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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

Based on knowledge from the course and experience of veteran pilots, graduate pilots are to try hard to become skilled ones

Pilot Training Course No 68 of No 1 Pilot Training School concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov—The graduation parade of Pilot Training Course No 68 of No 1 Pilot Training School of the Flying Training Base took place at the parade grounds of the Flying Training Base in Shande, Meiktila, this morning.

It was attended by members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air)

Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, senior military officers, Commander of the Flying Training Base Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tin, Commander of the Ground Training Base Col Thura Khin Maung Win, squadron leader, commandant, military officers of battalions and units of Meiktila Station, departmental officers, relatives of graduate pilots and others.

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein inspected the graduate company and the company of honour and took their salute.

Next, Lt-Gen Myat Hein presented wings to the graduate officers.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myat Hein presented prizes to the outstanding graduates.

After that, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, made a speech. He said that at a time when efforts are being made for building a strong, capable and modern Tatmadaw the government yearly produces pilots capable of skilfully flying the modern

aircraft and helicopters. The graduate pilots are a reliable force for the Tatmadaw (Air) that is discharging the national defence duty and nation-building duty.

He said that the graduate pilots are to try their utmost to be imbued with a sense of duty and capability that a pilot should possess. As flying ability is of utmost importance for a pilot, they are to strive to become a good pilot, safeguarding the image of golden wings.

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Japanese eye specialists Dr Horio Naoichi, Dr Ueno and Dr Yamasaki and Ms Sadanio Misako of Alcon company and Mr Shichijo of Otsuka company read papers, which were useful for Myanmar doctors. Dr Horio Naoichi read the paper on Vitrectomy.

PAGE 7 DR NILAR THEIN (LIN YAUNG THIT)



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein addresses the graduation parade of Pilot Training Course No 68 of No 1 Pilot Training School.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Step up use of advanced technologies in industrializing the nation

The government is taking all possible steps for the development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well for strengthening the national economy. It is required to marshal the strength of the industry in a bid to build a developed nation. Therefore, the government is giving a lot of encouragement to establishment of agro-based industries in the drive for transforming the nation into an industrialized one.

With this context, it has established 18 industrial zones across the nation for the industrial development. As a result, Mandalay, Monwya and Ayethaya industrial zones are now capable of producing various parts of modern ironware. They have achieved success in producing import-substitute spare parts of machines domestically, thus reducing the costs and saving foreign exchange.

The number of State-owned factories is 792 and private-owned factories, about 80,000, up from 624 State-owned factories and about 35,000 private-owned factories, by a margin of 45,000. And the annual growth of the industrial production is indicating about 25 per cent.

If compared with that in 1988, the industrial production has increased eightfold. In proportion to the development of the agricultural sector and establishment of more factories and mills, the numbers of farmers and workers have been on the increase.

The private sector makes a dominant contribution towards the industrial development of the nation. In Myanmar, the private sector constitutes 90 per cent in 2002-2003, 92 per cent in 2003-2004 and more than 93 per cent in 2004-2005 in the industrial sector.

National industrialists are to work together with the government to achieve the goal, while promoting the industrial sector of the nation and ensuring the running of State-owned factories at full capacity and improving private-owned industries qualitatively and quantitatively through effective use of modern technologies.

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 at Mawlamyine at 5.10 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.

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Peoples' Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

FM receives UNWFP Resident Representative

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov — Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, U Nyan Win, received the Credentials of the newly appointed Resident Representative of the United Nations World Food Programme in the Union of Myanmar, Mr Christopher Kaye yesterday afternoon at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here.

Officials of International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were present on the occasion.

MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 16 Nov — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Director-General U Ngwe Tun of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture as Rector of University of Culture (Mandalay) of the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Rector U Sann Win of University of Culture (Mandalay) under the Ministry of Culture as Director-General of Archaeology Department of the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties. — MNA

Supervisory Committee for Yadanabon Myothit Construction Project meets subcommittees



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw delivers a speech.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov — The Supervisory Committee for Yadanabon Myothit Construction Project and subcommittees held a coordination meeting at the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, here, this morning, with an address by Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.

First, the minister gave instructions on construction of the Myothit meeting set standards.

Officials of the subcommittees reported on tasks to be carried out.

After attending to the needs, the minister gave concluding remarks.

Also present at the meeting were member of the Supervisory Committee Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe and other members, chairmen and members of various subcommittees. — MNA

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Minister for Mines back from China

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint arrived back here by air this morning after attending the meeting on mining tasks in Beijing of the People's Republic of China.

The minister and party were welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura

Aye Myint, departmental heads of the Ministry of Mines and officials.

Members of the Myanmar delegation Managing Director U Maung Toe of Myanmar Pearl Enterprise and Director U Zaw Win of Mining Department also arrived back. —MNA

Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint being welcomed by the officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA



Cambodia, Russia sign agreement to beef up culture, cooperation

PHNOM PENH, 16 Nov— Cambodia and Russia signed an agreement to enhance cultural exchange and cooperation from 2006 to 2008 on Tuesday at Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts, local media on Wednesday quoted an official as saying.

Under the agreement, both sides would increase exchange of

cultural visits, said Heom Chem, Acting Minister of Culture and Fine Arts.

“Cambodia admires the Russia Circus very much,” he said, adding that Russia would be asked to help train such professionals for the kingdom.

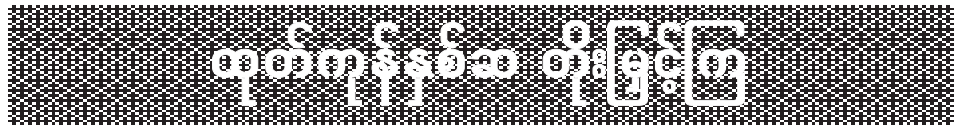
The agreement would finally benefit the bilateral relations and

friendship, he added.

Meanwhile, Valery Y Tereschenko, Russian Ambassador to Cambodia, said that the culture ties could serve as the basic work for improving the prosperity of both countries.

Russia also planned to send its teachers to Cambodian schools, he added.

MNA/Xinhua



Hu Jintao President of China, waves to people upon his arrival in Danang, Vietnam, on 15 Nov, 2006. Hu Jintao arrived in the central Vietnamese city of Danang on Wednesday, kicking off a state visit to the Southeast Asian nation.—XINHUA



Visitors look at a special toilet designed for the disabled at the World Toilet Expo and Forum 2006 in Bangkok on 16 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

British women entrepreneurs “neglected by government”

LONDON, 16 Nov— Women-led businesses need more support from the government if female entrepreneurs are to overcome lack of confidence and finance to achieve their real potential, a study said on Wednesday.

The report by research programme Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) published to mark National Women’s Enterprise Day found women needed bigger incentives than men to take the risk of setting up on their own.

The report found women were less likely than men to think they had the skills to start a business or to know an entrepreneur

personally and to think there were good business opportunities to be exploited. “Growing the number of women-owned businesses in Britain is essential for increased economic development, greater innovation and creativity,” said Isabella Moore, president of Prowess, the British organization for groups promoting female ent-

prise.

Prowess commissioned the report by GEM. “Encouraging women’s entrepreneurship is also about providing more flexible opportunities for women of all ages and from all backgrounds,” Moore added.

The report said government initiatives started in 2003 had boosted activity in the

regions and at local level but central government had not done enough to further development. Female entrepreneurial activity is nearly twice as high for rural women as for urban women, it said.

In particular, the report criticized the government’s failure to appoint a Women’s Enterprise Task Force promised a year ago.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese scientists have developed a robot that can help ensure security in public places. The robot, the first of its kind developed in China, is expected to go on sale within two or three months.—XINHUA

France to ban smoking in public places

PARIS, 17 NOV— The French Government on Thursday issued a decree banning smoking in public places as from next February, but smoking in bars, nightclubs and restaurants could be allowed till January 2008.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin announced last month that France would follow other European countries to impose a ban on smoking in public places, including “all closed and covered places that are open to the public or are places of work”.

After the implementation of the ban, there will be no smoking rooms in public buildings, including work buildings, schools and hospitals, the decree said.

People who break the law will have to pay a fine of 75 euros (about 95 US dollars), and the fine may rise to 150 euros (about 190 dollars).

MNA/Xinhua



US singer Beyonce performs during the World Music Awards at Earl’s Court in London on 15 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Ten US soldiers killed in Iraq in two days

BAGHDAD, 17 NOV — Two more US soldiers were killed and two others injured when their vehicle hit by a roadside bomb in northeast Baghdad, bringing the number of US soldiers killed to ten in two days, the US military said on Thursday.

Two Task Force Lightning soldiers assigned to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, were killed Wednesday and two others were injured when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle, the military said in a statement.

The soldiers were killed and injured while conducting combat operations in Diyala Province, the statement said. Earlier, a soldier was killed in the same province due to combat action Wednesday, the military said.— MNA/Xinhua

Hu Jintao hopes “to turn a new leaf” in Sino-Indian ties

BEIJING, 16 Nov— Chinese President Hu Jintao Tuesday expressed satisfaction over the “sound” growth in Sino-Indian bilateral ties and hoped to “turn a new leaf” in strategic relations during his maiden state visit to New Delhi next week.

Expressing warm sentiments over bilateral relations during a meeting with India's new Ambassador to China, Nirupama Rao here at the Great Hall of the People, Hu said that he was looking forward to his meeting with the Indian leadership during his visit to the country from 20-23 November.

Hu expressed satisfaction over the sound development of bilateral relations and stressed that unless China and India developed, the Asian century will not be realized, diplomatic

sources told PTI here.

Conveying his greetings to President APJ Abdul Kalam and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Hu hoped that his trip will turn a new leaf in bilateral ties and further promote the strategic cooperative partnership of peace and prosperity, envisaged by the two

nations last year.

During the meeting which lasted 15 minutes, a little more than the scheduled time, Rao, conveyed the greetings of the people of India and the Indian Government and said the country was waiting for the Chinese President's upcoming visit.—MNA/PTI

US soldier in Iraq rape case sentenced to 90 years in jail

WASHINGTON, 17 Nov — A US soldier accused of participating in the rape of an Iraqi girl and then killing her and her family was sentenced to 90 years in jail on Thursday, media reports said.

The soldier, James Barker, one of four American soldiers accused of raping the Iraqi girl and killing her family in the March 2006 incident, pleaded guilty on Wednesday to rape and murder in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was sentenced to 90 years in prison under the plea agreement.

Barker has agreed to testify against the others in the case, reports said. Barker gave an account of the event on Wednesday after entering his plea, detailing how he and his fellow soldiers brought up the idea, then raped the girl and killed her family at Mahmudiya, a village about 32 kilometres south of Baghdad, in March 2006. —MNA/Xinhua

Five children killed in Colombian mudslide

BOGOTA, 16 Nov— Five children were killed and two adults injured in a massive mudslide that crushed a house Tuesday in the El Salado neighbourhood of northwestern Colombian city of Medellin, according to rescuers.

Colombia's normal year-end rain has lashed

the mountainous neighbourhoods in Medellin, including El Salado, in recent weeks.

The youngest child that died on Tuesday was only six months old and the oldest 17, said rescue workers.

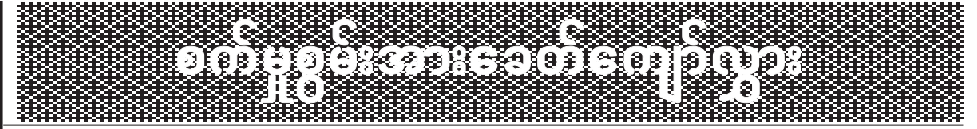
Luis Duarte and Luz Manco, a married couple, were buried in the

mudslide and rescued later. They are now recovering in a local hospital.

Two of those that died were their children, and the other three were Manco's nieces.

On Monday, a similar mudslide killed a woman and a child in Bello, a town close to Medellin.

More than 200,000 people have suffered physical injuries or property losses from Colombia's two rainy seasons this year. —MNA/Xinhua



Xu Guanhua, Chinese Minister of Science and Technology, receives Honorary Doctorate of Science in The City University of Hong Kong, on 15 Nov, 2006. The university awarded honorary doctorates to three prominent individuals here on 14 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

India ready to go extra mile for better South Asia

NEW DELHI, 17 Nov— Underlining that India is ready to go the “extra mile” for a better future for South Asia, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee on Wednesday said the country wants

friendly relations with Pakistan but diplomatic initiatives will founder if terrorism continues.

He said stronger cooperation offers immense benefits to all parties and that India's

neighbours “can and should share in our drive for prosperity”.

“The future of the Indian sub-continent depends on whether open mindedness prevails over the more traditional mindsets. On its part, India has extended its hand in all directions and is willing to go the extra mile for a better future,” Mukherjee said addressing the 46th National Defence Course here. Talking about India-Pakistan relations, he said it is at a cross-roads today and the coming decade would be crucial.

“It is not possible for us to change borders, but we can surely reduce the salience of borders in our relationship,” the minister said while delivering the lecture on ‘Indian foreign policy: —MNA/PTI



Daniel Craig as James Bond in “Casino Royale” at the London premiere on Tuesday 14 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA



A model presents a creation of wedding dress on the opening day of 2007 Spring/Summer Collections of China Fashion Week in Beijing, China, on 15 Nov, 2006. INTERNET

Servicewoman killed among Iraq boat victims

LONDON, 16 Nov— The Ministry of Defence has named the four soldiers killed in an attack on a patrol boat in southern Iraq at the weekend, including the second British female servicewoman to die in action. Staff sergeant Sharron Elliott of the Intelligence Corps was killed when the boat was attacked with an improvised bomb during a routine patrol on the Shatt al Arab waterway in Basra.

The other soldiers were named as Warrant Officer Lee Hopkins, 35, of the Royal Corps of Signals, Corporal Ben Nowak, 27, of 45 Commando Royal Marines and Marine Jason Hylton, 33, of 539 Assault Squadron Royal Marines.

Britain has some 7,000 troops in southern Iraq, which has generally been calmer than the centre and north of the country, and 125 British Armed Forces personnel have died since the US-led invasion in 2003.

The MoD said Elliott, who was unmarried, had been deployed to Iraq to fill a temporary post but had volunteered to serve a full six-month tour of duty. —MNA/Reuters



Frontier soldiers take part in a training on the beach of Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, on 15 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

Reid says Britain faces "very great" terrorist threat

LONDON, 16 Nov— Britain is facing a "very great threat" from a wave of plots among Muslim extremists and a terrorist attack on Britain is highly likely, Home Secretary John Reid said on Wednesday.

Echoing a warning last week by the head of Britain's domestic spy agency MI5, Reid said authorities were aware of 30 active terrorist plots.

"There are a lot of conspiracies out there," Reid told BBC radio. "These 30 are the ones we think are the most serious of them. They are ongoing, they are working, and they have the potential... some will be nearer preparation than others."

Asked how serious the situation was, Reid said: "It is a very great threat".

MI5 head Eliza Manningham-Buller said last week that her agency was tracking around 1,600 suspects, many of them Muslim extremists, most

of whom were British-born and linked to al-Qaeda in Pakistan.

She also said young British Muslims were being groomed to become suicide bombers.

Britain suffered its worst peacetime terrorist attack in July 2005 when four British Islamists blew themselves up on London's transport network, killing 52 commuters and wounding

hundreds.

Asked why suspects were not simply arrested and stopped, Reid said it was difficult to gather sufficient information to constitute evidence strong enough for a prosecution.

"Information is not evidence, this is one of the great problems we have," he said.

MNA/Reuters

Alcohol poisoning kills over 400 across Russia

Moscow, 16 Nov— A total of 406 people have died from drinking illicit liquor in a wave of alcohol poisoning in numerous Russian regions over the past few months, the head of the country's consumer rights watchdog agency said on Tuesday.

Gennady Onishchenko, chief of the Federal Service for Consumer Rights Supervision, said some 10,000 cases of toxic

hepatitis caused by toxic alcohol substitutes have been registered in 18 regions, according to the ITAR-TASS news agency.

The hardest hit were the Irkutsk, Chelyabinsk and Belgorod regions, where 107 people have

NEW DELHI, 16 Nov— India and Pakistan said on Wednesday they had finalized plans to set up a panel to tackle terrorism, ending their first peace talks in nearly a year with hopes that it would help curb tensions.

The South Asian rivals also agreed to a pact on reducing the risk of nuclear accidents, and said it would be signed soon, while Pakistan suggested what analysts said was an apparent interim solution to the dispute over the Siachen Glacier.

The anti-terrorism panel would consist of three members from each country and would be jointly headed by their top Foreign Ministry officials, a joint statement said. It would consider counter-terrorism measures through information sharing.

"What it does is to give us an institution, an address where we can deal with the kinds of issues that we have been discussing in the past," Indian Foreign Secretary

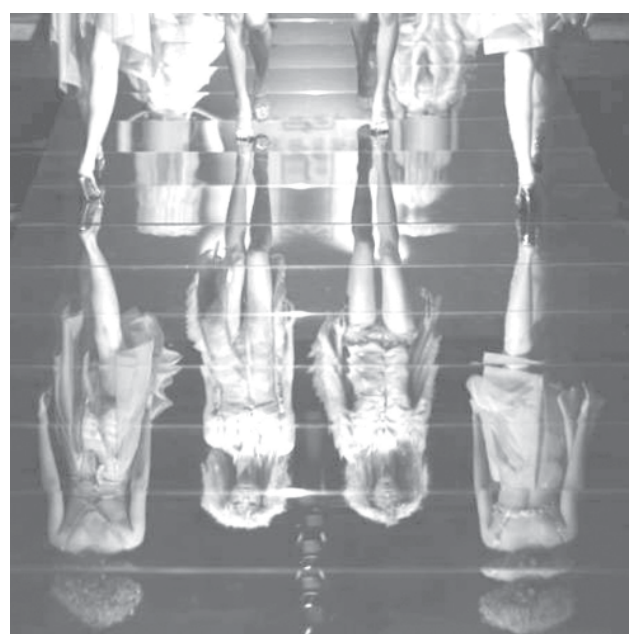
Shiv Shankar Menon told a news conference.

"I think we have to give it a chance," said Menon, who led the talks with his Pakistani counterpart, Riaz Mohammad Khan.

The announcements came at the end of two days of peace talks between top diplomats of the neighbours who resumed negotiations

stalled by the deadly train bombings in Mumbai in July.

Although the talks, as expected, did not produce a breakthrough in any of the thorny disputes that have festered for decades, the fact the two sides were able to have cordial talks and not point fingers, like so often in the past, was a step forward, analysts said.—MNA/Reuters



Models present outfits as part of the Beijing University of Clothing Technology teachers' fashion show during China Fashion Week in Beijing on 16 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

China's FDI up slightly in first ten months

BEIJING, 16 Nov— China has used foreign direct investment (FDI) of 48.576 billion US dollars in the first ten months, 0.34 percentage point higher year-on-year.

In the ten months, China approved a total of 33,068 overseas-funded companies, down 6.32 per cent

from the same period last year, said the Ministry of Commerce.

The number of newly approved overseas-funded companies dropped 0.97 per cent year-on-year to 3,047 in October, but the FDI actually used in the month rose 15.92 per cent in October to 5.987 billion US dollars.

In the period, top ten countries and regions investing in China's Mainland include Hong Kong, Japan, the United States, Taipei and Germany.

And 83.96 per cent of the actual overseas investment came from the ten countries and regions.

China actually used FDI of 60.325 billion US dollars last year.

MNA/Xinhua

China will allow foreign-funded banks to conduct Renminbi business for Chinese citizens before 11 December in accordance with its commitment to the World Trade Organization, announced Song Dahan, deputy director of the Legislative Affairs Office of China's State Council, on 16 Nov, 2006. —XINHUA



Scientists say pollution could combat global warming

NAIROBI, 17 Nov — Air pollution may be just the thing to fight global warming, some scientists say.

Prominent scientists, among them a Nobel laureate, said a layer of pollution deliberately spewed into the atmosphere could act as a “shade” from the sun’s rays and help cool the planet.

Reaction to the proposal here at the annual UN conference on climate change is a mix of caution, curiosity and some resignation to such “massive and drastic” operations, as the chief UN climatologist describes them.

The Nobel Prize-winning scientist who first made the proposal is himself “not enthusiastic about it.”

“It was meant to startle the policymakers,” said Paul J Crutzen, of Germany’s Max Planck Institute for Chemistry. “If

they don’t take action much more strongly than they have in the past, then in the end we have to do experiments like this.”

Serious people are taking Crutzen’s idea seriously. This weekend at Moffett Field, California, NASA’s Ames Research Center hosts a closed-door, high-level workshop on the global haze proposal and other “geoengineering” ideas for fending off climate change.

In Nairobi, meanwhile, hundreds of delegates were wrapping up a two-week conference expected to only slowly advance efforts to rein in greenhouse gases blamed for much of the 0.6-degree-Celsius (1-degree-Fahrenheit) rise in global tempera-

tures in the past century.

The 1997 Kyoto Protocol requires modest emission cutbacks by industrial countries -- but not the United States, the biggest emitter of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases, because it rejected Kyoto. Talks on what to do after Kyoto expires in 2012 are all but bogged down.—*Internet*



A waiter stands near a 1.5 kg Alba white truffle during a news conference at a hotel in Hong Kong on 14 Nov, 2006.

The Alba white truffle was won by a Hong Kong bidder for 125,000 euros (\$160,474) at an international auction on 12 November.

INTERNET

British Parliament to focus on crime terrorism in coming year

LONDON, 16 Nov— Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II announced on Wed-

nesday the government’s plans for the next session of Parliament, which will

focus on fighting crime and terrorism.

Under the theme of “security in a changing world”, the Queen’s speech laid out a legislative programme of 29 bills, including two in draft form, for the full 12-month parliamentary session, Sky News reported.

“At the heart of my government’s programme will be further action to provide strong, secure and stable communities, and to address the threat of terrorism,” the Queen addressed a traditional ceremony to mark the opening of the Parliament.

“My government will put victims at the heart of the criminal justice system, support the police and all those responsible for the public’s safety and proceed with the development of

ID cards,” she added.

There will also be legislation on immigration and on anti-social behaviour, highlighting border control, preventing illegal working, and tackling anti-social behaviour, according to her message. The coming session, which is widely regarded as Tony Blair’s last as Prime Minister, will also churn out major legislations on climate change.

While some analysts say Blair is trying to leave his footprint on government policies as his political legacy, obviously much of the proposed legislation will have an impact long after Blair leaves office as prime minister next September.

MNA/Xinhua



A model presents a creation by Chinese designer Guo Pei during the China Fashion Week in Beijing, on 16 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Three killed as suicide car bomb strikes funeral ceremony in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 16 Nov— The death toll rose to three and 12 others were wounded when a suicide car bomb struck a funeral ceremony in a southern Baghdad District on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

“A suicide bomber drove his explosive-laden car into mourners of a funeral in the al-Saha neighbourhood, killing three people and wounding 12 others,” the source said on condition of anonymity.

Earlier, local police said that two people were killed and 12 others wounded.

In another incident, a car bomb parking near the Gailani gas station in Bab al-Sharji area exploded Wednesday, killing eight people and wounding 32 others. — *MNA/Xinhua*



British soldiers take position behind an armoured vehicle to avoid small arms gunfire aimed at them during a patrol in Basra, 550 km (340 miles) south of Baghdad, on 16 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

APEC ministers continue final preparation for upcoming meeting

HANOI, 16 Nov — Foreign ministers, trade ministers and representatives from the 21 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) member economies Thursday continued their final preparation for the upcoming leaders’ meeting with a plenary session.

During the session, they will focus discussions on intellectual property rights, individual action plans and collective action plans, economic and technical cooperation, health security, anti-corruption, and private sector development, among other topics.

The documents

endorsed by the ministers will be submitted for the APEC economic leaders to approve when they meet here on 18-19 November.

On Wednesday, the first day of their two-day annual meeting, the ministers and representatives of the APEC member economies reached agreement on a broad range of issues

including support for the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations, trade facilitation in the Asia-Pacific Region, and new counter-terrorism initiatives, according to a Press release issued by the Organizing Committee of the APEC Vietnam 2006.

MNA/Xinhua

Giving sight to the needy in Shan State

Dr Nilar Thein (Lin Yaung Thit)

So beautiful and picturesque were the Shan mountain ranges under the winter mist that I felt very proud of myself for being a Myanmar when I caught sight of them. But I had no idea, how our foreign guests might feel to see Shan State formed with breathtaking deep gorges and towering lush mountains on which pine and cherry and other flowering trees grow in large colonies.

We of the Japan-Myanmar medical team were on our trip to Taunggyi, the capital of Shan State, and our mission was to treat patients with eye complaints at Sao San Htun Hospital of the town.

Our plane touched down at Heho airport that is not far from Taunggyi in southern Shan State on 4 November. The team arranged by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint comprised nine Japanese eye specialists led by Dr Horio Naoichi of Fujita Health University and Myanmar surgeons.

Like the Union itself, Shan State is home to heterogeneous population of about 3.5 million. In addition to

Shan people, Gon, Yun, Intha, Yinkya, Yinnat, Pa-O, Palaung, Taungyoe, Padaung, Padu, Lesu, Tiyan, Kokang, Lahu, Myaungzi, Lwela and Wa races also reside in the state.

Mount Fuji and cherry may be the symbol of Japan, while cherry and pine trees and high mountain ranges are the typical geographical features of Shan State.

Our mission also proved the fact that it is the humanitarian spirit, loving-kindness and sympathy that unite peoples of different races, colours, faiths and nations to stand up together for the same noble cause — to serve mankind's interest.

Visiting Myanmar every six months to perform eye operations and provide medical aids, members of the Japanese team led by Dr Fujita Yoshifumi are now so familiar with Myanmar ophthalmologists and people. Beginning February 1999, the team has conducted eye operations on patients through phacoemulsification for 16 times in Myanmar. It has also provided medical aids including contact lens, advanced spectacles and medicines. The Japanese doctors also exchanged knowledge and ex-

periences with Myanmar counterparts to help our nation's standard of ophthalmology reach global standard.

Dr Fujita and team's immeasurable love for Myanmar people can be said the Japan-Myanmar bridge of mutual love and friendship.

For every fully or partly sightless person, the eyesight is what he wants most. And for every ophthalmologist, helping every patient with eye disorders recover the eyesight is his best wish.

We of the team and all those who rendered assistance to us are the people working in cooperation for the same noble goal — to give sight and new life to the patients.

Of the many causes, loss of eyesight is largely due to cataract. Hence, the team was conducting a field trip to perform eye operations on patients to remove the cataract afflicting their eyes. The efforts of the team may help increase the working force of the nation and realize the aims of Health Ministry.

At Sao San Htun Hospital in Taunggyi, the Japanese physicians led by Dr Horio Naoichi and 23 Myanmar eye specialist surgeons



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presents a certificate of honour to Dr Horio Naoichi.

checked and treated 1920 patients suffering from eye disorders and conducted eye operations on 266 patients.

The patients were the sincere local people of Inlay, Nyaungshwe, Mongshu, Heho, Maukmai, Mongpan, Kalaw, Mongkai, Hsihseng, Laikha, Pinlaung, Pindaya, Loilem, Loikaw and Banyin.

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaug Aye, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and officials, the resident representative of WHO, and the resident representative of UN World Population Fund viewed the operations and visited the patients.

Officials of Shan State Health Department and the medical superintendent of Sao San Htun Hospital extended help as much as they could to us. On 5 November evening we were at the sixth Japan-Myanmar eye specialists conference held at the hospital. At the conference, Dr Horio Naoichi presented medical aids presented by the Japanese team to Minister Dr Kyaw Myint. Commander Brig-Gen Thaug Aye presented

gifts to Japanese doctors.

Japanese eye specialists Dr Horio Naoichi, Dr Ueno and Dr Yamasaki and Ms Sadanio Misako of Alcon company and Mr Shichijo of Otsuka company read papers, which were useful for Myanmar doctors. Dr Horio Naoichi read the paper on Vitrectomy.

What's more, the 5th of November was the Full Moon Day of Tazaungmon. Every year, Taunggyi holds a grand Tazaungdine festival, in which people release hot air balloons of various designs, shapes and colours into the air till night falls.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint arranged a trip for the Japan-Myanmar team to visit Inlay Lake. The lake surrounded by mountains is 12 miles long and four miles wide. Leg-rowers, floating islands, bluish mountain ranges covered with lush and green forests and the cool weather attracted us all who were riding powered boats on the surface of the bluish lake.

The sediments and dead plants carried down by the many streams flowing into the lake are useful as natural fertilizers for Intha people, the lake dwellers. They make their floating islands with

sediments and dead plants to cultivate crops. They are industrious people who can create land for cultivation in the lake. They will continue to beautify the lake with their labour.

In my view, the Japanese and Myanmar doctors of the team are messengers to bring eyesight to the blind.

We thanked Commander Brig-Gen Thaug Aye, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, officials, local authorities, medical staff, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross for their cooperation.

It was a time of great rejoicing for the persons who have regained eyesight, the physicians who treated and conducted eye operations on them, and those who rendered assistance to the team and patients. I wish further enhancement of Japan-Myanmar friendship and cooperation. I also made a vow to constantly take part in the future public eye care health projects.

(Translation: TMT)

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Eye Specialists provide medical treatment to the people with eye complaints.

Sub-inspector Course No 57/2005 concludes

YANGON, 17 Nov — The Sub-inspector Course No 57/2005 concluded at Central Training Unit of Myanmar Police Force in Zepingyi in PyinOolwin Township this morning with an address by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

It was also attended by Director-General U Aung Saw Win of Bureau of Special Investigation, Director-General U Myat Ko of General Administration Department, Police Brig-Gen Soe Win Myint of MPF, Principal of the Central Training Unit Police Brig-Gen Thein Tint and others.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo took the salute of the companies of the Sub-inspector Course on

parade. Later, the minister presented prizes to the outstanding trainees.

The minister made a speech saying that the trainees have been appointed as police sub-inspectors. So, the trainees are to try to become good leaders and to conscientiously perform the duties of MPF as well as the State's security in cooperation with the Tatmadaw. And with patriotic officers spirit and Union spirit are also to firmly uphold the Our Three Main National Causes and to redouble efforts in serving the interests of the State with goodwill.

A total of 203 trainees attended the course.

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo addresses the conclusion of Sub-inspector Course No 57/2005. — MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence inspects the extension of runway of Kengtung Airport. — MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win comforts patients...

(from page 16) requirements to the patients and invited the ear, nose and throat specialist team of Myanmar Medical Association from Yangon

to Kengtung for performing surgical treatments, beginning 12 November.

On 6 November, the patients were provided with medical check-up.

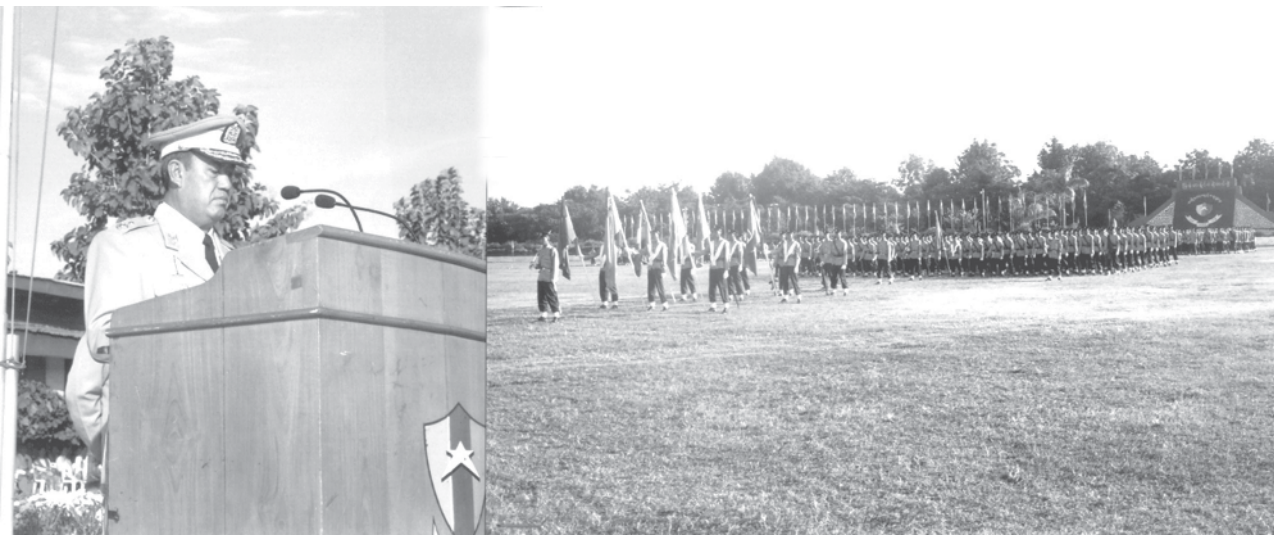
The goitre patients who underwent surgical operations were one from Mongton, 14 from Wammai Village, one from Namlan Village, two from Wammaung Village, one from Mongphone Village, one from Wamhwe Village, one from Pahsan Village, three from Zaydan Ward and one from Internal Revenue Department. Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist (Retd) Prof Dr U Myo Min, Specialist Dr U Khin Maung Tin of Yangon Workers' Hospital and 10 members of the specialist team gave surgical treatment to them.

Likewise, Eye specialist Dr Daw Sanda Myint of Kengtung General Hospital and party provided surgical treatment to 10 eye patients.

The conditions of the patients have improved markedly. The Triangle Region Command, Shan State (East) PDC, Shan State (East) MCWSC have made arrangements for providing medicines for the patients and sending them back home.

After inspecting the operation theatre, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave necessary instructions.

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Released inmates from Insein jail briefed

YANGON, 17 Nov — Director-General U Zaw Win of the Prisons Department

under the Ministry of Home Affairs briefed 159 prisoners—103 men and 56 women—

to be released from Insein Jail today (Friday), and on Saturday and Sunday

at Aung Mingalar Hall of the jail this morning.

In his speech, the director-general said that the Prisons Department has, in accordance with the legal proceedings, to detain those sentenced to prison terms or held detention by the court concerned; that it has to release those who are to be released on weekends or gazetted holidays, on the day ahead of these holidays; that during the prison terms, the

prisoners can have their meals adequately, are provided with sufficient clean drinking water, are allowed to take an adequate bath; that sick prisoners are provided with health care in the prison's hospital; that the jail is equipped with clean and tidy toilets; that bullying prisoner by prisosner is prohibited in the jail; and that these points are most known to the ex-convicts. He called on them to report if there is any form of

bullying between prisoners and warders or between prisoners. He said that no jail is better than their homes, so they should live abiding by the law after they have been released.

Also present on the occasion were the jailer and officials, and parents, family members and relatives of the released prisoners. Every office day, officials concerned meet with those to be released at the same venue at 8 am.—MNA



Director-General U Zaw Win of the Prisons Department briefs the released prisoners. — PRISONS DEPARTMENT

Based on knowledge from the course and experience of veteran pilots, ...

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The graduate pilots are to continue flying of the combat aircraft, transport aircraft, combat helicopter and transport helicopter to which they are assigned duties. Based on knowledge from the course and learning from experience of veteran pilots, they are to try hard to become skilled ones, he stressed.

At present, modern technologies are advancing at a great pace. With the support of the electronic and information technology, the aviation technology and the aerospace technology are developing with added momentum. The changes in science and technology has a great impact on warfare and idea of military operations. Constant studies of aviation technology are to be made to keep pace with changes and developments.

The Union of Myanmar is home to various national races who have been living together in the union since yore. Each and every citizen needs to be imbued with Union Spirit wherever part of the Union he lives. Union Spirit is a genuine patriotism the entire national races are to uphold. Only when the entire national races are united will the Union develop, he noted.

In conclusion, he urged the graduate pilots to strive to be able to shoulder whatever duties assigned, constantly learning of changes and developments through initiative and innovation. As good morale leads to good discipline good morale is a prerequisite for a unit or regiment. Realizing the goodwill of the State, they are to try their best to become a good pilot on whom the State can rely, he disclosed.

After the ceremony, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein had a documentary photo taken together with the graduate officers. — MNA

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein inspects the graduate companies.

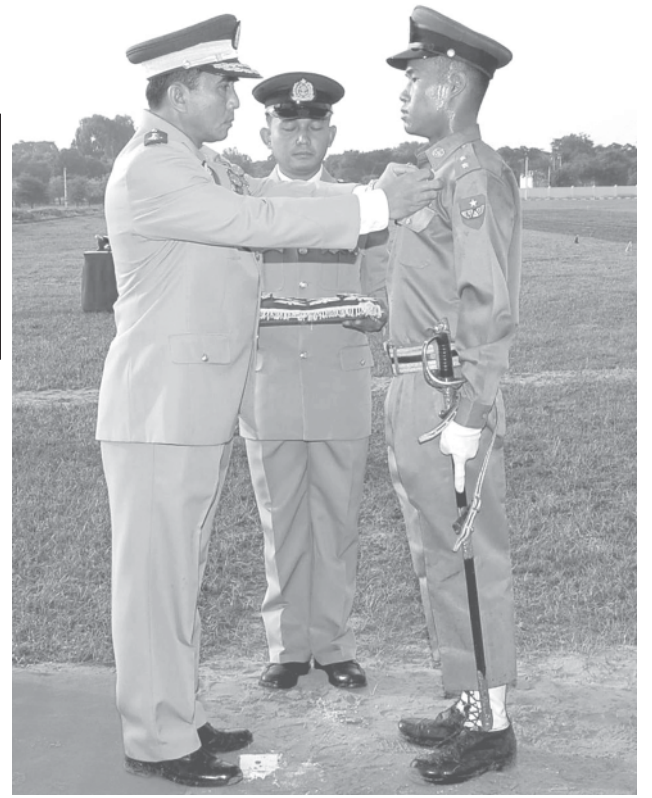
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Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein presents model pilot award to Lieutenant Aung Thiha. — MNA

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein awards the wing to a graduate officer.

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Basic Efficiency Course No 2 for Trade Information opens

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov — The Basic Efficiency Course No 2 for Trade Information of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading was opened at the hall of the Ministry of Commerce,

here, on 15 November. Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein delivered an opening address.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Commerce

Brig-Gen Aung Tun, officials of the Border Trade Department, MAPT and Directorate of Trade. A total of 26 trainees are attending the two-week course.

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Substitution of underground cable, production of cable wire inspected

YANGON, 17 Nov — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint accompanied by officials heard reports on tasks of power supply presented by Deputy Chief Engineer U Khin Maung Win of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board at 33/6.6 KV Tiger Ali Sub Power Station near Hanthawady Junction on 14 November.

The minister and party inspected supply of power and installation of transformers at the sub station and heard reports on substitution of underground cable. The minister gave instructions on safety measures and completion of tasks in time.

Next, the minister and party proceeded to

Yangon Crown Wire Cable Factory Ltd in Shwepyitha Township Industrial Zone No 3. The factory manager reported on production and selling of parts being produced at the factory. After hearing the reports presented by the managing director of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and the

administrative director of the company, the minister urged them to produce quality wire and cable at home and to increase the production.

Later, the minister and party viewed the production processes of the factory and storage of raw materials.

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Minister inspects fire stations

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — A stake-driving ceremony for construction of two-storey building of Pyinmana Township Fire Station of Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement was held at the station yesterday.

Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and party drove the stakes.

Later, the minister and party also inspected the construction of two-storey building of Lewe Township Fire Station.

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Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects the production of Yangon Crown Wire Cable Factory Co Ltd in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone No 3. — MNA



Li-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence inspects the operation theatre of Kengtung General Hospital. (News on page 16) — MNA

Delegate Groups hold...

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Later, the meeting ended with concluding remarks by the alternate chairmen.

Delegate Group of State Service Personnel

U Tin Kha of the Ministry of Information presided over the meeting together with members of the panel of chairmen Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence and U Arnt Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs Department.

Out of 108, a total of 104 delegates attended the meeting, accounting for 96.30 per cent.

First, Alternate Chairman U Tin Kha delivered an address. Member of the Panel of Chairmen U Arnt Maung explained setting up of the proposal compilation group for detailed basic principles of 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 to be included in drafting the State Constitution.

Delegates U Hsan Tun of the Ministry of Mines, Daw San Myint of the State Peace and Development Council Office and U Aung Kyi Thein of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation read the proposal of the delegate group on matters concerning detail basic principles for the chapter on Election, the chapter on Political Parties, and the chapter on Provisions on State of Emergency.

The Alternate Chairman approved the proposal. Later, the meeting ended with concluding remarks by the alternate chairman. — MNA

Talks on toxic waste held

YANGON, 16 Nov — An educative talk on toxic waste organized by Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of Yangon City Development Committee took place at United Paints Group (UPG) in Hlinethayar Industrial Zone 1 yesterday afternoon.

Managing Director U Aye Han of United Paints Group Co Ltd delivered an opening address and Deputy Head of Environmental Conservation and Cleaning Department U Myint Thein explained purpose of holding the talk.

Later, Assistant Head of the department U Sai San Oo gave talks on tasks being carried out by YCDC, Deputy Head of the department U Myint Thein on toxic waste and Assistant Engineer U Aung Myint Maw on management of toxic substances and answered the queries raised by those present. — MNA

Respect-paying ceremony of the former students who obtained Electrical Power Degree from Yangon Technological University in 1994 was held at MiCasa Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Yankin Township on 12 November. The old students pay respects to the former faculty members of YTU. — H

Minister inspects LPG Plant

YANGON, 16 Nov — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected No 2 Fertilizer Plant (Kyunchaung) at Kyunchaung in Magway Division on 14 November.

At the briefing hall of the factory, Factory Manager U Htay Aung reported on production of the fertilizer factory and Liquefied Petroleum Gas Plant (Kyunchaung), and the factory manager of Gas Turbine (Kyunchaung) of Ministry of Electric Power No 2 on collection of natural gas and supply of electricity.

The minister presented the fruit basket to Chinese experts of Dong Fong Co Ltd and gave instructions to the officials of LPG Plant. He also inspected the LPG Plant (Kyunchaung) and production of LPG.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi met Doctor Soe Tint of Health Department and party who have provided health care services for the staff of the factory and oil field in Kyunchaung. — MNA

MOC Chairman's Cup traditional boat race concludes

YANGON, 16 Nov — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint watched the final match of traditional boat race and attended its prize presentation ceremony on 15 November.

After the final event, responsible personnel presented medals and cash awards to athletes and winning teams.

Next, the minister presented first prize to the team-A of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, second to the team-A of Shwemyar and third to the team-B of Shwemyar in the men's 500-metre three-oar traditional boat race and first to the team-A of Shwemyar, second to Navy and third to the team of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in the men's 500-metre traditional boat with five oars. — MNA



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint awards the first prize to a winning team in Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Cup traditional boat race. — MNA

Ministry of Immigration and Population to launch Online D Form system

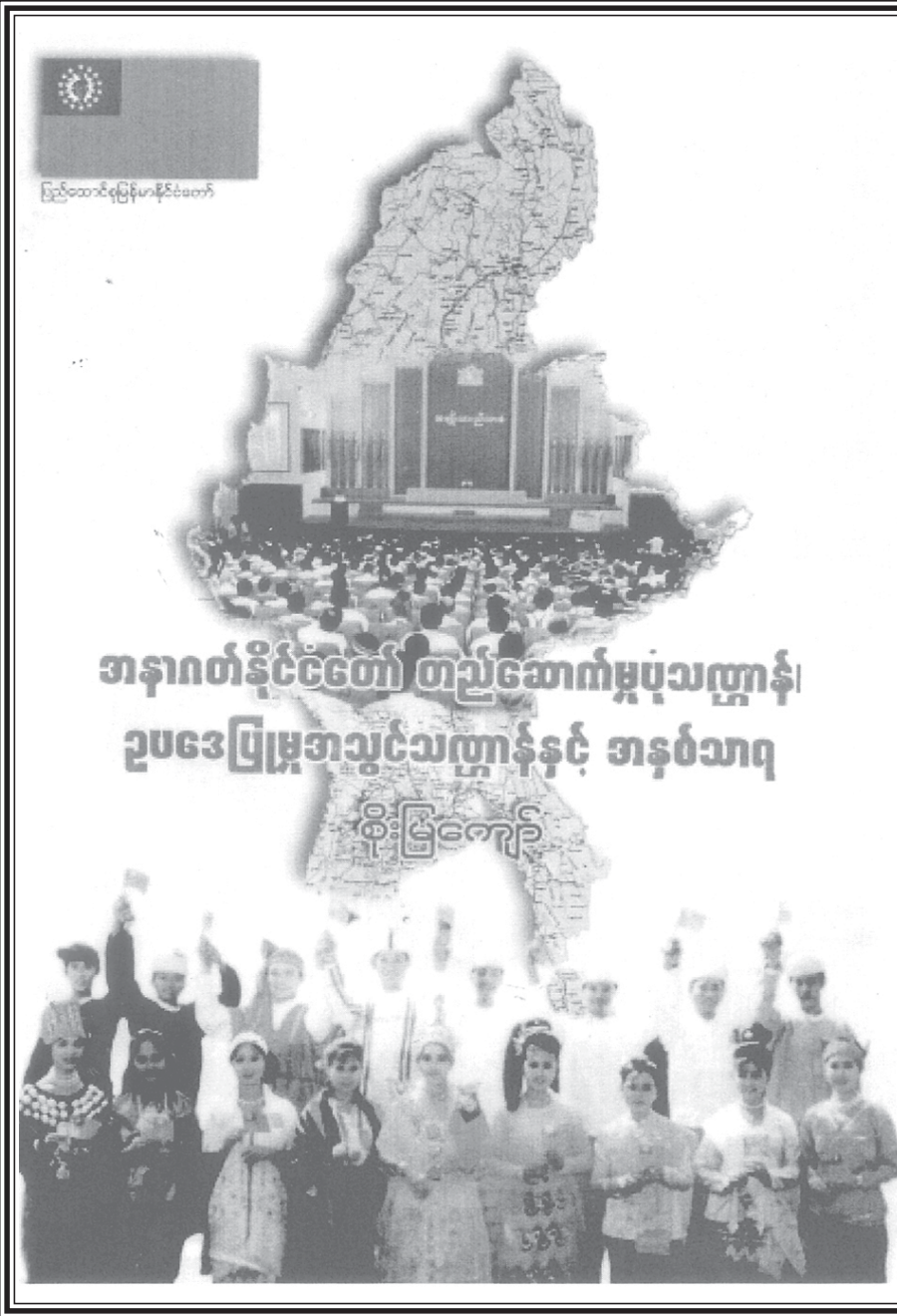
NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov — Immigration and National Registration Department under the Ministry of Immigration and Population is issuing D Forms at its office on Pansodan Street in Yangon.

Beginning 16 November, the test-run of Online D Form began at the Ministry of Immigration and Population in Nay Pyi Taw. During the test-run period ending 31 December this year, the office of INRD on Pansodan Street will continue to issue D forms for public convenient.

D forms will be issued at the office in Nay Pyi Taw within a day through online system, commencing 1 January 2006.

Those wishing to apply D form is to pay K 200 for service fee into account number SF-001723 at Savings Bank Branch No 3 of Myanma Economic Bank, and fill in the application with e.mail address of the applicant at dform.mip.gov.mm of www.mip.gov.mm of the Ministry of Immigration and Population through any Internet access. The ministry will issue the D Form for the applicant within 24 hours. For further information, anyone may visit dform.mip.gov.mm of the www.mip.gov.mm of the ministry. — MNA





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French PM says Iraq mired in civil war

LILLE (France), 17 Nov — Iraq has been plunged into civil war and the US-led invasion added to instability there, French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin said on Wednesday in an attack on Washington's policy in the Middle East. Villepin, who shot to international fame as foreign minister for voicing France's

opposition to the 2003 invasion of Iraq, said the US military operation could not have succeeded. "The American intervention in Iraq was doomed to failure. It increased fear, divisions, instability and hostility to the West," Villepin said in a speech at a university in the northern city of Lille. Washington has

denied that Iraq is mired in a civil war, though the country is racked by sectarian violence. "Iraq has been plunged into civil war and chaos," Villepin said, adding: "The virtuous circle the United States wanted has turned out, on the contrary, to be a vicious circle." France has improved ties with Washington since their public spat over Iraq, but Villepin said the Iraq war had been a setback for Western policy in the Middle East. MNA/Reuters

China's trade with APEC surges 21% in first 9 months

BEIJING, 17 Nov — China's trade with members of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) surged 21 per cent from last year to reach 835.5 billion US dollars in the first nine months of this year, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce said on Wednesday. "Trade ties between China and APEC have become closer and closer in recent years", the ministry's spokesperson

Chong Quan said at a Press conference. APEC has become a major trade partner for China, with trade between the two parties standing at 960.8 billion dollars in 2005. Eight of China's top ten trade partners are APEC members. They include the United States, Japan,

the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Hong Kong region, the Republic of Korea, Taipei province, Russia and Australia. APEC also accounted for 71 percent of contracted overseas investment in China in 2005. MNA/Xinhua

Building falls as winds hit Canada's Pacific coast

VANCOUVER (British Columbia), 17 Nov — A storm packing heavy rain and high winds slammed into Canada's already soggy Pacific coast on Wednesday, uprooting trees, disrupting travel and possibly causing a building to collapse. A four-storey building under construction in Vancouver collapsed, but fire officials said all the construction workers escaped injury because they were on a coffee break at the time of the incident. Metal girders crushed

cars in a parking lot next to the construction site, according to a Reuters photographer at the scene. The cause of the collapse was not immediately known, but a fire department spokesman told local media that the weather may have been a factor. Winds gusting to 100 kilometres/hour (62 miles per hour) smashed trees into houses in West Vancouver, forcing officials to evacuate about 30 homes in a subdivision in the wealthy suburb. — MNA/Reuters

A Yunnan golden monkey rests at the White Horse Snow Mountain State Nature Reserve in Shangri-la County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 6 Nov, 2006 file photo. Yunnan golden monkeys, listed into the first priority endangered species in China in 1977, live in snow-covered forests in northwest Yunnan and south Tibet Autonomous Region, also in southwest China. Because of the recovery of vegetation and vanishing of poach, the number of Yunnan golden monkeys in the White Horse Snow Mountain State Nature Reserve has increased to more than 1,000 from some 400 when the reserve was founded. — XINHUA



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Kuwait donates \$500,000 to Palestinians

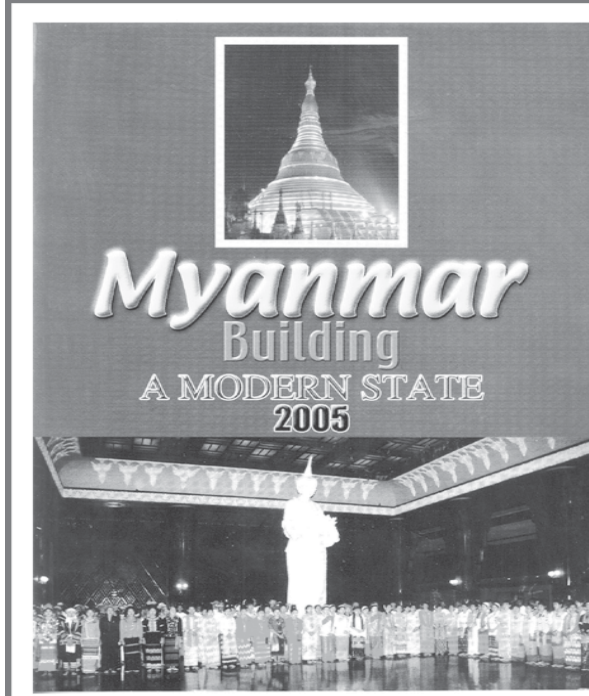
KUWAIT CITY, 16 Nov— The Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) announced Tuesday to donate 500,000 US dollars to the Palestinian people in the wake of a bloody shelling by the Israel military on civilians.

KRCS Chairman Barjas al-Barjas said the donation would be handed directly to the Palestine Red Crescent Society in Gaza. Al-Barjas said he felt sorry that Israeli forces were violating human rights daily by their bombardments and attacks on Palestinian women and children, adding that the Israelis did not respect the humanitarian work.

The official called on the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to help stop the humanitarian violations by Israelis in the Palestinian territories. Last Wednesday,

Israeli artillery bombings struck the northern Gaza town of Beit Hanoun, killing 18 Palestinians, mainly women and children, in the deadliest attack on Palestinian civilians in the past several years.

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East, Central Europe stress importance of energy security

BUDAPEST, 16 Nov— Energy ministers from 10 East and Central European countries on Tuesday stressed the importance of strengthening energy security and improving energy efficiency.

During their meeting in Budapest, energy ministers from Hungary, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia,

the Czech Republic, Poland, Italy, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia also agreed to set up a service system.

Hungarian Minister of Economy and Transport Koka Janos, whose country hosted two similar meetings earlier this year, said that energy diplomacy not only formed part of a

country's energy policy, but also had an important bearing on its foreign and security policies.

He said countries in the region should coordinate their stances so that their common interests could be better ensured at the European Union energy meeting to be held on 23 November. The ministers discussed issues including

cross-border infrastructure projects, the possibility of gaining aid from the EU, and the setting up of a common strategy to promote energy efficiency.

Representatives from Finland, Russia and the United States also attended the meeting as observers.

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India, US working on satellite-based navigation system

NEW DELHI, 16 Nov— India and the US are working on a satellite-based navigation system to provide seamless travel across the Indian Ocean, Pacific and Atlantic in coming years as both were witnessing exponential air traffic growth, a top US aviation official said Tuesday.

Observing that the US would record one billion passengers in 2015 and traffic would triple by 2025, US Federal Aviation Administration chief Marion C. Blakey said the "real issue is that we are not waiting to do something. We are preparing now" to evolve the next generation air transportation system.

MNA/PTI

China has severe shortage of human organ donations

GUANGZHOU, 16 Nov— China is suffering a serious shortage of human organ donations, a senior health official said here on Tuesday.

"There are about 1.5 million people in China who need transplants each year, but only around 10,000 operations can be carried out due to shortages," Huang Jiefu, Vice-Minister of Health, told a conference on the management of organ transplants held in Guangzhou.

China, like other countries, is faced with a huge gap between patients who need organ transplants and limited organ donations, Huang said.

The main cause of the shortage is that many Chinese are not willing to donate their organs after death because of traditional rituals and beliefs, he said.

There is also no clear guidance for the public on

what to do if they wish to donate organs, which often results in those willing to donate unable to do so.

The absence of laws concerning organ transplants and irregular organ transplant practices in some medical institutions have blocked the promotion of organ transplants in China, Huang noted. China performs the second most organ transplant operations in the world every year and its technology is improving, with a longer survival rate for patients who have had the operations, Huang said.

The Ministry of Health banned the sale of human organs on 1 July. The ministry has finished drafting China's human organ transplant regulation and the draft is undergoing revision and will soon be promulgated.

MNA/Xinhua



The USS Juneau (LPD 10) arrived on 14 Nov, 2006 at Zhanjiang, a port city of South China's Guangdong Province, to get ready for a joint search-and-rescue exercise with the Chinese Navy. —XINHUA

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Deep-sea trawling destroys underwater mountains

LONDON, 16 Nov— Deep-sea trawling is destroying underwater mountains teeming with marine life and causing irreparable damage to ecosystems, scientists warned on Wednesday.

Most of the underwater volcanic mountains, or seamounts, which contain deep-sea corals and are home to thousands of marine species, are in unregulated areas. Over-exploitation of traditional fish such as cod

and hake has prompted fleets to trawl the high seas for deep-dwelling species such as orange roughy, alfonso and roundnose grenadier, but they are harming biodiversity in vulnerable regions of the

Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

“There is an urgency, first of all, to deal with regulating those fisheries and secondly to get out there and look at those habitats before they are gone,” said Dr Alex Rogers, of the Zoological Society of London and a co-author of the report.

“Fish hundreds of years old are being decimated as a result of this trawling,” he told a news briefing.

The report will be presented at the United Nations, which is debating a plan to ban deep sea bottom-trawling in unregulated areas. It reveals new findings about the underwater moun-

tains, some of which rise 1,000 metres (yards) from the sea floor, and the creatures that thrive on them.

The precise number of large seamounts worldwide is unknown. It is estimated to be around 100,000 but Rogers said scientific information exists on only about 40.

The report used coral records on seamounts and global data sets on environmental factors and computer modelling to plot the potential global distribution of stony corals on seamounts and areas particularly vulnerable to deep sea trawling.

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Survey shows anti-American sentiment up sharply in Greece

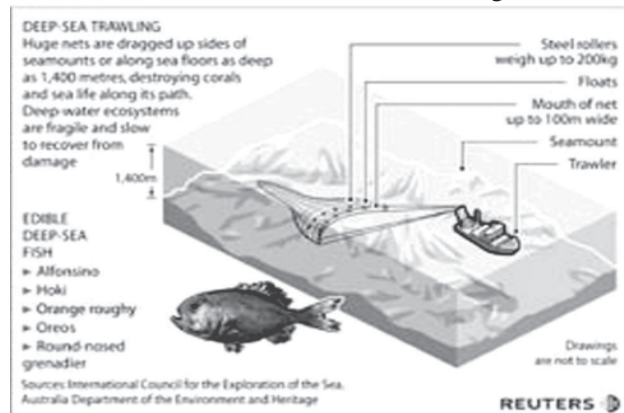
ATHENS, 17 Nov— Anti-American sentiment, rooted in Greece since Washington backed a military dictatorship there almost 40 years ago, has risen sharply in the past two years, an international survey showed on Thursday.

The survey conducted by TNS ICAP jointly with the Gallup International Association in 63 countries from five continents showed Greece, a NATO and European Union member, was the most anti-American nation polled.

According to the survey, almost nine out of 10 Greeks consider the United States a negative force in maintaining world peace, a rise of more than 7 percentage points from 2004. Also 76 per cent, up by 8 percentage points, believe it is not a positive contributor to the war against terrorism.

“The majority of Greeks believe that the role of the United States is negative in all issues polled,” TNS ICAP said in a statement.

The study showed 80 per cent of Greeks believe the United States is doing little to battle global poverty while 78 per cent think Washington is a negative force in protecting the environment. Greece has rarely seen eye to eye with Washington over major foreign policy issues in recent years. — MNA/Reuters



Deep-sea trawling is destroying underwater mountains teeming with marine life and causing irreparable damage to ecosystems, scientists warned on 14 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

Internet ad sales to reach record of \$16b in 2006

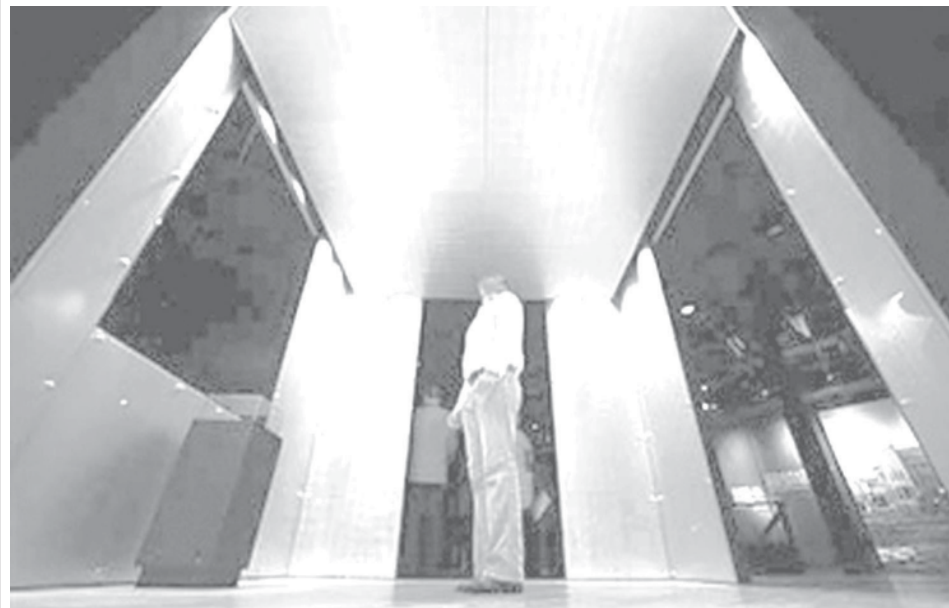
WASHINGTON, 16 Nov— Internet ad sales for the first nine months of the year are close to the amount spent during 2005, setting up the likelihood of another record year, The Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday.

At this rate, Internet advertising spending should reach 16 billion dollars in 2006, which would eclipse last year's record of 12.5 billion dollars, the Interactive Advertising Bureau was quoted as saying.

The IAB reported that the amount spent on Internet advertising from January to the end of September was 12.1 billion dollars.

According to the report, some 4.2 billion dollars was spent on Internet advertising in the third quarter, representing a 33-per-cent increase from the year-earlier period.

MNA/Xinhua



A man looks up into a room completely covered in just three ounces of flattened gold during a preview of "Gold", a new exhibition dedicated to the highly prized mineral at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, on 15 Nov, 2006. The exhibit opens on 18 Nov and runs through 19 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

India's Govt-private coop urged for India's tech progress

NEW DELHI, 16 Nov— Facing flak for delays in key defence projects, Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) Secretary M Natarajan on Tuesday suggested that if India desired to be in the frontline of technology, it has to be a joint effort between the Government and the private sector.

The pattern of funding should be that DRDO contributes 70 per cent, industry 20 per cent and user services like Army, Navy and Air Force the remaining ten per cent “for better stakeholding in long term projects”, he said in his key note address at the International Seminar on Defence Research and Development here.

MNA/PTI

French satellite to search for new planets

PARIS, 16 Nov— The first satellite dedicated solely to seeking out new planets beyond our solar system will be launched next month, the European Space Agency (ESA) said on Tuesday. The French project, dubbed COROT, will send into orbit a telescope capable of detecting smaller planets than is currently possible — some maybe just a few times the size of Earth and rocky, rather than the larger, gaseous types, ESA said.

“COROT could detect so many planets of this new type, together with plenty of the old type, that astronomers will be able

to make statistical studies of them,” Malcolm Fridlund, ESA's project scientist for COROT, said in a statement.

That would enable scientists to make predictions of the number and type of planets orbiting a given star, said ESA, which is participating in the project.

Planets have been found orbiting stars other than the sun but they have never been seen. Instead, scientists have deduced they are there based on the stars' “wobble”, the result of the gravitational pull of planets revolving around them.

MNA/Reuters



Two women have breakfast at the all-white Light Cafe in Stockholm, on 14 Nov, 2006. It's pitch black outside in wintry Stockholm but indoors at the Light Cafe, guests recline comfortably in white armchairs as they soak up a dose of artificial sunlight to fight off the winter blues. —XINHUA

SPORTS

Simao double as Portugal ease past Kazakhs

COIMBRA (Portugal), 17 Nov — Winger Simao Sabrosa scored twice as Portugal beat Kazakhstan 3-0 in their Euro 2008 Group A qualifier on Wednesday.

Simao opened the scoring with a shot from inside the box after nine minutes. Winger Cristiano Ronaldo, doubtful before the game because of injury, doubled the lead with an individual effort after 30 minutes.

Simao completed the scoring six minutes from time after Kazakhstan failed to clear a corner.

Portugal lie fourth in the group with seven points from four games, while Kazakhstan are sixth with two points. Finland top the group with 11 points from five matches.

Kazakhstan rarely threatened although defender Alexander Kuchma headed wide from a corner midway through the second half. — MNA/Reuters



Germany's Miroslav Klose makes an overhead kick against Cyprus during their Euro 2008 Group D qualifying soccer match in Nicosia, on 15 Nov, 2006. The match ended 1-1. —XINHUA

Mexico name Hugo Sanchez as coach

PACHUCA (Mexico), 17 Nov — Hugo Sanchez, a former Real Madrid striker who is widely considered Mexico's best-ever player, was named national team coach on Thursday.

Sanchez, who won five consecutive league titles with Real Madrid in the 1980s alongside the likes of Emilio Butragueno, had been coach of Necaxa in Mexico's club championship.

Sanchez, 48, was five times the top scorer in Spain's Primera Liga. He replaces Ricardo La Volpe, now manager at Argentina's Boca Juniors, as Mexican coach.

Known as "Hugol", a combination of his name and the word for "goal" in Spanish, Sanchez had long been tipped to coach Mexico.

"The time has come for Hugo," former Argentina captain Diego Maradona said last week.

Sanchez' outspoken nature and ranting about refereeing decisions had previously prompted the Mexican Football Federation to hand the job to other candidates.

As a player at club level, he won trophies galore. But his biggest soccer disappointment was at national level, with Mexico a constant underperformer in major championships.

MNA/Reuters

Dunga says Brazil players not after money only

RIO DE JANEIRO, 17 Nov — Brazil coach Dunga said on Thursday it was a mistake to think his team were only interested in money and added he was delighted with the attitude of his players.

"They are very different to what some supporters or people may think, which is that they only play for money. I'm very happy to work with these players," Dunga told the Brazilian Football Confederation's Website (www.cbfnews.com.br).

Dunga, unbeaten after five games in charge following Wednesday's 2-1 win in Switzerland, replaced Carlos Alberto Parreira after Brazil's disappointing World Cup.

The defending champions were knocked out in the quarterfinals by France and accused by their supporters of lacking commitment and fighting spirit.

"We have the best players in the world, some of them successful financially, but they play for us for with pleasure and show they are proud to wear the Brazil shirt," Dunga said. — MNA/Reuters

Pardew impressed by Magnusson's plans for West Ham

LONDON, 17, Nov — West Ham United manager Alan Pardew says a potential takeover of the Premier League club can only be of benefit to the London side.

Pardew has held talks with bidder Eggert Magnusson and said the Icelandic businessman could take the club to another level.

West Ham chairman Terence Brown reportedly wants 75 million pounds for the club and Magnusson is believed to have the necessary funds to complete the deal, backed as he is by two wealthy businessmen.

Pardew is confident he will remain as West Ham manager if Magnusson or rival bidder Kia Joorabchian attain ownership of the club.

"Like anything, the meeting was shrouded in mystery and the Press knew about it before I did. But it went very well and West Ham fans would like to have heard the things he (Magnusson) said to me," Pardew told reporters on Thursday. — MNA/Reuters



China's Han Peng (R2) and Li Jinyu (L2) head for the ball during the last qualification round of 2007 Asian Cup in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, on 15 Nov, 2006. The match ended in a draw 1-1. —XINHUA

German Chancellor to join Energie Cottbus

BERLIN, 17 Nov — German Bundesliga club Energie Cottbus are looking forward to having a new big name on their books next year, when German Chancellor Angela Merkel will become an honorary member.

"We are really delighted and were able to get Angela Merkel for our club", Cottbus President Ulrich Lepsch said in a statement on the club's website on Wednesday.

Cottbus are the only team from the former Communist east of Germany in the top division of the Bundesliga. Merkel grew up in the old East Germany.

"Cottbus are a beacon for the east," the club quoted Germany's first woman chancellor as saying.

Merkel will officially become a member at a home match in the New Year, the club said.

Cottbus are in a respectable ninth place in the table following their promotion last season. — MNA/Reuters

Federer reaches semis, brings Nalbandian along

SHANGHAI, 17 Nov — World number one Roger Federer reached the semifinals of the Masters Cup on Thursday without hitting a ball, then beat Ivan Ljubicic 7-6, 6-4 to bring defending champion David Nalbandian along with him.

Argentine Nalbandian improved to 1-2 for the round robin stage by downing Andy Roddick 6-2, 7-6 earlier in the day, sending Federer through and ending his American opponent's interest in the tournament.

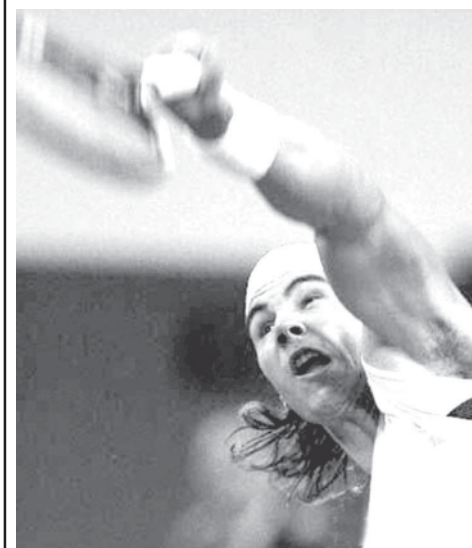
Nalbandian was left needing a Federer victory in the second match of the evening to stay in

the championship and, despite being broken in his first service game, the Swiss duly delivered.

Federer became the first player to win 90 matches in a season since Ivan Lendl won 106 in 1982, extended his winning streak to 27 matches and ensured he will remain unbeaten in Masters Cup group ties for at least another year.

Champion in 2003 and 2004 and losing finalist to Nalbandian last year, Federer said discovering he was through to the semifinals for a fifth year in succession just before going out for the match had distracted him.

MNA/Reuters



Rafael Nadal of Spain serves to Tommy Robredo of Spain during their match at the Masters Cup tennis tournament in Shanghai, China on 15 Nov, 2006. Nadal won over Robredo 7-6, 6-2. —XINHUA



The 37th birthday ceremony of Presiding Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotikadaja Bhaddanta Paññasara of Pantapwint Taung Sasana Yeiktha Monastery was held at the monastery in Taikkyi Township, Yangon North District on 7 November. The Sayadaw delivers a sermon to the laypersons and wellwishers. — H

Ukraine pledges to strengthen energy cooperation with Poland

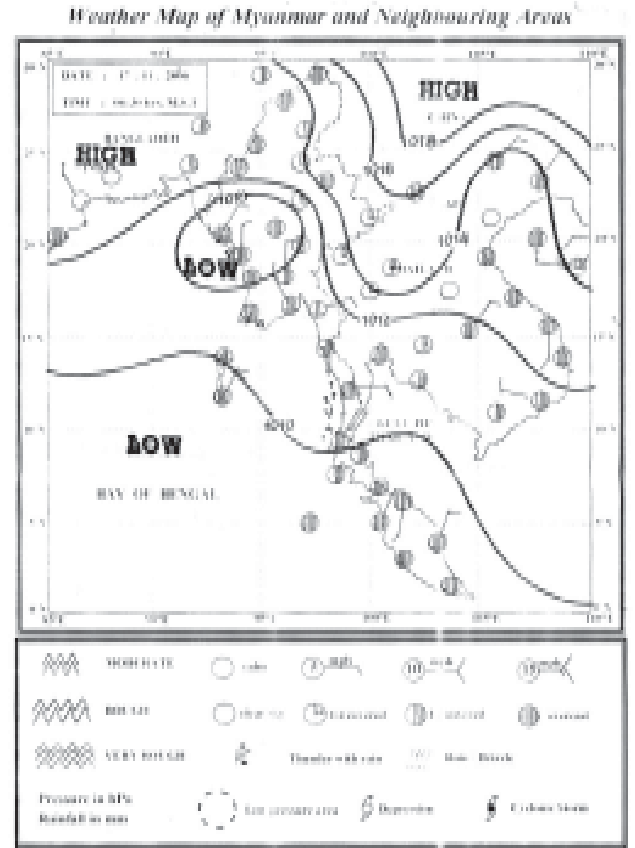
KIEV, 17 Nov — Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich pledged on Wednesday to consolidate energy cooperation with Poland as his Polish counterpart Jaroslaw Kaczynski arrived in the Ukrainian capital for a two-day

visit. During a meeting between the two premiers, agreements were reached on exporting oil to the Czech Republic through the Odessa-Brody pipeline. The two premiers also agreed that the pipeline should be

extended to the Polish city of Plock for carrying Caspian Sea oil to Poland and Europe. At the ensuing joint Press conference with Kaczynski, Yanukovich said this project would draw interest from the Caspian Sea nations. MNA/Xinhua

Algeria to increase natural gas export to Italy

ALGERIA, 17 Nov — Algeria is to increase the export of natural gas to Italy by 8 billion cubic metres per year, according to an agreement signed here Wednesday by the two countries. At present, Algeria, which abounds in natural gas reserves, exports some 24 billion cubic metres of natural gas to Italy every year, accounting for 40 per cent of the European country's overall natural gas consumption. MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Friday, 17 November, 2006
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for the isolated light rain in Shan State, weather has been partly cloudy in the whole country. Night temperatures were about normal in Chin State and Sagaing Division and (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in the remaining States and Divisions.

Maximum temperature on 16-11-2006 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 17-11-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 17-11-2006 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 16-11-2006 was (7.2) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 17-11-2006 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 (10) mph from North at 16:20 hours MST on 16-11-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 18-11-2006: Likelihood of except for the isolated light rain in Taninthayi Division, 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 whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 18-11-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 18-11-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 18-11-2006: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for fourth weekend of November 2006: During the coming weekend, isolated light rain are possible in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 18 November

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -If you walk away ...David Pro-mernz
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Paradise ...Natural
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: - Another somebody ... Kenny Rogers
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Club hoppin ... Gareth Gates
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Music at your request/lunch time music: - Show me your love ... Mike Peterson -Friend ... Paul Slade -Making love out of nothing at all ... Air Supply
- 9:00 pm ASEAN news review Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Myanma culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs -Silver thread and golden needles
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Saturday, 18 November
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မေဃာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိမိတ္တသာရာတီဝံသ၏ 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. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am 6. Musical programme
- 8:20 am 7. လယ်ယာစီးပွား မြှင့်တင်ရေးနှင့် ပဒဲရေးလောင်တစ်
- 8:30 am 8. International news
- 8:45 am 9. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am 3. News
- 11:40 am 4. Games for children

- 12:05 pm 5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:35 pm 6. ကြားမြင်သတိပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 12:45 pm 7. "တို့တရားလုံးချမ်းသာပြီ" (ဆန်းထွန်း၊ သူ့သူဟံသာ၊ အကယ်ဒမီဇော်ဦး၊ မိုးဒီ၊ ငွေတောင်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဂွမ်းပုံ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ရွှေ-သူတေသီ)
- 1:15 pm 8. Dance of national races
- 1:30 pm 9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 1:45 pm 10. ပုံညှင်းတန်းတံတား
- 1:55 pm 11. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:10 pm 12. "အလျော်အစား" (ဇင်ဝိုင်း၊ ငွေစင်သွန်း၊ ခင်သန်းနွယ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်ဇော်လင်း)
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- 2:35 pm 14. ဘော်ဘင်ရေလောင်တစ်
- 2:45 pm 15. International news
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for everyday use
- 4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm 5. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
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- 5:20 pm 7. တေးပြုစာဆို မြမြင့်အောင် ဆိုင်းအဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း
- 5:35 pm 8. "ကြိုဆိုလျက်ပါ" (ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ မင်းထက် ကျော်ဇင်၊ နေထူးနိုင်၊ နေယံ၊ ဇင်ဇော်မြင့်၊ နန်းဆုရတီစိုး၊ သင်ဇော်ကျော်)
- 5:45 pm 9. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်
- 6:00 pm 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 12. အလှူရှာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:05 pm 13. Discovery
- 7:10 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟောမန်ဆောင်းရဲ့ နေ့ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
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- 8:00 pm 19. The next day's programme

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win comforts patients with goitre and eye complaints from remote areas at Kengtung General Hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and officials, inspected extension of the runway at Kengtung Airport yesterday.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions, saying that it is necessary to complete extension tasks of the runway measuring 8,000 feet by 150 feet on schedule. Requirements are to be reported for construction of the airport where jets can land.

At Kengtung General Hospital, they comforted patients with goitre and eye complaints from remote areas of the state. Chairperson of Shan State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and Head of Shan State (East) Health Department Dr Htay Kywe reported on surgical treatment and health care services.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented refreshments and cash assistance to the patients.

Shan State MCWSC picked out the patients from remote areas to Kengtung and provided accommodation and reception facilities to them. The Supervisory Committee presented medical (See page 8)



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence provides cash and kind to local national races with goitre and eye complaints.—MNA

Delegate Groups hold discussions to submit proposals

YANGON, 17 Nov — Delegate Group of Representatives-elect and the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel of the National Convention held group discussions at the designated halls of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

Delegate Group of Representatives-elect

U Law Hsin Kwam of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party presided over the meeting together with members of the panel of chairmen U Mahn Tin Maung (a) U Mahn Myo Nyunt of Union Kayin League and U Maung Gyi of Union Pa-O National Organization.

The meeting was attended by 12 delegates or

cent per cent.

First, Alternate Chairman U Law Hsin Kwam of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party gave a speech.

U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives-elect U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township Constituency-1, U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township Constituency-2, U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township Constituency-2, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township Constituency-2 and U Thein Kyi of Taungwingyi Township Constituency-1 submitted proposals of the delegate group of representatives-elect on laying down for detailed basic principles of

the chapters "Election", "Political Parties", and "Provision on State of Emergency".

The alternate chairman discussed matters related to proposals to be submitted by the delegates on laying down for detailed basic principles of 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 to be included in drafting the State Constitution. The delegates participated in the discussions, and the alternate chairman announced the date to submit the proposals.

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U Law Hsin Kwam of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party making a speech. — MNA