth place play-off of the 2006 Women's Volleyball World Championships.

Overcoming a slow start in the first two sets, Cuba played an impressive counter-attack in the third set.

Cuba made 35 mistakes during the one hour 33 minutes match, while China had 17.

Coming back from two sets down, the Cuba women showed their nerve and clawed back in the third as they battled the Chinese for tie from 1-all to 21-all.

After losing four set points, Luaces Yumika Ruiz drove the ball home to give Cuba a laudable win.

The fourth set was also hotly contested. Trailing 14-18, Cuba came back with a 5-1 run and tied the game 19-19.

But Wang Yimei and Xu Yunli combined to score four points for China to finish the match with a 6-1 run.

China will face the winner between the Netherlands and host Japan, which will be held later on Wednesday, to decide the fifth place of the tournament. — MNA/Xinhua

China draw with Iraq 1-1 to qualify for Asian Cup

CHANGSHA, 16 Nov — Chinese national football team were held by Iraq to a 1-1 draw and advance to next year's Asian Cup finals as Group E runners-up here at the He Long Sports Centre on Wednesday.

"I'm very happy with the result. It's very difficult for us to get prepared for this match as four of our best players can't come to China," said Iraq coach Akram Salman.

Striker Han Peng opened scoring for the hosts five minutes before the break when he poked in left winger Du Zhenyu's pinpoint low cross unerringly inside the box.

Iraq levelled in the 65th minute when substitute striker Alwan Ahmad headed home a fine corner.

China dominated the first half with fierce attacks from both wings. Du Zhenyu and Wang Dong made several sharp forays at both flanks and fed nice crosses.

Hitman Li Jinyu produced two threatening headers before Wang Dong missed a one-to-one drive on 38 minutes. Li gave a shining solo performance before the break, only to find his acrobatic volley denied by a concentrated Abbas Noor.

Iraq pushed forward in the second half, competed tightly in the midfield with the hosts and got some effect. Midfielder Ali Nashat smashed a thunderbolt from 40 metres, which went past goalkeeper Li Leilei but hit the crossbar.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan beat Saudi Arabia 3-1 in Asian Cup qualifier

SAPPORO (Japan), 16 Nov — Japan beat Saudi Arabia 3-1 at home on Wednesday to finish top of their qualifying group for next year's Asian Cup.

Striker Kazuki Ganaha scored twice as Japan avenged their defeat away to Saudi Arabia in September to snatch top spot in Group A on goal difference.

Both sides had already qualified for the 2007 Asian Cup finals but Japan outplayed the visitors with probably their best performance since Ivica Osim took over from Brazilian Zico.

Defender Tulio gave Japan the lead in the 20th minute, bundling the ball home from close range after Seiichiro Maki's header had been blocked on the line.

Ganaha added a second nine minutes later before the Saudi Arabia pulled one back through an Al Qahtani penalty in the 33rd minute.

Ganaha restored Japan's two-goal advantage from close range five minutes into the second half to secure a deserved win for the Asian Cup holders in front of 41,000 at Sapporo Dome.

The draw for next year's finals, to be hosted jointly by Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia, takes place on December 19 in Kuala Lumpur.

Japan have won the last two Asian Cups, in Lebanon in 2000, and two years ago in China with a controversial 3-1 victory over the hosts in Beijing.

MNA/Reuters



Colombia's Nelson Garzon (front) leads the competition to win the gold medal in the 5000 meters points competition for the South American Games (ODESUR) in Mar del Plata on 14 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET

Lithuania captain Danilevicius inspires 4-1 win

PAOLA (Malta), 16 Nov — Captain Tomas Danilevicius struck twice on Wednesday to inspire Lithuania to a 4-1 victory over Malta in a friendly international.

The clash between two teams who came into this match on a high after emerging victorious from their last Euro 2008 qualifiers went Lithuania's way thanks to their knack to make the most of their scoring chances.

Victory in Malta is a further boost for Lithuania who have four points from their opening three Group B qualifiers after a 1-1 draw with world champions Italy and a 1-0 win away to the Faroe Islands.

Malta, who defeated Hungary 2-1 last month, were hampered by a mixture of poor defending and wasteful finishing.

The best chances in a low-key first half fell to Malta but it was Lithuania who reached halftime with a one-goal lead. Danilevicius took advantage of some sloppy defending by the hosts to rifle the ball past Malta goalkeeper Mario Muscat from close range.

MNA/Reuters

Kyrgyzstan blames US for plane incident

BISHKEK, 16 Nov— Kyrgyzstan, home to a US military airbase, blamed the United States on Tuesday for violating flight security in a September incident when a Kyrgyz aircraft hit a US military plane.

Erkin Isakov, a Deputy Transport Minister, said a government commission had concluded it was the US KC-135's fault when the Kyrgyzstan Airlines, Russian-made TU-154 aircraft smashed into it on take off on September 26.

American side had severely violated flight security," he told Reuters without specifying how exactly the US plane may have violated flight security.

The US airbase in Kyrgyzstan, used for operations in Afghanistan, declined to comment on the commission's findings. The airbase is conducting its own investigation into the matter. During the incident, the Kyrgyz plane with 61 people on board hit the US plane and then took off briefly before returning to land at Manas Airport, Kyrgyz officials said at the time.

The US plane had been trying to turn off the runway when the collision took place. Its wing caught fire but firefighters extinguished the blaze. Earlier this year, the United States and Kyrgyzstan agreed on terms to carry on using the airbase after months of tense talks.

MNA/Reuters



Betty, an eight-year-old orangutan with her baby at Ragunan zoo in Jakarta, on 14 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

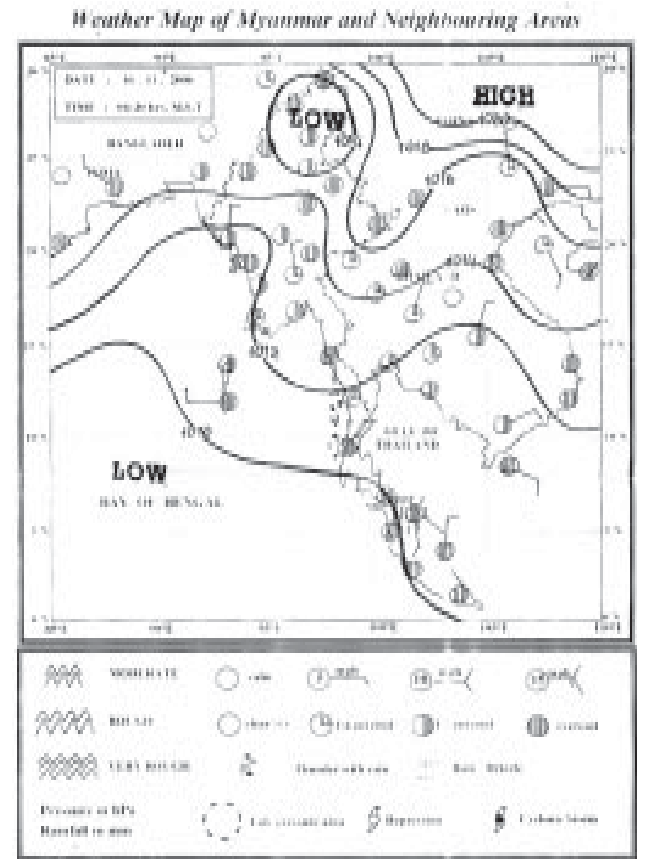
Briton arrested after family found dead

LONDON, 16 Nov — Police have arrested a 33-year-old man in connection with the deaths of four members of his family whose bodies were found in a Newcastle house early on Tuesday.

The man, who has not been named, was detained in Gateshead. Earlier, police had launched a murder inquiry after the two adults and two children were found dead.

Police only described the man arrested as a male relative, without elaborating. The names and ages of the victims are not being released at this stage.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Thursday, 16 November, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for isolated light rain in Shan State, weather have been partly cloudy in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Chin State and Mandalay Division and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions.

Maximum temperature on 15-11-2006 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 16-11-2006 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 16-11-2006 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 15-11-2006 was (7.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 16-11-2006 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 (5) mph from Northeast at 12:30 hours MST on 15-11-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 17-11-2006: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 17-11-2006: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 40%.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 17-11-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 17-11-2006: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 40%.

Radio Myanmar

Friday, 17 November

Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music:
-Somewhere I belong
... Linking Park
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:
Bring me to life...Evensene
- 8:50 am** National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:
Girls & Boys
... Good Charlotte
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music:
Be with you again
... C 21
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music
Island in the stream
... Bee Gees
She's always a woman
... Billy Joel
Moments
... Westlife
- 9:00 pm** W.O.M
-Israel, Portugal, Hungary, India, Indonesia
- 9:15 pm** Article
- 9:25 pm** Music at your request
-Lullaby
... Mandah
-Vacation
... Uitamine
-Making my way
... Billie
- 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



Friday, 17 November
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရသဒ္ဓမ္မစောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercises

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. ရိုးရာကျေးလက် ကစားနည်း

8:05 am

6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

7. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. English for everyday use

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song for uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in reading

4:45 pm

4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

5:00 pm

5. Song of national races

5:15 pm

6. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

5:25 pm

7. "သတိတစ်ချက်တစ်သက်အမှား" (ကျော်မင်းနောင်၊ ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး)

နန်းကလျာလှိုင်

(ဒါရိုက်တာ- စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)

5:35 pm

8. Song of yesteryears

6:50 pm

9. စိမ်းလန်းစိုပြည် အပူပိုင်းဒေသ နယ်မြေ (မန္တလေးတိုင်း)

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

7:35 pm

12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဥဏ်ရှင်

7:05 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်နတ်သမီး" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)

8:00 pm

14. News

8:00 pm

15. International news

8:00 pm

16. Weather report

8:00 pm

17. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေးပထမချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

8:00 pm

18. The next day's programme

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Delegate groups of representatives-elect, national races and workers discuss chapters on "Election", "Political Parties" and "Provision on State of Emergency"



U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization makes a speech at the group meeting of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect. — MNA

YANGON, 16 Nov — Group meetings of the delegate group of representatives-elect, the delegative group of national races and the delegate group of workers were held at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township today.

Delegate group of Representatives-elect
U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization presided over the meeting together with U Law Hsin Kwam of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and U Mahn Tihn Maung (or) U Mahn

Myo Nyunt of Union Kayin League, and Deputy Director U Khin Sein of Work Group 4 of National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as MC together with Assistant Director Daw Mi Mi Shein.
The MC announced the validity of the meeting

as 12 delegates attended the meeting accounting for 79.84 per cent.
Next, Meeting Chairman U San Tha Aung delivered an opening speech.
Representatives-elect U Thet Wai of Wakema Township Constituency No 2 of National Unity Party and U Thein Tun of Ingapu Township Constituency No 2, independent representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency and U Tun Kyaw of Namsam Township Constituency presented the proposal on the detailed basic principals 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.
The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the Chairman of the Meeting.
Delegate Group of National Races
Duwa Zoak Dong of Shan State (North) presided over the meeting together with U Kyaw Din (or) U Htay Yei of Kayah State, U Mahn Ohn Maung of Kayin State, U Maung Hla (or) U Hla Myint of Taninthayi Division and U Aung Zan Wai of Rakhine State, and Deputy Director U Tin Maung Oo of Work Group 5 of National Convention Conven-

ing Work Committee acted as MC together with Assistant Director U Ye Lwin.
The MC announced the validity of the meeting as 515 delegates out of 645 attended the meeting accounting for 79.84 per cent.
Next, Meeting Chairman Duwa Zoak Dong delivered an opening speech.
U Sai Hsan Tit of Shan State, Daw Yi Yi Myint of Mon State, U Saw Win Htain of Kayin State and Dr Aung Tha of Taninthayi Division presented the proposal to be submitted to the Plenary Session of the National Convention on the detailed basic principals concerning the

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Three resign from Kawlin Township NLD as members

YANGON, 16 Nov — Three members of Kawlin Township National League for Democracy in Sagaing Division U Thein Han, U Toe Maung and Daw Swe Swe Than signed the resignation letters of their own accord and sent the copies of the letters to the NLD (Headquarters) and respective local administrative organs on 4 August.

In the letters they sent to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-commission, they said that they were willing to join the government in the tasks in the interests of the nation and the wards of their own, and no longer placed trust and reliance in the party. So, they decided to leave the party of their own volition. — MNA

INSIDE

World Diabetes Day brings together our member associations, the World Health Organizations and its regional offices organization involved in diabetes as diabetes related areas, industry partners, health professionals and individuals with an interest in diabetes from all over the world. Let us once again join forces to give visibility to diabetes and improve the lives of all who are directly or indirectly affected by the condition.

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DR TINT SWE LATT (PROJECT MANAGER)

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