

The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Thai PM to pay goodwill visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov— At the invitation of General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency General Surayud Chulanont, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, will pay a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar in the near future.

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Motor roads in service in entire Ayeyawady Division except Ngaputaw and Mawlamyinegyun Townships

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets departmental personnel in Bogale, Amar in Pyapon Township

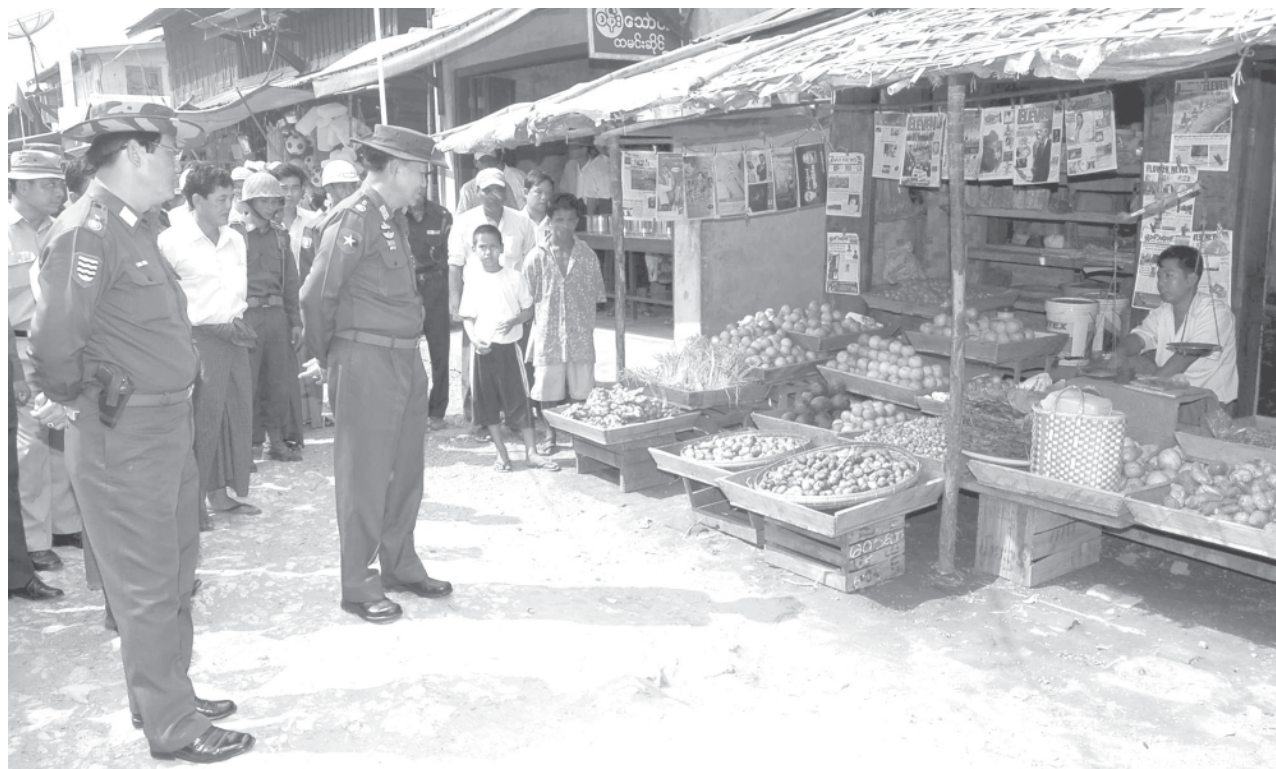
NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and departmental officials, viewed thriving monsoon paddy plantations on either side of Pyapon-Bogale Road on 16 November.

At the hall of Bogale Township PDC, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with departmental personnel. At the meeting, he said that the Government is implementing the border region development plan, the 24 special development region plan and the five rural

development tasks for development of the entire nation including Ayeyawady Division.

In Ayeyawady Division, Pathein, Maubin and Hinthada were designated as special development regions facilitated with hospitals and universities and colleges. A total of 42 major bridges have been opened in the division. Pyapon Bridge will be opened soon and progress can be witnessed with momentum in Pyapon, Bogale, Dedaye, Kyaiklat and Amar regions. At present, the whole Ayeyawady Division can use motor roads in the transport sector, except Ngaputaw and Mawlamyinegyun Townships.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence views sales of grocery shops in Setsan Village, Bogale Township, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

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

INSIDE

- * It is apparent that the white expression campaign, signature campaign and prayer campaign are designed to incite mass protests and disorder and to seek political gains.
- * The white expression movement is intended to politically exploit Myanmar people's nature of wearing white dresses more than other colours and designation of upper white uniforms at work sites.
- * The members of the "88" generation students group aged between 40 and 50 who are married with children, old politicians and remnant NLD members do not deserve trust and support of the people at all.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 20 November, 2006

Towards successful production of bio-diesel

Today, natural resources such as petroleum are becoming scarce worldwide. So every nation in the world has given priority to production of petroleum-substitute fuel and production of bio-diesel has come to the fore.

Like other nations of the world, Myanmar has laid down physic nut or jatropha curcas cultivation project and is making endeavours for production of bio-diesel in various parts of the country.

While physic nut plants from which bio-diesel can be extracted are being grown most extensively, seminars on technology of production of bio-diesel in cooperation with local and foreign experts are being conducted.

It is important to grow physic nut plants systematically as it is in the best position to produce bio-diesel, the petroleum-substitute fuel. Only when there is no wastage and loss will there be greater benefits.

Under the arrangements of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee, MAN Ferrostaal Industrieanlagen BmbH (Yangon branch) and Shwe Than Lwin Co, production of bio-diesel was presented at the Traders Hotel in Yangon the other day.

Bio-diesel can be extracted most from physic nut plants which grow in any place any season. Physic nut cultivation acreage worldwide increases ranging from six million hectares to ten million each year.

Pure bio-diesel can be obtained from physic nut oil with the application of modern technology.

Seminars on application of technology in production of bio-diesel are of great benefit. Production of bio-diesel will be more successful than now if wider educative talks and seminars can be organized. It is believed that the people will enjoy the benefits from the production of bio-diesel.

UMFCCI GS meets Japanese delegation

YANGON, 19 Nov — General Secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing received a 6-member Japanese delegation led by Mizuho Corporated Bank (Japan) Managing Director Mr Mitsunobu Hasegawa of MNCB Consulting (Thailand) Co Ltd at the office of UMFCCI, here, on 15 November.

They discussed matters on economic cooperation between entrepreneurs of the two countries and promotion of bilateral trade, banking, staging of trade fairs, participating of Myanmar entrepreneurs in trade fairs to be held in Japan and holding of meeting between entrepreneurs of the two nations.

Likewise, the General Secretary received Jexsa Expert of Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Mr Hiroshi Fujinami, accompanied by Managing Director Mr Tomohiro Ando of the JETRO Office at the same venue, and discussed functions of the UMFCCI and its cooperation with Japanese businessmen.

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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

Cash donated to funds for the aged of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon

YANGON, 19 Nov — Organized by Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, a ceremony to donate cash to the funds for the aged was held at the hall of MMPA on Wingabar Road in Bahan Township this afternoon.

Chairman of MMPA U Kyi Soe Tun gave a speech, and Joint Secretary-2 U Maung Maung Oo explained the purpose of holding the cash donation ceremony.

Afterwards, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepted K 30 million donated by MMPA; K 100,000 by Managing Director Col Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise; K 100,000 by family members of Myanmar Radio and Tel-

evision; K 1.2 million by Daw Aye Aye Win of Lucky Seven Films; K 1 million by U Htay Win of Htay Myanmar Video Industry; K 700,000 by U Tin Aung of Lucky Palace Video Industry; K 500,000 by Daw Myint Myint Khaing of Seinn Wah Ni Films; K 500,000 by U Lu Min of Ayewarat Films; and K 500,000 by Daw Myo Thanda Tun of Myo Films, and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

MMPA Chairman U Kyi Soe Tun, Managing Director Col Aung Myo Myint of MMPE, Vice-Chairman-1 U Myint Soe (a) U Su Wam and Secretary U Tin Aung accepted K 500,000 each donated by 21 wellwishers.

Later, the chairman



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts cash donations towards the funds for the aged of MMPA from a wellwisher. — MNA

expressed gratitude for donations of the wellwishers.

In commemoration of Myanmar Motion Picture Day, the concert for the funds of the aged, to be

organized by Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, will be held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street, here, at 7 pm daily from 24 to 26 November. — MNA

Tailoring courses conducted for female prisoners in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 19 Nov — Vocational training courses are being conducted for female prisoners at the prison in Mawlamyine for their career at the time of their release.

The Tailoring Course No 1 was opened from 17 January to 30 April 2006, and 12 female prisoners attended it. Next, the Tailoring Course No 2 was conducted to 12 female prisoners from 1 July to 31 October, 2006.—MNA



The tailoring course for inmates of Mawlamyine prison being conducted. — PRISONS DEPARTMENT



CASH DONATED TO SCHOOL:
Prize-presentation ceremony of No 29 Basic Education Primary School in South Okkalapa Township was held at the school. At the ceremony, the wellwishers donated cash to the school. Headmaster U Tint Lwin accepts cash donation from a wellwisher.

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Hu calls for harmonious world of enduring peace, prosperity



Chinese President Hu Jintao in Hanoi.

INTERNET

HANOI, 18 Nov— Chinese President Hu Jintao on Friday called on leaders of APEC business communities to join efforts to build a harmonious world of enduring peace and common prosperity. “China will work with other countries for harmonious coexistence in the

political field, common development in the economic field, mutual enriching in the cultural field and mutual trust and coordination in the security field,” Hu told a CEO summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Hanoi. “By doing so, we will

continue to contribute to the noble cause of peace and development of mankind,” he said in an address. As a member of the international community and the Asia-Pacific community, China’s continued development and increasing integration with the world in recent years has drawn keen interest of the international community, Hu said.

Meanwhile, China still faces major problems and challenges due to its big population, weak economic foundation and uneven development in different regions, the President said. In efforts to solve the problems, China is pursuing a scientific

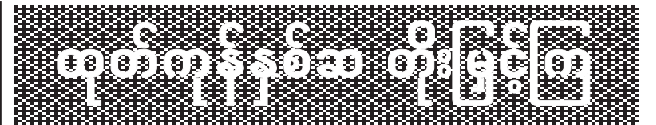
outlook on development and will give high priority to the following four areas:

First, China will speed up economic restructuring and the transformation of pattern of economic growth.

Second, China will accelerate the building of new socialist rural villages.

Third, China will promote balanced regional development.

Fourth, China will make continued efforts to build a harmonious society. Furthermore, “We will expand employment, improve the social security system and adjust income distribution,” Hu said.—MNA/Xinhua



Visitors watch a major human rights exhibition in the Museum of Culture Palace of the Nationalities, Beijing, on 17 Nov, 2006. The human rights exhibition kicked off in China’s capital on Friday, showcasing the country’s efforts to protect human rights.—XINHUA

Five arrested in Siemens embezzlement probe

BERLIN, 18 Nov — Police arrested five people recently after raids a day before at some Siemens AG offices around the country in a huge embezzlement probe, prosecutors said.

A former Siemens board member and four other employees were arrested on charges of embezzling 20 million euros (25.6 million US dollars), said senior prosecutor Christian Schmidt-Sommerfeld.

The prosecutor’s office said in a statement that 10 current Siemens workers and another two people are also being investigated in the matter. MNA/Xinhua



A model poses on the concept vehicle I-Swing of Toyota Motor Corp during the 2006 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition in Beijing, on 18 Nov, 2006. XINHUA

Nairobi climate talks end in deal

NAIROBI, 17 Nov — The UN climate talks in Nairobi have ended with agreement reached on all outstanding matters.

The most difficult issue, a review of the Kyoto Protocol, was settled to the advantage of developing countries.

There is no deal on another round of mandatory cuts in emissions to follow the Kyoto Protocol, and no firm timetable for negotiating cuts.

Environment and development groups say the measures presented here do not match the scale of the

problem.

“It’s very clear from the Stern Review, from the latest scientific information, from the impacts we’re already seeing in places like Kenya, that we need very rapid cuts in carbon emissions, and we need the negotiations to start next year and finish at the latest in 2008,” said Andrew Pendleton, climate analyst with the charity Christian Aid.

The agreement here sets a tentative date for beginning negotiations, and no timeframe for concluding them.

“From Christian Aid’s point of view that’s simply not good enough, and we need some heads to be knocked together by somebody, but I don’t know who that is,” Mr Pendleton lamented. The theme was echoed by other campaign groups.—Internet

Stomach pains rumble German thief’s loot hideaway

BERLIN, 18 Nov— A German thief who swallowed a ring he had stolen was betrayed by his own body when he suffered stomach pains during police interrogation.

He was taken to hospital where an x-ray revealed the hidden loot.

Off-duty police officers in the western town of Bergisch Gladbach thought they had seen the 30-year-old stealing something from a shop window, but only found an empty box when they searched him, a police spokesman said on Friday.

“He said he’d grabbed the box and found it empty,

but the shopkeeper said there was a ring missing,” he said. “Then during questioning he complained of severe stomach pains and was rushed to hospital with suspected appendicitis.”

Doctors x-rayed the man and discovered the

ring, which they fished out using pincers attached to a stomach tube.

“It seems that the pains were coincidental and had nothing to do with the ring,” the police spokesman said. He did not know what had caused the pains.

MNA/Reuters

Four miners missing in Slovak coal mine accident

BRATISLAVA, 18 Nov — Four miners were missing after a cave-in at a coal mine near central Slovak town of Novaky on Thursday, a local news agency SITA reported.

Water and mud flooded corridors in a mine some 200 metres below ground where nine miners were working, the agency said. Five miners escaped unhurt, while four were trapped.—MNA/Reuters



Local riders compete during the traditional donkey race in Lamu, Kenya on 18 Nov, 2006, during the Lamu cultural festival, which showcases traditional Swahili dances, poetry, donkey and dhow races.—INTERNET

Putin gives thumbs up to modern Russian Army

Moscow, 18 Nov — Russia's Army and Navy have recovered from post-Soviet under-funding and poor morale and are now ready to modernize, President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday.

"The period of patching together and basic survival is finished. The Army and Navy have increased in power, strength and self confidence," Putin was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying at a meeting with leaders of

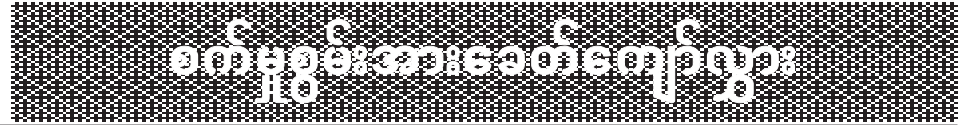
the Armed Forces. "The Army will be strong and modern."

Putin said he had earmarked an extra 5 trillion roubles (188 billion US dollars) for military spending, 80 per cent of which would be spent on upgrading equipment.

And by 2008 Putin wants professional soldiers to make up 70 per cent of the Russian Army and take the burden away from conscripts, the most vulnerable members of the Army, as well as quicker promotion for officers who have proved themselves in "hot spots" such as Chechnya.

"We should promote them and use their war experience to train young personnel," he said.

MNA/Reuters



A child paints a flower on the world longest painting ever made by children, in Bucharest on 18 Nov, 2006. A Guinness World Records representative who was at the scene confirmed the record at the event, which was organized by the United Nations Children's Fund. —INTERNET



A patient receives treatment with bee venom for rheumatism at a clinic in Beijing on 17 Nov, 2006. The clinic uses bee venom released into the patient's body when the bee stings, to cure diseases such as rheumatism, arthritis and rhinitis, local media reported. —INTERNET

Inquiry demanded into report of Dutch abuse in Iraq

SYDNEY, 18 Nov — A report that Dutch military intelligence abused prisoners in Iraq in 2003 prompted calls on Friday for an investigation, as opposition politicians alleged a government cover-up just days before a general election.

Leading Dutch daily *Volkskrant* said intelligence officers had abused dozens of prisoners by hosing them with water to keep them awake, exposing them to bright light and blasting

them with loud noises during heavy-handed interrogations.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said the reports were being investigated. He expected the government to make a

statement later in the day.

"If these facts are true, they are shocking," Christian Democrat Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende told reporters as he entered his office for

the regular Friday Cabinet meeting.

Balkenende supported the US-led invasion of Iraq and sent Dutch troops to the country in 2003.

He withdrew the troops two years later as violence escalated and opposition parties—which had supported the initial engagement—grew sceptical.

Although there was originally a broad political consensus in favour of involvement in Iraq, the abuse reports could prove damaging to Balkenende—leading his Labour rivals in opinion polls just five days before a general election on 22 November.

"There is a smell of a cover-up coming off this," Labour leader Wouter Bos was quoted as telling Dutch radio.

MNA/Reuters

Meeting to focus on doctor shortage in rural areas

SYDNEY, 18 Nov — The Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA) will hold its annual meeting in Adelaide today.

RDAA vice-president Peter Rischbieth says a shortage of medical professionals will be discussed.

He says medical schools need more

students from rural areas, and incentives should be offered for health and medical professionals to work in regional areas.

"It is essential that federal and state govern-

ments work together to keep our rural hospitals open," he said.

"We need to have the essential services, maternity and accident and emergency services available to all our rural communities, and it's essential that our governments, our training bodies and health professionals work together to maintain these important procedural services."

Dr Rischbieth says mental health issues will also be on the meeting's agenda.

"One of the issues we'll be discussing is the mental health issues that are facing many rural Australians," he said.

"The threat of drought and financial disability will make big impacts on the mental health of many of our rural communities."

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Visitors watch a hydrogen-powered car of Chevrolet during the 2006 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition in Beijing, capital of China, on 18 Nov, 2006. —XINHUA

Flood kills 47, leaves 50 missing in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 Nov — A flash flood killed at least 47 residents and left 50 others missing in Badghis Province of western Afghanistan, Health Minister Mohammad Amin Fatimi told *Xinhua* on Friday.

The flood caused the casualties in Balamurghab District on Thursday night, he added.

Some reports said hundreds of houses in the district had been destroyed by the flood, which was caused by days of heavy

rain, Fatimi said.

"But I only can confirm dozens of houses were destroyed," he said.

The district is facing many problems like lack of shelters, damage of health centre, he said, adding he had talks with UN officials in Afghanistan to seek assistance. He said NATO military helicopters had flown to the district to provide aid, but could not land as the region was in flood totally. —MNA/Xinhua



Visitors look at a copy of Spanish artist Pablo Picasso's 'Guernica' at the 'Skulpturenmuseum Glaskasten' in western city of Marl, on 17 Nov, 2006. A new exhibition opens on 19 Nov in Marl, marking the 125th anniversary of the painter's birth. —INTERNET

“Mad cow” disease kills second Dutch human victim

AMSTERDAM, 18 Nov — A second Dutch person has died from the human variant of mad cow disease following the death of a woman last year, health authorities said recently.

The Dutch Institute for Health and Environment (RIVM) give no details about the victim, but Dutch television stations said he was

a 16-year-old boy.

A spokeswoman for the RIVM said the victim died from the brain-wasting Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) — the human form of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) — about two weeks ago.

She did not explain why the RIVM had waited two weeks to confirm the death,

which was reported in Dutch media on Thursday.

The RIVM diagnosed the person with the human variant of mad cow in June and said at the time that the patient had most probably become infected by eating contaminated meat products.

MNA/Reuters

British minister says Iraq was Blair's “mistake”

LONDON, 18 Nov — A British Government minister was quoted on Friday as saying the Iraq war was Prime Minister Tony Blair's “big mistake in foreign affairs”, in a potential new embarrassment for the Labour government.

Margaret Hodge, Minister for Industry, also accused Blair of “moral imperialism”—trying to impose British values and ideas on other countries, said *The Islington Tribune*, a north London local newspaper.

It said she made the comments at a private dinner with The Fabian Society think-tank, attended by the newspaper's editor.

Hodge was not available for comment.

The Prime Minister's spokesman earlier declined to comment on the report but noted Iraq had for the first time a democratically elected government.

“We have a prime minister, a government that is trying to bring the country together,” he said, but added nobody was disputing “the difficulties there are in Iraq”.

Many of the Prime Minister's opponents and political analysts refer to

his decision to back the US-led 2003 Iraq war as the biggest error of his nine-year premiership, but no serving government minister has spoken out in this way.

The opposition Liberal Democrats, who were against the war from the start, said Hodge's remarks, if correctly quoted, showed the “increasingly divided nature of the Labour

Party”. “At last Labour ministers are beginning to acknowledge what many members of their party and the public know to be true,” said party leader Menzies Campbell. In recent months, Blair has faced growing criticism of his Iraq strategy from politicians and military officers. — MNA/Reuters

COMESA ministers praise China-Africa cooperation forum

DJIBOUTI, 18 Nov — The just-concluded Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in Beijing was an inspiring and successful event with concrete results, ministers attending the 11th Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) summit told *Xinhua* here on Thursday.

The forum was a “very fruitful” and “inspiring” experience that everyone wanted to take advantage of to learn something from China's economic growth, Foreign Minister Mahamoud Ali Youssouf of the host country of Djibouti told *Xinhua* in an exclusive interview on the sidelines of the 11th Summit of the COMESA Authority of Heads of State and Government held here from Wednesday to Thursday.

He said the forum was “very well-organized,” and the timing “critical and important”.

“Globally, developing countries should stick together and deploy more efforts for a better economy, so as to actively participate in globalization instead of being swept away,” said Youssouf.

The forum adopted a

very important Plan of Action which drew a road map for cooperation between China and Africa, and China's help to Africa without political conditions was “sincere and transparent”, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A Boeing Delta II rocket with a NAVSTAR Global Positioning System satellite aboard blasts off from launch pad 17A at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 17 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

Four Americans, one Austrian kidnapped in S Iraq

BAGHDAD, 18 Nov — Four US and one Austrian security contractors who work for Kuwait-based Crescent Security Group were kidnapped in southern Iraq on Thursday, the spokesman for the company said on Friday.

Iraqi security sources said the five were abducted when unknown gunmen, some of them wearing police uniform, intercepted the Crescent Security Group convoy at a checkpoint on Thursday near Safwan town on the border between Iraq and Kuwait. The convoy was heading for Nassiriya, 375 kilometres south of Baghdad, on the main road heavily guarded by the Multinational Forces as it is the main supply route for occupation forces in Iraq, security sources said.

British troops backed by US helicopters were searching for the captives on Friday in the area and fought with gunmen believed to be involved in the kidnapping, the sources added.

Meanwhile, the company spokesman

said that nine drivers from Asian countries who were reported to have been kidnapped along with the five security contractors had been released.

Earlier, the Doha-based al-Jazeera satellite channel reported that 14 people were nabbed near Iraq-Kuwait border.

The US Embassy in Kuwait has confirmed the report and is looking into the incident, the spokesman added.

The Austrian Foreign Ministry also confirmed that one Austrian has been taken hostage in Iraq. Crescent Security group conducts convoy escort duties for coalition militaries, embassies, government contractors and others operating in Iraq, the company said on its website. — MNA/Xinhua



Air China flight attendants holding Fuwa, official mascots for 2008 Beijing Olympic Games wave to Olympic Fuwa airliner passengers at an airport in Chengdu, Southwest China's Sichuan Province on 17 Nov, 2006. The company, a partner of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games decorated its aircrafts with official mascots to promote the Olympic Games. —XINHUA

ASEAN agriculture, forestry ministers hold meeting in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 18 Nov — Agriculture and forestry ministers from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Plus Three of China, Japan and South Korea held their 6th meeting here on Friday, discussing bird flu control measures, forest law enforcement and utilization of biomass resources.

The ministers on the one-day meeting reaffirmed continuing efforts by the ASEAN and Plus Three countries to control and eradicate

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) that remains a serious threat to the region, according to a joint Press statement.

To improve transparency, coordination and synergy to control and eradicate HPAI, the region countries need to further strengthen collaboration with international agencies such as the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Animal Health Organization (OIE), the statement said.

To combat illegal logging and its associated

trade, the region needs to promote sustainable forest management and effective implementation of forestry laws.

The ministers also called for further cooperation in utilization of biomass resources and technologies in view of improving global environment, ensuring energy security and enhancing local economies.

The 7th meeting will be held in Thailand in 2007. — MNA/Xinhua



Sicily's Mount Etna erupts with lava flowing through a fracture in the volcano, near the city of Catania, Italy on 17 Nov, 2006. — XINHUA

HK chief executive calls for more investment in Vietnam

HANOI, 18 Nov — The business people in Hong Kong should invest more in Vietnam as it is one of the fastest growing and most dynamic economies in Asia, the top official of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) said here on Friday.

“The Hong Kong people should continue to take a keen interest in investing and participating in the growth,” HKSAR Chief Executive Donald Tsang told a group of Hong Kong business people.

Tsang is here to attend the annual economic leaders meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) to be held on Saturday and Sunday.

The business opportunities in Vietnam are enormous, particularly after Vietnam became the 150th member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), which means that the country would be more open to foreign investment and trade, he said.

Tsang said that he would talk with Viet-nameese officials on forging closer aviation ties and on service industry where Hong Kong is strong.

As a member of APEC, Hong Kong will continue to take an active part in

APEC activities and push for the resumption of the stalled Doha Round of trade talks, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

A dog peers through a window at a shelter for homeless animals on the outskirts of southwest China's Chongqing Municipality on 16 Nov, 2006. Chinese police defended their enforcement of a one-dog policy in the capital this week even while admitting they did not have enough manpower to deal with crime in the rest of the country. — INTERNET



Ecuador files WTO complaint against EU banana duty

BRUSSELS, 18 Nov — Ecuador has filed a complaint at the World Trade Organization (WTO) against the European Union's single import tariff for bananas, an industry source said on Thursday.

Ecuador, the world's largest banana exporter, has long said the EU's import duty of 176 euros (225 US dollars) a ton, in force since January 2006, is far too high and damages its local industry.

The system, to replace a complex arrangement of duties and quotas, was agreed with the WTO to end the 1990s “banana wars” that Europe lost at the hands of Ecuador and the United States.

MNA/Reuters

Thai PM invites more FDI to Thailand

HANOI, 18 Nov — Assuring international business community that foreign investment will continue to enjoy full protection in Thailand, Thai Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont on Friday called for more foreign direct investment to the post-coup nation.

Speaking to over 1,000 participants of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Summit being held in

Hanoi, Chulanont, who was installed by the military following a bloodless coup on 19 September, said Thailand will offer “greater transparency, more efficient governance, great socio-economic and political stability and greater sustainability” in the future. “In other words, for our partners in APEC and around the world, it will be a better place to do business in, and to do business with,” he told representatives of the region's multilateral corporations.

Chulanont said that over the next 12 months,

Thailand's interim government will work to “advance political reform, restore national unity, redress income inequality and strengthen the rule of law”, which will also benefit Thailand's investment

environment.

In his speech, the Prime Minister selected infrastructure development, education and environment as the areas where foreign investment is most welcomed by his country. — MNA/Xinhua



Germany's Anni Friesinger skates to win in the women's 1500 metres division A race at the Speed skating World Cup in Berlin on 17 Nov, 2006.

XINHUA

France, Spain, Italy to work on Mideast proposal

GIRONA (Spain), 18 Nov — The leaders of France, Spain and Italy have agreed to work on a joint proposal to try to resolve the Middle East conflict, French President Jacques Chirac said on Thursday.

After a meeting on Franco-Spanish relations, Chirac said Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero had put the Middle East on the agenda of bilateral talks being held in the Catalan town of Girona, near the French border. “When I arrived, Zapatero said to me ‘we have the same vision of problems and concerns over the Middle East and particularly Palestine. We should take a common initiative’,” Chirac told businessmen and professors. “Our three countries have the sensitivity, the same interests and the same morals and maybe we can play a part in working out a solution to the Palestinian problem and putting it into action,” he said. — MNA/Reuters

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Bogale Township is to contribute towards the agricultural sector of Ayeyawady Division for meeting the targets of 3.7 million acres of monsoon paddy and 1.6 million acres of summer paddy in 2006-07. It is necessary to encourage offshore and inshore fisheries in addition to fish breeding. The Chairman of Township PDC and members are to make field trips to rural areas for undertaking development tasks.

In Setsan Village of Bogale Township,

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected Basic Education High School and presented K 200,000 to be used in purchasing furniture to the headmistress.

While in Setsan Village, he inspected the police station, the paddy husk-fired power station and the rural health care centre.

At Kyaunghtauk Camp of Meinmahla Island Sanctuary, officials of Forest Department reported on salient points of the sanctuary, breeding of crocodile and arrangements for ecotourism industry.

Meinmahla Island Sanctuary is located on 33,779 acres of land, 12 miles from Bogale.

In Amar of Pyapon Township, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected construction of the hospital.

Next, he visited the police force station and the office of General Administration Department in Amar. He urged departmental personnel to harmoniously carry out rural development tasks.

On 17 November morning, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than viewed fisheries tasks in Kadonkani Village of Amar. In Ayeya Village, he inspected the rural health care branch and BEMS and attended to the needs.

At Amatgyi Village of Labutta Township, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than viewed horticultural and agricultural tasks. Later, they went back to Bogale at night.

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MWJA organizes Sarsodaw Day 1368 ME, pays respects to senior literati



The aged literati at the respects paying ceremony on Sarsodaw Day 1368 ME. — MNA

Reception Subcommittee Chairman U Myat Khaing (Myat Khaing) read the list of senior literati.

Treasurer Police colonel Khin Maung Tun (Retd) (Khin Maung Tun-Lanmadaw) read the list of wellwishers. Next, they paid respects to the aged literati.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented K 100,000 each—K 10,000 donated by the State Peace and Development Council and K 90,000 by MWJA — and gifts to

literati Daw Kyan (Ma Kyan), U Hla Kyaing (Paragu), Col Saw Myint (Retd) (Hmu Tha Mein), U Maung Maung Khin (Tekkatho Maung Maung Khin), U Kyaw Hsan (Thu Khi Aung), U Maung Gale (Thauk Kyar), U Aung Soe (Aung Soe), Daw Yin Yin (Saw Mon Nyin) and Daw Ohn Khin (Inya Kyi Shwin).

Supreme Court Judge Dr Tin Aung Aye, departmental heads and officials presented K 100,000 each and gifts

to other literati.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan greeted all literati. On behalf of the aged literati, writer Daw Kyan (Ma Kyan) gave a speech. Secretary of MWJA Dr Tin Tun Oo (Dr Tin Tun Oo) spoke words of thanks.

Out of 111 literati who are 80 years and above old, 71 literati attended the respects-paying ceremony.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and those present pay respects to the aged literati at the respects paying ceremony. — MNA

YANGON, 19 Nov — A ceremony to mark the Sarsodaw Day for



Writer Daw Kyan (Ma Kyan) gives admonition at the ceremony to pay respects to the aged literati. — MNA

1368 Myanmar Era of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held in conjunction with the ceremony to pay respects to senior literati at the Yangon City Hall this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Supreme Court Judge Dr Tin Aung Aye, directors-general and managing directors of departments and

enterprises under the Ministry of Information, Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and CEC members, wellwishers and guests.

Vice-Chairman-2 of MWJA U Than Maung (Than Maung) reported on the purpose of organizing the ceremonies.

Joint Secretary-1 U Than Hlaing (Tekkatho Thin Kha) read out the message sent by the MWJA Chairman.



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents cash and kind to an aged literati at the respects paying ceremony. — MNA

A mess of stunts of party politics

Pauk Sa

At the press conference No 7/2006 held by the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council on 2 November 2006, Chairman of the Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan clarified that a mass campaign committee was formed with members of "88" generation students group, some old politicians, some CRPP members, some ex-NLD members who were dismissed superficially, and some NLD members to launch mass campaigns, aboveground and underground attacks in collusion with NCUB, an expatriate terrorist group, that was implementing the 2006 vision in complicity with members of "88" generation students group including Min Ko Naing and accomplices; that the "88" generation students group led by Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi, Htay Kywe and Min Zeya was engaged in the movement; that Bo Kyi of AAPP sent 25 million kyats to the group for the movement through the British embassy in the second week of April in 2006; that a so-called NGO group in the US sent 30,000 US dollars to Htay Kywe through the US embassy on 14 August 2006; that ex-members of the AMSU in the US and NDD member Khin Ohnmar sent 2.5 million kyats to Min Ko Naing; that it could be deduced from these activities, "members of "88" generation students group including Min Ko Naing with the contacts and cash assistance of certain western nations were inciting mass demonstrations in collusion with insurgents to undermine the stability of the State; that it was therefore clear why the government called in Min Ko Naing and four accomplices for questioning; that members of "88" generation students group were implementing white expression campaign and signature campaign to make the people get involved in their plots; regarding the movement, internal and external destructive elements were abetting them and manufactured fabrications that

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more than 500,000 people had signed; that members of "88" generation students group and their cohorts launched prayer campaign to politically exploit the tradition that Myanmar people liked wearing white dresses with the belief that white colour represented honesty, cleanliness and righteousness; that the number of more than 500,000 signatures was just an exaggeration because monks of Htilin monastery in Chanaye Thazan Township in Mandalay and Maha Vijikarama monastery in Pyigyidagun Township said that they did not write their signatures on the list, and the campaign was just to mislead religious persons into misunderstanding the situations; that Myanmar Buddhists hold Tazaungdaing Festival and Kathina robes offering ceremonies department-, company-, or religious association-wise; and they were making use of religious services for political gains.

After reviewing the clarification made at the press conference, one will realize that "88" generation students' campaigns and movements are nothing other than political tricks.

It is because the "88" generation students, those young and old, and a handful of remnant NLD members have been deceiving the government and the people for long as it is one of their bad habits. In other words, it was merely a flagrant deception insulting the international community and Myanmar people.

I would like to prove that. Around 1989, the NLD invited other political parties to a meeting without stating any reason on the invitation card. After the representatives of various parties were seated in the meeting room, it announced that the meeting was to select a representative of various parties to hold discussions with the government. Just after that, as arranged in advance by NLD, its representatives tabled a motion to select the female NLD leader as the representative to meet with the government and the other NLD representatives seconded the motion in the chorus. In such a situation, the representatives from other parties were dissatisfied with the NLD's well-organized programme. So, late Widura Thakin Chit Maung said that the meeting with the government was an important matter; that the proposed female NLD leader had not sufficient political experience; and that it should form a committee with two or three members instead of choosing only one representative to meet the government.

But, the suggestions met with the catcalls of the young body-guards of the female party leader. So, the representatives of other parties left with disgust

at the misuse of the dominant power of and the bullying by the NLD party.

Taking advantage of the stand-off, the NLD chairman and some central executive committee members submitted the made-up attendance list to the officials concerned, saying that the female party leader was selected by various parties to hold discussions with the government.

After the 1990 elections, expatriate Sein Win residing in the US said that he had signatures of 250 representatives-elect who supported him, and appointed himself as the prime minister of the parallel government of Myanmar.

Accordingly, the officials concerned called in the representatives-elect concerned for questioning. In response, they said that none of them supported him.

In 1998, the female NLD leader threatened the government, demanding that a Hluttaw (legislative body) meeting be held by 21 August, and formed a Hluttaw representing committee, an anarchist group, with the support of the 250 representatives, in the absence of a Hluttaw in the nation.

It is common knowledge that the NLD leader and her first cousin renegade Sein Win were misusing the figure of 250 representatives and were absolutely desperate for power.

In like manner, the female NLD leader, CEC members and a handful of township level leaders secretly asked the party members to write their signatures on plain sheets in 1999. Then, the members asked for what reason they would have to write their signatures. Wearing smiles on their faces, they said, "Trust us. It is just for the sake of the party and party members. We won't do anything dishonest. For the time being, we can't let you know about that under the circumstances. So, just write your signatures and don't worry about that".

In consequence, many members have resigned from the party, and the party is facing the public protest across the nation. The party headquarters is now standing nearly empty. And the party is on the verge of collapse. So, they carried out organizing measures division- and township-wise to regenerate the strength of the party. In the process, the central executive committee members offered an incentive to the members, saying that any member who was able to recruit new party members most would be promoted to the rank at the division level if he was at the township level, and to the rank at the central level if he was at the division level.

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Then, the sets of lists were sent to the party headquarters and the lists were full of the names of the persons who had passed away, who were insane or who did not know that their names were listed without their knowledge and approval, along with fake names and signatures.

Therefore, the persons whose names were collected without their approval sent their complaints to local administrative bodies and election sub-commissions in many townships such as Thazi, Pyawbwe, Yamethin and Tatkon townships, revealing the dishonest activities of the NLD organizers.

I would like to present some news stories invented by renegades from abroad and some NLD informers at home and made-up stories by certain foreign broadcasting stations.

Around 1999, some absconders from Ayeyawady group published a book entitled "Heroes from Jails of SLORC" to mislead the international community and national people into believing that the government was a repressive one.

The book said that Aung Moe, 23, fled to the border due to the military coup in 1988. After the government's announcement of the amnesty for the students, he returned home, and when he entered Myanmar, military forces arrested and questioned him. Then, it added, some of his back joints were dislocated owing to the tortures of the armed forces, and he therefore succumbed to the injuries.

In reality, on 27 January 1990, he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for distribution of anti-government flyers, not for his return from the jungle. He was released from the jail on 23 June 1992. While living on Natsin 28th Street in Ward 2, Hmawby, he drank liquor with his friends and then he fell into the Hmawby Creek at Toeche (extended) Ward 3 in Hmawby and drowned on 20 August 1993. It is known to the local people in Hmawby. Similarly, Ma Khin Myo (a) Ma Cherry, who had been released from the jail and lived at No 16 on Aung Thukha Street, Mayangon Township, died of food poisoning on 9 September 1992 after she had her meal with pickled fish salad and then anti-malaria medicine. But, the book said that the tortures of the administrative organs were so intolerable to her that she bravely committed suicide.

But, the NLD expressed its support for the expatriates and absconders' casually regarding such persons as heroes.

So, it is apparent that the white expression campaign, signature campaign and prayer

campaign are designed to incite mass protests and disorder and to seek political gains.

The white expression movement is intended to politically exploit Myanmar people's nature of wearing white dresses more than other colours and designation of upper white uniforms at work sites.

The members of the "88" generation students group at the aged between 40 and 50 who are married with children, old politicians and remnant NLD members do not deserve trust and support of the people at all.

They also propagated that members of the Sangha wrote their signatures in the signature campaign. So, the monks concerned had to rebut the political tricks.

On 31 October 2006, a letter was stuck in front of Dhamma Pala monastery of Masoeyin Taikthit in Mandalay, urging members of the Sangha to recite Metta Sutta for the release of the leaders of the so-called "88" generation students. So, members of the Sangha from Mya Taungtaik Masoeyin Taikhaung and Maha Visuddhayoun monastery in Mandalay were embarrassed for the "88" generation student members' getting members of the Sangha involved in the political affairs.

Moreover, without seeking approval of the pagoda board of trustees, members of the "88" generation students, NLD members and old politicians held a prayer-saying ceremony or a political stunt on the platform of the Shwedagon Pagoda. So, the pagoda board of trustees filed a lawsuit at Dagon Township Police Station for their harming the pilgrims' paying homage to the pagoda and stability of the State and violation of the sub-paragraph (10) of paragraph 77 (O) of the rules promulgated by the pagoda board of trustees that says, "Those wishing to hold religious rites on the platform of the Shwedagon Pagoda are to submit the aims of the rites, and names of those who will supervise the rites and expounders to the pagoda board of trustees for the approval thereof".

Members of the "88" generation students group are used to doing such activities. If they are surrounded by many passers-by in busy places, they think they win public support. Organizing politically-designed publicity stunts in busy places is the lesson of political defiance of the international spies organization as well as the lesson the NLD has practised many times.

In the signature campaign, asking a person to write his signature on a plain sheet represents their dishonest means. They are shouting at full blast that they are the ones who really love the nation and the people while committing such dishonest acts.

They wrote the signatures and addresses of dead persons on the list. They asked insane persons and

forced the persons under their influence to write their signatures on the list. They also wrote the signatures of others without the knowledge of the persons concerned. In the signature campaign, they usually say it is enough that people write their signatures on a plain sheet and there is no need to write their names, occupations and addresses.

In their signature campaign in Swepyitha Township, Yangon Division, they persuaded local people to write their signatures, saying that many film stars had written their signatures on the list, but they did not achieve any success in their canvass.

Local people of Bogale Township in Ayeyawady Division responded similarly, so they wrote fake signatures to be able to send the lists in time to the NLD headquarters. So, the people were upset that their signatures and addresses would be collected without their knowledge.

The members also forced drunken Ko Thet (a) Thar Oh and deceived Ma Win Shwe, an insane person, to write their signatures on the list. So, such acts attracted widespread criticism and resent from local people.

Besides, expatriates and absconders are organizing Myanmar people working illegally in Maesok in the neighbouring country to write their signatures, offering that if they write their signatures on the list, the former will guard them from being arrested by local police and will help them get jobs there. So, many national workers there are writing their signatures on the list without knowing all the facts.

What I have presented is not made-up stories, but political stunts of members of the "88" generation students group, NLD members and some old politicians had been explained at the press conference 7/2006 of the Information Committee. I would say their acts are just a mess of stunts of party politics.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends...

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe accepted cash donations.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe expressed gratitude.

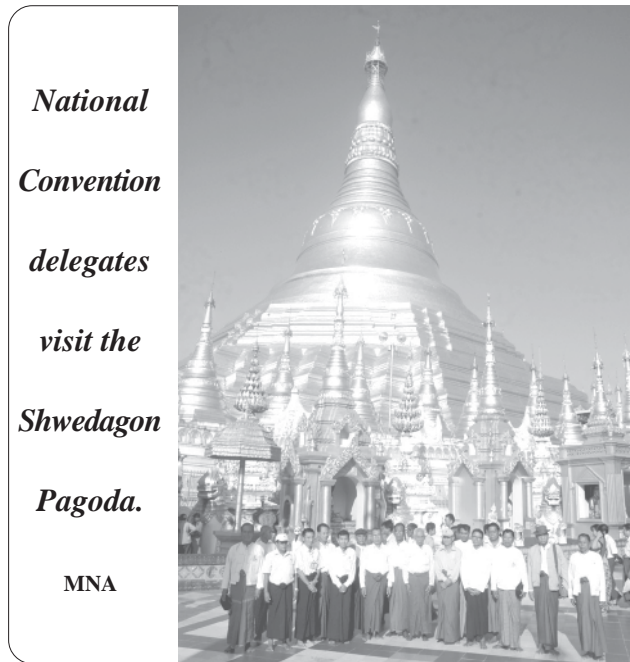
Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and the ministers visited the rural health care branch and the home.

A ceremony to unveil the stone plaque to launch water supply in Kungyangon Township was held in Htantaw Ward. The commander unveiled the stone plaque. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party sprinkled

scented water on it. Managing Director U Sein Tin Win of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise launched the water pipeline.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe accepted K 6.4 million for water supply task donated by the Ministry of Energy; K 75 million by China Focus Development Ltd; and K 25 million by the local people.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe urged the local people to maintain the building of the Home for the Aged and water supply facilities. Later, Chairman of the Township PDC U Kyaw Win handed over the documents related to the water supply facilities to Deputy Superintending Engineer U Thein Hlaing of Yangon Division DAC. — MNA



National Convention delegates visit the Shwedagon Pagoda.
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Commander, CEC member open Thetkei-aing Dam in Sagaing

YANGON, 19 Nov—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the opening ceremony of Thetkei-aing Dam in Shantetkon Village, Sagaing Township, on 18 November.

First, the commander gave an opening speech. Next, the Sports Minister gave a speech. A USDA member, on behalf of the local people, expressed gratitude.

The Commander and the Minister cut the ribbon to open the dam, and inspected it.



Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint formally open Thetkei-aing Dam in Sagaing Township. — MNA

Thetkei-aing Dam is located on Thetkei-aing Creek near Shantetkon Village. It has 1,000 feet long earth embankment. The dam will irrigate 100 acres of land. Thanks to

construction of the dam, flood preventive measures can be taken on Ohndaw-Natkhayaing section of Sagaing-Monywa Road.

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NC delegates visit Hlinethaya...

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Likewise, the delegates this morning visited the Shwedagon Pagoda where they were welcomed by members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and offered flowers, light and joss sticks to the Buddha images of the pagoda.

Similarly, the Christian delegates this morning visited the Kayin Theological School, the Lahu Christian School and the Kayin Baptist Church in Insein Township and attended service there. — MNA

Khine Khine Co Ltd in Thadukan Industrial Zone opened

YANGON, 19 Nov—A ceremony to open Khine Khine Co Ltd was held in front of the company in Thadukan Industrial Zone 3/4, Shwepyitha Township this morning.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials, Counsellor of Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Yu Boren, Managing Director of Khine Khine Co Ltd Mr Yu Jian Chen and members, guests and others.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Managing Director of Khine Khine Co Ltd Mr Yu Jian Chen formally opened the company.

Next, the Mayor and officials unveiled the signboard of the company.

This was followed by the opening ceremony in which products of the company were briefed. After that, the Mayor and officials made speeches and inspected machinery produced by the company and the steel mill.

Those wishing to buy products of the company are to contact the industrial zone (Tel 095124991 or 095170168). — MNA

Special market festival opens

YANGON, 19 Nov—To distribute its quality products at reasonable prices, the Ministry of Industry-1 has arranged to open its special market festivals in Myoma sports ground in Pakokku from 9 to 23 November, in the division sports ground in Monywa from 12 to 26 November, and in the compound of Industry-1 Bahan staff quarters in Yangon from 22 November to 1 December.

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Home Affairs Minister meets officers, trainees of MPF Central Training School

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, accompanied by Director-General U Myat Ko of General Administration Department, Director-General U Aung Saw Win of Bureau of Special Investigation, Police Adjutant-General Police Brig-Gen Soe Win Myint, left Nay Pyi Taw

on 16 November.

At Myanmar Police Force Central Training School in PyinOoLwin, the minister delivered an address at the concluding ceremony of Sub-Inspector Course No 57. Next, the minister met with trainees of the Township Police Officer Course, graduate SIPs and officers of training

schools and explained policy of the State, internal political affairs, nation-building tasks and transformation of administrative system.

Next, the minister heard reports on functions of the training school presented by Commandant of the training school Police Brig-Gen Thein Tint, and gave necessary instructions. — MNA



Director (News) U Win Tin (Thiha Aung) of NPE and Chief Editor of Sarpay Beikman U Maung Hlaing (Maung Swe Nge) seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure for ASEAN journalists' study tour of Malaysia on Sunday.

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Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Chinese Counsellor to Myanmar Mr Yu Boren and Chairman of Khine Khine Company Mr Yu Jian Chen visit in the factory of the company. — MNA

Myanmar to produce bio-diesel from...

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The Head of State with vision has given guidance on extensive growing of the crops such as jatropha curcas (physic nut), sugarcane, corn and tapioca from which bio-diesel can be extracted at national level. Among them, jatropha curcas grows well on almost

At the ceremony, General Manager U Moe Kyaw of Shwe Than Lwin Co said that jatropha curcas could be grown easily, but it was required to ensure a high percentage of oil content in seeds, technological development and boosting production. Oil directly extracted from jatropha curcas seeds

rate of 600 litres of bio-diesel per 10 hours.

Titration solution, methanol, sodium hydroxide (NaOH) and distilled water were to be blended with jatropha curcas oil to remove the soap and glycerin liquids to get quality bio-diesel, he said. Bio-diesel could be extracted from many species of vegetables, but jatropha curcas had more percentage of oil content with less cost than any other crops. African countries and India produced bio-diesel for four years. Myanmar could achieve greater success in a short time if the findings from the research done in the two countries were combined with its experiences. Then, Chairman U Kyaw Win of Shwe Than Lwin Co was seeking advice from German



German expert Prof. Mr Klaus Becker elaborates on production of bio-diesel from jatropha curcas.

experts and holding discussions with experts from other nations. The company would soon be able to produce bio-diesel effectively from the jatropha curcas seeds produced domestically, he said.

Professor Mr Klaus Becker said that jatropha curcas existed for many years. He said, its benefits had been many and varied, according to researches done or ongoing. It did not need fertile land nor good climate. Even with a little water and small amounts of fertilizer, it grew well at any soil including

desert during the period ranging from six months to two years. It was resistant to harsh natural effects such as severe climate, so it could thrive in a few years.

He learnt that Myanmar had grown jatropha curcas on hundreds of thousands of acres. The plants hardly died after being grown. The seeds' oil contents were not the same, so it was needed to grow plants of quality species systematically, he said.

According to the findings from the research on jatropha curcas he did around the world, systematic growing and choosing quality species

bean. If it was detoxified, press cake could be used as feedstuff.

Doing research on some of by-products of jatropha curcas was nearing completion, and good results would come out soon, he said.

Now, Myanmar is gaining momentum in growing jatropha curcas. The chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council, social organizations and national entrepreneurs have successfully demonstrated the growing of jatropha curcas and the extracting of bio-diesel from its seeds. In addition, 16-gallon ca-



Mature fruits seen on a thriving jatropha curcas plant.

any soil and any climate. Now, jatropha curcas plants grown in the states and divisions in Myanmar have started to bear fruit.

The Nagarmin bio-diesel plant at the industrial ward in Muse, Shan State (North) can mill 19 baskets of jatropha curcas seeds producing at the rate of 25 gallons an hour.

does not last long, he said, stressing the importance of producing quality bio-diesel that could be substituted in the place of oil.

To produce quality bio-diesel called for a bio-diesel plant worth about 40 million kyats, he said, adding that the plant could be operated with the labour of two persons producing at the



Sixteen-gallon capacity jatropha curcas seed milling machines produced by Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council.



A jatropha curcas plant with fruits.

were important to get seeds with high oil content.

By-products from press cakes of jatropha curcas could be used for production of soap, cosmetic items, fertilizers and medicines, he said.

Germany was the pioneering country in doing research on using jatropha curcas oil as bio-diesel. The protein content of jatropha curcas was higher and the cost, less than soya

capacity jatropha curcas milling machines are available now at the price of 1 million kyats per unit. With the use of bio-diesel extracted from jatropha curcas seeds, measures are being taken to supply more electric power to rural areas.

As a national duty, Myanmar is growing jatropha curcas extensively to produce oil-substitute fuel from it.

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China steps up school anti-drug education efforts

BEIJING, 18 Nov — China has sent out teams of inspectors to check on school anti-drug education, the state drug control authority said on Thursday.

The National Narcotics Control Commission has dispatched teams to the eastern province of Anhui and the southern province of Guangdong to make sure local primary and middle schools are doing all they can to prevent students from taking drugs.

Primary and middle schools throughout the country were ordered to assess their anti-drug education activities, according to a circular jointly released by the commission, the Ministry of Education and the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League on 25 October.

Previously, the three authorities had provided 200 schools with anti-drug educational materials.

An official with the Ministry of Public Security said some young people are not aware of the harm of drugs, especially new methamphetamine-based drugs such as "ice" and "ecstasy".

"Some young people even think it's fashionable to take drugs and easy to quit," he said.

The number of drug takers in China grew 35 per cent over a five-year period to reach 1.16

million in early 2005, according to police data.

Police estimates indicate China has more than 700,000 heroin addicts, 69 per cent of whom are under the age of 35.

The country's draft anti-drug law outlaws opium, heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine, morphine, and cocaine.

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China develops own pancreatic cell technology for diabetics

BEIJING, 18 Nov— China's Armed Forces have given the green light to the clinical use of their own insulin-producing cell transplant technology, which holds out the hope for type one diabetics of being able to dispense with insulin injections.

Tan Jianming, team leader of the project and head of Fuzhou General Hospital of the Nanjing Military Area of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), currently the only hospital approved for the new treatment, said his hospital will probably share the technology with other hospitals throughout the country next year.

The first transplant of pancreatic islet cells and first simultaneous trans-

plant of pancreatic islet cells and kidneys were approved after long-term studies of patients, the Health Bureau of the PLA Logistics Department announced.

Tan Jianming said Chinese doctors had been piloting the transplant treatment on seven diabetes patients, aged 13 to 45, since 2003.

Four of the patients had accepted pancreatic islet cell transplants, two

took the simultaneous transplants, and one had the cell transplant after the kidney transplant.

The cells, taken from deceased donors, are injected into the pancreas.

Each of the transplants costs about 200,000 yuan (25,000 US dollars), according to Beijing News.

The islet cell transplants have freed or partly freed all of the patients from insulin injections.

The first transplant of pancreatic islet cells was carried out in January 2003 and the first simultaneous kidney and cell transplant in June 2005.

MNA/Xinhua

LA hospital sued on human dumping charges

LOS ANGELES, 18 Nov— The Los Angeles City attorney's office has filed charges against a major hospital for dumping patients on skid row, it was reported on Thursday.

It is the first criminal prosecution of a medical centre suspected of leaving homeless patients on skid row in Los Angeles.

The charges stem from an incident earlier this year when a 63-year-old patient from Kaiser Permanente Hospital in downtown Bellflower Street was videotaped as she left a taxi in gown and socks, and then wandered skid row streets.

The suit seeks a judge's order to forbid all Kaiser medical facilities from dumping homeless patients on skid row or impose financial sanctions if it violates the order, according to the City News Service.

Besides Kaiser Permanente Hospital, nine

other hospitals are under investigation by city prosecutors for allegedly discharging patients to the 50-block area in downtown Los Angeles. City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo said the Kaiser case was a first step in holding hospitals accountable for dumping.

"We seek to end the inhumane and illegal practice," Delgadillo said. "We believe this is the right action to take and it speaks to this region's values. We are in the right place at the right time to hold Kaiser accountable."

A Kaiser spokeswoman said she was "very surprised" by the charges.

"I can't understand how these charges would be

levied based on what I know of the incident," said Diana Bonta, vice-president of

public affairs for Kaiser Southern California.

MNA/Xinhua



The annual Leonid meteor shower could produce a strong outburst this weekend for residents of eastern North America and Western Europe, US media reported on 17 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

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Chinese Culture Festival opens in Japan

TOKYO, 18 Nov— The 2006 Chinese Culture Festival started at a ceremony in Japan Friday afternoon, followed by a concert offered by the Chinese National Symphony Orchestra in central Tokyo.

Those present at the opening ceremony were more than 2,000 Chinese representatives in Japan and Japanese friends from all walks of life, including several Japanese former prime ministers and a Japanese royal member.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe sent their letters of congratulation respectively to the festival, which is jointly sponsored by the Chinese Culture Ministry and the Chinese Embassy in Japan.

In his letter of congratulation, which was read out by Chinese Ambassador to Japan Wang Yi, Wen described the festival as the prelude to the 35th anniversary of the normalization of the Sino-Japanese diplomatic relations in 2007, and expressed his expectation that the cultural event will further promote mutual understanding and friendship between the Chinese and the Japanese people.

Abe wrote in his letter that "Japan and China have agreed to push both of the political and the economic wheel to promote the Japan-China relations to an upper

grade".

The two sides have reached a consensus to build up a "relationship of mutual benefit based on common strategic interests", Abe wrote, adding that he believes the festival, which is planned at the right time, will definitely inspire the people of both sides and further strengthen the bilateral communication,

and lead the Japan-China relations to a higher level.

Chinese Culture Minister Sun Jiazheng said at the ceremony that China and Japan are close neighbours geographically, enjoy frequent contacts historically, and learn from each other and interact culturally.

MNA/Xinhua



David and Victoria Beckham arrive at the Ciampino airport in Rome on 17 Nov, 2006. Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes are tipped to have chosen a 15th century castle just outside of Rome as the location for their celebrity wedding.—INTERNET



The models present 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.—XINHUA

Mexico Aztec god carving may be emperor's headstone

MEXICO CITY, 18 Nov— Archaeologists say a giant, ornate carving of an Aztec god recently unveiled in downtown Mexico City could be a massive headstone in honour of one of the civilization's last rulers.

Scientists say the 12.4-ton stone cutting, which is covered with a vast, heavily detailed full-body engraving of earth god Tlaltecuhltli, is one of the most important Aztec finds ever.

The 11-foot (3.5-metre) long monolith was first made public in October. It is broken into several

pieces but otherwise in excellent condition, archaeologists said.

They have spent weeks scraping dirt and debris from the piece and now say it may be the headstone of Ahuizotl, the eighth Aztec ruler, whose successor Moctezuma II governed at the start of the Spanish conquest of Mexico.

The headstone is decorated with the carved image of a deity with a giant male head ringed by masses of curly hair and a sharp extended tongue representing a stream of blood. —MNA/Reuters

Tropical storm "Sergio" wilts off Mexican Pacific

MEXICO CITY, 18 Nov— Rare mid-November cyclone Sergio fizzled off Mexico's Pacific coast on Friday after slipping from hurricane to tropical storm

strength and was expected to weaken more before reaching an upscale resort area. Sergio, which was downgraded overnight after spraying rain on

coastal towns as a strong Category 2 hurricane earlier in the week, still carried winds of 65 mph (100 kph) as it drifted away from the tourist resort of Acapulco.

"The cloud pattern has been deteriorating and now consists of a shapeless mass of clouds," the US National Hurricane Center said in Miami.

Sergio was about 350 miles (565 kilometres) south of the port of Manzanillo and moving slowly up the Pacific Coast, the hurricane centre said.

Early next week the storm could still brush past the resort towns of Los Cabos, tourist destinations on the Baja California Peninsula favoured by Americans.

MNA/Reuters

Wreck off Spain holds secret to ancient delicacy

MADRID, 18 Nov— Scientists now hope to piece together the recipe for an ancient Roman fish sauce from storage jars found in a 2,000-year-old shipwreck off the eastern coast of Spain, the co-director of the project said recently.

"The remains are in excellent condition," said Carles de Juan, co-director of the project, who works for Valencia's regional government.

The well-preserved wreck of the first-century merchant vessel was discovered in 2000 when a ship's anchor got tangled in its cargo.

Scientists now hope the discovery of more than 1,200 storage jars, each a metre high, will yield samples with unbroken seals, allowing them to recreate the recipe for the sauce, a delicacy in ancient Roman households.

The wreck is unusual in that it lies in shallow water near the coast and also holds important lessons about ancient trade routes.

"Normally ships like this sink very, very far from the coast, they are practically impossible to find," de Juan said.

MNA/Reuters



Three two-week-old Bengal tigers rest in their zoo enclosure in the Argentine city of Cordoba on 17 Nov, 2006. The mother of the cubs is a zoo-bred three-year-old tiger named Chiquita and the names of the cubs will be chosen in a contest.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Bjorkman-Mirnyi to meet Knowles-Nestor in doubles final

SHANGHAI, 19 Nov— French Open doubles champions Jonas Bjorkman and Max Mirnyi survived a tight semifinal slog against Martin Damm and Leander Paes in the Masters Cup on Saturday before reaching the final with a 6-7, 7-6, 7-6 win.

The pair triumphed when Czech Damm went long after three hours 17 minutes to keep their unbeaten record at the tournament intact and set up a meeting with Bahamian Mark Knowles and Canada's Daniel Nestor. —MNA/Reuters



Chelsea's Andriy Shevchenko, front, competes with West Ham United's Danny Gabbidon for the ball during their English Premiership League soccer match at Stamford Bridge, London, on 18 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Real climb to second with 3-1 win over Racing

MADRID, 19 Nov— Real Madrid went level on points with leaders Barcelona in the Primera Liga after an efficient 3-1 win over Racing Santander at the Bernabeu on Saturday.

Sergio Ramos headed Real in front from a corner after five minutes before second-half goals by Jose Antonio Reyes and Mali midfielder Mahamadou Diarra wrapped up the points.

Racing's Argentine defender Ezequiel Garay pulled a goal back for the visitors with a thundering free kick 14 minutes from time, and Real's night was spoilt when playmaker Guti was sent off at the end.

Real, with 23 points, are second on goal difference from Barcelona, who visit Real Mallorca on Sunday.

Later on Saturday third-placed Sevilla, with 22 points, can go top if they can beat sixth-placed Valencia at home. —MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Rooney double keeps Man United top in England

LONDON, 19 Nov— Wayne Rooney scored twice as Manchester United came from behind to beat Sheffield United 2-1 and stay three points clear of champions Chelsea at the top of the Premier League in Saturday.

Chelsea beat West Ham United 1-0 at Stamford Bridge where Geremi scored the only goal with a superbly-taken 22nd-minute free kick to stretch Chelsea's unbeaten home league run to 51 matches.

Arsenal, though, who moved into third place last week, lost ground after being held to a 1-1 draw at home by Newcastle United.

They dropped back to fourth after Portsmouth beat Watford 2-1 to move above them.

Kieron Dyer scored for Newcastle after 30 minutes, with Thierry Henry, who came on as a second half substitute, equalizing for Arsenal with a 70th-minute free kick.

United, who have won their last seven successive league games, top the table with 34 points from 13 matches, Chelsea have 31 from 13, Portsmouth 23 from 13 and Arsenal 22 from 12.

Charlton, playing under new manager Les Reed for

the first time following Iain Dowie's departure on Monday, stayed nailed to the bottom with just eight points after losing 2-0 at Reading.

MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney, right, scores against Sheffield United during their English Premier League soccer match at Bramall Lane, Sheffield, England, on 18 Nov, 2006. Manchester United won the match 2-1.—INTERNET

Bayern knock Stuttgart off top of Bundesliga

BERLIN, 19 Nov— Bayern Munich knocked VfB Stuttgart off the top of the Bundesliga table with a come-from-behind 2-1 victory in the rain at home on Saturday.

Schalke 04 moved atop the standings with a 4-2 victory over Energie Cottbus that gave them 26 points while Bayern stayed fourth place on 23 points and Stuttgart, who had won four straight games before Saturday, slipped to third with 24 points.

Werder Bremen, in second place with 24 points, stumbled ahead of their Champions League clash at home against Chelsea on Wednesday, getting only a disappointing 2-2 draw at lowly Alemannia Aachen.

Stuttgart's Mario Gomez took a pass in midfield from

Christian Gentner and outsprinted three Bayern defenders before beating Oliver Kahn with an 18-metre shot to the far post in the eighth minute.

MNA/Reuters

Serie A leaders Palermo lose 1-0 to Cagliari

ROME, 19 Nov— A late goal by striker Simone Pepe gave Cagliari a 1-0 win over Serie A leaders Palermo who had to play the whole of the second half with 10 men on Saturday.

Palermo travelled to the Sant'Elia Stadium aiming to set a club record of six consecutive league wins but were forced to abandon their usual attacking style after midfielder Fabio Simplicio was sent off at the end of the first period.

They hung on until the last minute of normal time, when Pepe grabbed a close-range winner to leave Palermo on 27 points from 12 matches, level with Inter Milan, who play Reggina on Sunday.

Cagliari made a lively start against a Palermo team missing the creative flair of suspended playmaker Eugenio Corini and injured striker David Di Michele.

In the 37th minute Antonio Langella sprinted down the left and delivered a low cross into the path of strike partner David Suazo, who shot straight at Palermo keeper Alberto Fontana.

MNA/Reuters



Natalie Gulbis of the US drives the ball on the third hole during the second round of the ADT Championships golf tournament in West Palm Beach, Florida, on 17 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Laos qualify for Southeast Asian finals

BANGKOK, 19 Nov — Soccer minnows Laos booked their place in the knockout stages of next year's ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) Championship on Saturday after winning a pre-qualifying tournament in Bacolod City.

Laos saw off Brunei 4-1 to finish ahead of Cambodia, East Timor and hosts the Philippines, who beat Cambodia 1-0 in Saturday's other match.

The victory will come as a relief to Laotian coach Saythong Syphasay, who before the tournament had said he was concerned that his side's poor fitness might cost them a place in the final eight.

MNA/Reuters



Newcastle's Peter Ramage, right, challenges Arsenal's Emmanuel Adebayor for the ball during their English Premier League soccer match at The Emirates Stadium, London, on 18 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Brazilians in fuss over claim puppies born to cat

PASSO FUNDO (Brazil), 19 Nov — Geneticist Adil Pacheco took blood samples on Friday from three puppies in a poor neighbourhood in Passo Fundo in southern Brazil to settle a dispute over a claim they were born from a cat.

“It’s rather simple really. If the puppies prove to have 78 chromosomes, they are dogs. If they have 38, they are cats,” said Pacheco, director of the Institute of Biological Sciences of the University of Passo

Fundo. “But I seriously doubt they are feline. Every characteristic about them is canine.” Cassia Aparecida de Souza, 18, said her cat Mimi had given birth to the three puppies as well as three kittens, which

did not survive. And she, her husband Rogerio Jorge da Silva, 26, and several others in the town believe a neighbourhood mut named dog is the father of Mimi’s pups. When news of the spectacular claim spread

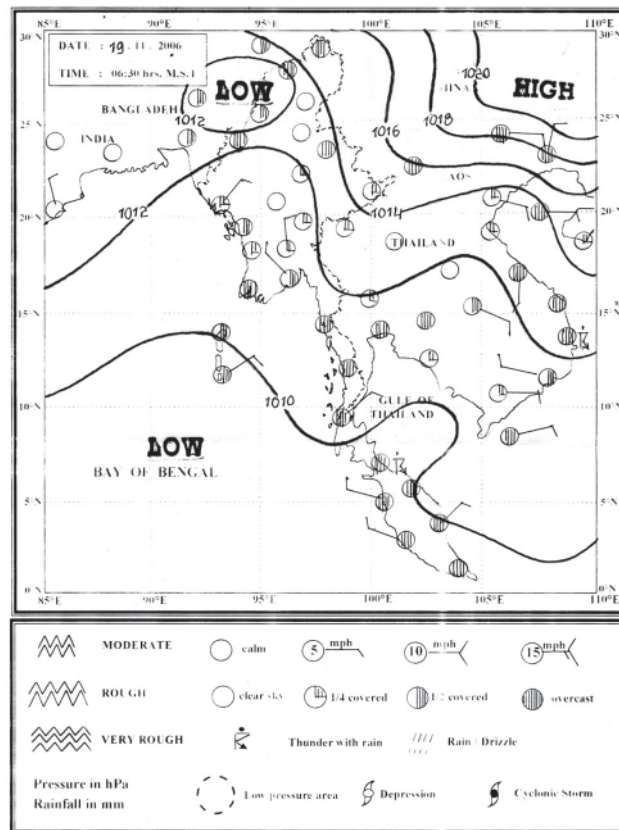
in the Brazilian media, some local newspapers accused the poor couple, who are expecting their first child in a few months, of fraud and said they were simply trying to make money off a hoax.

“I feel indignant at such accusations,” da Silva said.

Pacheco said he was asked by a local newspaper to conduct the chromosome test, which should yield results on Tuesday.

“It’s not uncommon for mammals to nurse young from another species. The cat gave birth in a field and she likely inherited the puppies from a nearby female dog who had recently given birth,” he said. — MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 19 November, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Kachin and Kayah States, Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining states and divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Eastern Shan and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Haka (3°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Loikaw (0.15) inch.

Maximum temperature on 18-11-2006 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 19-11-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 19-11-2006 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 18-11-2006 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 19-11-2006 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 (6) mph from Northeast at 14:15 hours MST on 18-11-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the West Central Bay and South Bay and generally fair in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 20-11-2006: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin, State and Upper Sagaing Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperature in the eastern Myanmar areas.


Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 20-11-2006: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 20-11-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 20-11-2006: Generally fair weather.



A squirrel forages among the autumn leaves in St James’s Park in central London on 19 Nov, 2006. — INTERNET



Monday, 20 November
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>5. Song of national races</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>7. Cute little dancers</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>8. International news</p>	<p>8:45 am</p> <p>9. Grammar Made Easy</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. Practice in Reading</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. Dance variety</p> <p>5:10 pm</p> <p>6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား</p> <p>5:20 pm</p> <p>7. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ တောခေလှေ ကျေးလက်တေးသံများ</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>8. “ဆွေမျိုးတော်ပေမယ့်” (ဒုရဲမှူးတင်လင်း၊ ဆောင်းအိမ်ဖြူတန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)</p> <p>5:35 pm</p> <p>9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)</p>	<p>5:45 pm</p> <p>10. “စက်မှုဇုန်မှာ ကျွန်မ စက်ရုံ လာတည်တော့မယ်” (ဖြိုးငွေစိုး၊ မိုးဒီ၊ စောနိုင် (ရှမ်းပြည်)၊ သခင်၊ နှင်းဆီ၊ ခင်မိုးမိုးအေး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ရွှေ-သုတေသီ)</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>11. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>12. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm</p> <p>13. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၂၇)</p> <p>6:50 pm</p> <p>14. အလှရှာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်</p> <p>7:15 pm</p> <p>15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်ခြင်းနှင့်အတူ” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>16. News</p> <p>17. International news</p> <p>18. Weather report</p> <p>19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်” (အပိုင်း-၁)</p> <p>20. The next day’s programme</p>
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Monday, 20 November
Tune in today

<p>8:30 am Brief news</p> <p>8:35 am Music: -Give me love</p> <p>8:40 am Perspectives</p> <p>8:45 am Music: -Kissy Kissy</p> <p>8:50 am National news / Slogan</p> <p>9:00 am Music: -To me you’re everything</p> <p>9:05 am International news</p> <p>9:10 am Music: -Tic Tic Tac</p> <p>1:30 pm News / Slogan</p> <p>1:40pm Lunch time music: -In the beginning -Just the two of us -Walk on by -Miss you all over</p> <p>9:00 pm Spotlight on the star:</p> <p>9:10 pm Article</p> <p>9:20 pm Drug/Women Affairs</p> <p>9:35 pm Vocal gems -If only you were here -In our life time</p> <p>9:45 pm News / Slogan</p> <p>10:30 pm PEL</p>

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends launching of water supply facility, opening of Home for the Aged in Kungyangon

YANGON, 19 Nov — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony to launch water supply task that was held in conjunction with the opening ceremony of the Home for the Aged of Daedanaw Model Village in Kungyangon Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, departmental heads, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades, War Veterans Organization and guests.

Chairman of Kungyangon Township PDC U Kyaw Win and wellwisher U Ngwe Thaug formally opened the home for the aged. Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe formally unveiled the signboard of the home for the aged.

Next, the ceremony to hand over the plot for rural health care branch and ceremony to donate cash to the funds for the home for the aged followed.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects measures for supplying water to Kungyangon Township. — MNA

NC delegates visit Hlinethaya Industrial Zone

YANGON, 19 Nov—Under the arrangements of the Invitation and Accommodation Sub-Committee, the delegates to the National Convention visited the Hlinethaya Industrial Zone in Hlinethaya Township yesterday morning.

At Kanaung Hall, Chairman of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone Management Committee U Myat Thin Aung briefed them on salient points of the industrial zone.

Next, Managing Director of Fame Pharmaceutical Factory Dr Khin Maung Lwin explained matters on distribution and production of

medicines in line with ISO and presentation of the GMP certificate to the factory by the Ministry of Health in 2003, and replied to questions raised by the delegates. And the delegates viewed the production process of the factory.

Next, the delegates proceeded to Khaing Furniture Factory where they looked into the production of different kinds of furniture. At Ever November Garment Factory, they viewed the production of the garments as they were conducted round by Factory Manager U Kyaw Tint.

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Weather Forecast for (20-11-2006)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

Generally fair weather.

Yangon and neighbouring areas

Partly cloudy.

Mandalay and neighbouring areas

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Myanmar to produce bio-diesel from jatropha curcas

Article & photos by Thaug Win Bo

Prof. Mr Klaus Becker of Germany and party invited by Shwe Thanlwin Co and Mr Bernd Bieger of MAN Ferrostaal Industrieanlagen GmbH (Yangon Branch) conducted a presentation under the arrangements of the Myanmar Industrial Development Committee at the Traders Hotel in Yangon on 18 November.

Today, the world is facing insufficient supply of fuel, and many countries are seeking new means to cope with the global issue.

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U Moe Kyaw of Shwe Thanlwin Company makes clarification on production process of jatropha curcas (physic nut) oil and bio-diesel.

