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Curriculum Vitae of His Excellency General Surayud Chulanont, Prime Minister of Thailand



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NAY PYI TAW, 23 Nov — His Excellency General Surayud Chulanont was born on 28 August 1943. He attended the Royal Thai Military Academy, the Infantry Center School and the Joint Staff College of Thailand. He also attended the Joint Staff College and the Resource Management Program, Ministry of Defence in the United States of America. In 1993, he attended the National Defence College of Thailand.

As a career in the Army, he served as Commanding

General of the Special Warfare Command, Commanding General of the Second Army Area, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Army and retired as Supreme Commander in 2003. He became a member of the Executive Committee of the Anandamahidol Foundation in 2003 and has been serving as Privy Councillor since 14 November 2003. He was appointed as the 24th Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand on 1 October 2006. He is married to Khunying Chitravadee Chulanont.— MNA

Plans made to put 200,000 acres of land under sugarcane and tapioca along Myitkyina-Tanai Road

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with responsible personnel of the SPDC Office and departmental heads left Mandalay for Myitkyina by air on 18 November.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party were welcomed at Myitkyina Airport by Deputy Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen San Tun, senior military officers and departmental heads.

The next day, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Dunban Bridge construction project on Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai Road section at the mile post No 60/0 near Dunban Village, Phakant Township.

At the briefing hall of Dunban Bridge construction project, Engineer U L Htein Nan of Bridge Construction Special Group-15 of Public Works briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint on progress in building of the approach structure, concrete laying tasks at No 1 pier and



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects Tanai Township Hospital in Tanai. — MNA

future tasks.

Next, Deputy Chief Engineer U Kyu Hin gave a supplementary report. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected progress in building of the approach structure and concrete laying tasks at No 1 pier. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged responsible personnel to strive for timely completion of the bridge and to meet the set standards. It is an important bridge for the region, he said.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets secretaries and executives of Monghsat District and Township USDAs

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, together with patron of Shan State (East) USDA Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, met with secretaries and executives of Monghsat District and Township USDAs at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Monghsat on 20 November.

At the Women's Vocational Training School in Monghsat, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win urged local authorities to provide assistance to trainees from remote areas, and the trainees to try their best at the courses. Next, he presented cash assistance to the trainees.

He proceeded to the agricultural farm of the poppy-substitute cultivation project in Wamhong. U Kyaw Naing of the local national race group reported on growing of rubber, honey orange and paddy, livestock breeding tasks and distribution of agricultural produce. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win urged them to extend rubber and tea plantations and poppy-substitute crops.

A total of 10,000 acres of land have been put under rubber and 300 acres under honey orange in Wamhong region. Cattle and pig are being raised.

Afterwards, they inspected maintenance of bridges along Monghsat-Tachilek Road.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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New roads and bridges: the results of peace and stability

Peace and stability, improvement in transport, richness in natural resources and smooth flow of goods are the basic requirements for socio-economic progress.

Kachin State is in the northernmost part of Myanmar and rich in natural resources. As the requirements for regional peace and stability are being fulfilled and transport infrastructure is being built, the region has become more and more developed year after year.

In the past, people had to rely on the air transport to travel or deliver goods from Myitkyina to Putao. Now people can travel and deliver goods from Myitkyina to Putao by car.

The Phonin Bridge on Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao road constructed by the Ministry of Construction was opened on 18 November. It is a reinforced concrete bridge, 235 feet long.

The Phonin Bridge is the 200th of the bridges 180 feet and above long constructed by the Ministry of Construction in the whole nation and the 42nd in Kachin State. There are 1,652 miles of road in the state and the 200-mile Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao road is being upgraded in order that it is negotiable in all weathers. Completion of the Phonin Bridge will facilitate the transport in the region.

Nowadays, the whole nation is enjoying the fruits of development and, the more roads and bridges are constructed, the better the socio-economic life of the people will become.



A representative of Japan's Grassroots Grant Assistance hands over US \$ 92,238 to Director of Health Department Dr Kyaw Lin at North Okkalapa General Hospital in Yangon on 21 November 2006. Japan's Grassroots Grant Assistance donated cash to the hospital to buy medical equipment for eye surgery.

TOWNSHIP IPRD

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

Desks donated to schools in Tatkon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov— CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe attended a ceremony to donate desks to 10 Basic Education Primary Schools in Tatkon Township at the Township Peace and Development Council office this afternoon.

First, the CEC member gave a speech.

Secretary of Pyinmana District USDA U Khin Maung Htay handed over the documents to Secretary of the township USDA U Pe Arnt Maung.



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe donates desks and benches to primary schools in Tatkon Township through officials. — MNA

Next, the Minister, the Chairman of Tatkon Township Peace and Development Council and

the Secretary of Pyinmana District USDA presented 70 desks to headmasters. Next, Ywathit

BEPS Headmistress Daw Khin Mar Swe thanked for the donations.

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Discussions held for industrial development



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun meeting with departmental officials and businessmen. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun held a meeting with departmental officials of departments and enterprises under the ministry and entrepreneurs at the ministry here yesterday.

The minister in his speech said that the ministry is providing necessary assistance for the national entrepreneurs for promotion of their efficiency and exempting them from paying taxes based on kinds and conditions of their enterprises. It is also giving them exemption from taxes for the industrial development.

He nudged the entrepreneurs into making suggestions and holding discussions. He said he believed that they will bring good results for boosting production, export promotion and commercial development.

Director-General U Hsan Tun of the Internal Revenue Department gave an account of the meas-

ures taken for the convenience of the entrepreneurs in dealing with the procedures on tax.

The entrepreneurs raised queries and reported on their requirements.

The minister assessed their reports and suggestions. —MNA

Basic Refresher Golf Course to be conducted

YANGON, 22 Nov — Myanmar Golf Driving Range on Kyaukyedwin Road in Mayangon Township and Golf Academy of Han Golf Masters is conducting youth refresher golf courses during holidays. They will open a basic golf refresher course two times per week on Saturdays and Sundays starting from 25 November.

Those wishing to attend the course may enlist at Myanmar Golf Driving Range (Tel 01-706788).

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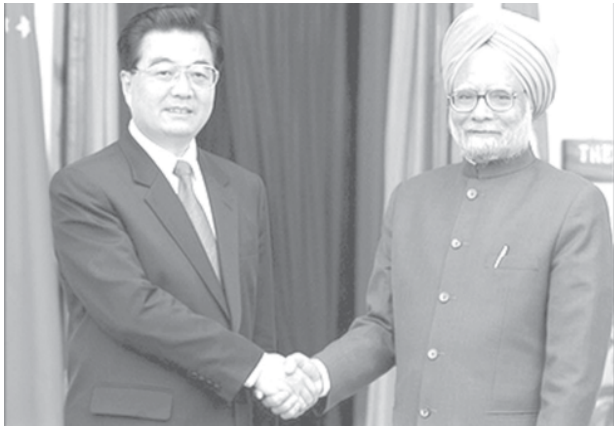
Chinese President starts state visit to India

NEW DELHI, 21 Nov— Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived here on Monday for a state visit as guest of Indian President Abdul Kalam.

between the two peoples dated back to ancient times. In recent years, he said, China-India relations had maintained sound momentum of all-round

Both China and India were large developing countries, and good-neighbourliness and friendly cooperation between China and India both benefited the two peoples and contributed to peace and development in Asia and beyond, Hu said.

He said "this visit was to enhance friendship, increase mutual trust, strengthen cooperation and chart the course for our future relations". Hu looked forward to in-depth exchanges of views with Indian leaders and public representatives on bilateral relations, as well as international and regional issues of mutual interest.—MNA/Xinhua

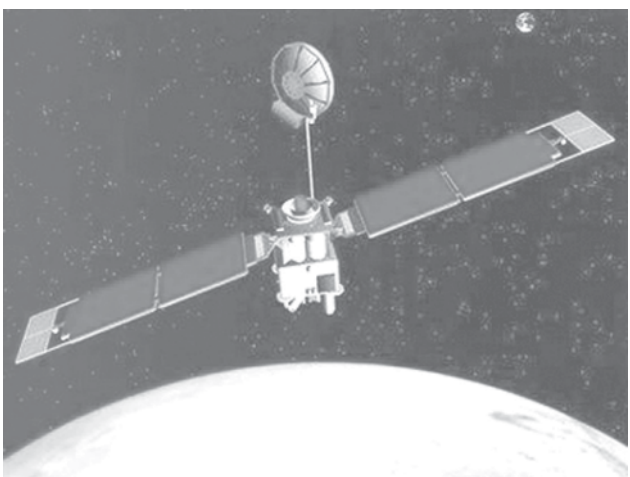


Chinese President Hu Jintao(L) shakes hands with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh prior to a delegation level meeting in New Delhi.—INTERNET

This is the first visit to India by a Chinese Head of State in 10 years.

In a written statement delivered upon his arrival at the airport, Hu said China and India were close neighbours, and the friendly exchanges

growth, marked by strengthened mutual political trust, expanded mutually beneficial cooperation, broadened friendly exchanges and good coordination in international and regional affairs.



An artist's rendition of the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft as it nears the planet Mars is shown in this undated photograph released on 11 Sept, 1997. NASA scientists conceded on 21 Nov, 2006 that the 10-year-old Mars Global Surveyor is probably lost in space after the US agency tried unsuccessfully for two weeks to contact the probe.—INTERNET

Indonesian train derailment kills at least eight

JAKARTA, 21 Nov— The last carriage of an Indonesian train plunged into a river on the island of Sumatra on Monday, killing at least eight people and injuring nearly 40, hospital officials and the Antara news agency said.

The accident happened 6 kilometres (3.7 miles) outside the town of Lubuk Linggau in South Sumatra Province after the train passed a small bridge, Antara reported.

Erlansi, the head of the railway company in South Sumatra, was quoted by Antara as saying two coaches derailed and one of them fell into the river, killing nine people. Hospital officials told Reuters eight people had died and 38 were injured.—MNA/Reuters

Remains of 2,500-year-old cities discovered in N-W China

LANZHOU, 21 Nov— Chinese archaeologists have discovered remains of walls of three ancient cities dating back between 3,100 and 2,500 years ago in northwest China's Gansu Province.

The remains were discovered in Xishan, Dabaozishan and Shanping, three different sites near the Lixian County seat of Gansu. They could be traced back to the Western Zhou Dynasty (1,100 BC - 771 BC) and the Spring and Autumn

Period (770 BC - 476 BC).

The sites of Xishan and Dabaozishan cover an area of about 100,000 square metres and 250,000 square metres respectively. The remains of the earthen city wall of the three sites were two to three metres high, and 300 to 1,200 metres long.

"Although they have been seriously damaged, the walls can tell us a lot about the production and life of the people prior to the Qin Dynasty (221 BC - 206 BC), the first united kingdom of China," said Wang Hui,

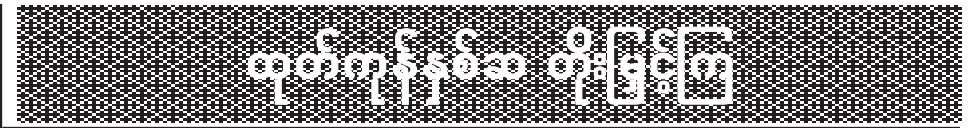
deputy director of the Gansu Provincial Archaeological and Research Institute.

Historical research showed that the Qin Dynasty people mainly lived in the eastern areas of Gansu Province before moving east and building the kingdom with its capital in Xianyang, which is near modern-day Xi'an. The new discoveries will be of value to the study of the ancestors of the Qin Dynasty, according to Wang.

MNA/Xinhua



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, a doctor makes a medical check-up for a baby who was born with her legs joined together at the Children's Hospital in south China's Hunan Province on 21 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET



Steve Milton, creator of the world's largest rubberband ball, celebrates the official weight during a weigh-in certified by the Guinness Book of World Records in Chicago on 21 Nov, 2006. The 4,594 pound (2,094 kg) ball beat the previous record of 3,120.—INTERNET

Canadians travelling overseas reaches record high

OTTAWA, 21 Nov— Canadians set a record high for travel to overseas countries in September, with 576,000 trips in the month, the year's seventh record high, according to a report by the Canadian Press on Monday.

But travel to Canada from abroad fell in almost every category as the Canadian dollar gained strength against its US counterpart and other foreign currencies. The number of travellers from overseas countries to Canada declined 0.8 per cent in September compared to August.

The number of visitors from Japan fell 9.6 per cent, the largest decrease, while a record-high 14,000 visitors arrived from China, up 13.7 per cent, the biggest increase.

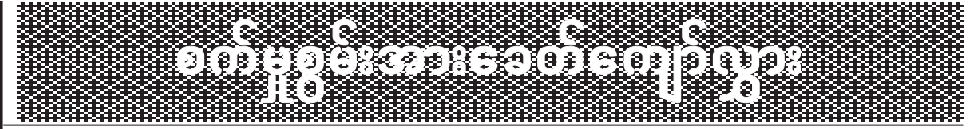
Travel from the United States also fell in September, as fewer than 2.4 million Americans took trips to Canada, down 0.6 per cent. Same-day car travel by US residents to Canada continued its downward slide as only 1.1 million people took trips in September, down 0.9 per cent from August, the year's seventh monthly decrease and another record low.

MNA/Xinhua



Cambodian workers work on a billboard of Angkor-Gyeongju World Culture Expo in Siem Reap Province, 186 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, on 20 Nov, 2006. Cambodia will host Angkor-Gyeongju World Culture Expo 2006 for 50 days from 21 Nov to 9 Jan, 2007.

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Nanjing's subway line to be extended

NANJING, 21 Nov — Preliminary work started on an 18-kilometre extension of the only subway line in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on Monday.

"Construction will begin before the end of the year if the geological studies prove the extension can be accommodated," said a spokesman for the Nanjing city government.

The extension will run from Andemen, currently the southern terminus of

the No1 north-south subway, southward toward Jiangning University.

The line will cost 6.92 billion yuan (about 865 million US dollars) and will have 12 stops.

"All the subway stops and other civil engineering work are expected to be finished by August 2008 if everything goes to plan, and the entire project will be finished and put into service on 1 December, 2009," said the spokesman.

The No 1 north-south subway in Nanjing began operation in September 2005.

With a length of 21.72 kilometres and 16 stops, the subway cost 8.5 billion yuan (1.06 billion US dollars).

Industry experts said that the completion of the planned subway extension project would alleviate traffic congestion in the southeastern part of the city. Construction of the east-west No 2 subway is also in progress.

MNA/Xinhua

Red Cross conference opens in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 21 Nov — The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies kicked off its four-day conference here on Monday, attracting some 200 delegates from all over the world.

Held once every four years, this year's conference will focus on three main topics: disaster management, health and care and resource and capacity building.

Addressing at the opening ceremony, Jacques Forster, vice-president of the

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), emphasized the important role of the national Red Cross societies in their home countries in being more responsive to changing environments and disasters.

He pointed out that the national Red Cross must act strictly in a neutral and independent way to maintain credibility and ensure the delivery of aid to victims.

Singapore's Health Minister Khaw Boon Wan, who opened the conference, stressed the

need for the Red Cross to remain relevant to society amidst changes.

"The National Red Cross and Red Crescent societies have an important role in assisting the government and community to prepare for and deal with these challenges," said Khaw.

The conference will also set the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's humanitarian agenda for Asia and the Pacific and the Middle East until the end of the decade.

MNA/Xinhua

Annan urges action on biological weapon threat

GENEVA, 21 Nov — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan called on Monday for stronger efforts to protect the world against biological weapons, which he said pose a growing threat due to advances in science and technology.

Annan told the Geneva-based Convention on Biological Weapons (BWC) that awareness of the dangers had been heightened by the twin global focus on terrorism and natural diseases such as bird flu, two scourges which could be combined as biological weapons.

The time had come to "take further steps to ensure that the Convention will con-

tinue to serve as an effective barrier against biological weapons," Annan said in a speech to the BWC's sixth review conference.

In the five years since the previous review, countries had agreed on tighter security rules for dealing with dangerous pathogens and strengthened surveillance of potential disease outbreaks, he said.

But biological science and technology had also made huge strides in that time, "promising enormous benefits for human development, but also posing potential risks," he said.

Annan said the 31-year-old Convention, with its emphasis on preventing states from

developing biological weaponry, could not provide total protection on its own. Terrorism and crime at the non-state and individual level also had to be addressed.

MNA/Reuters

Two US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 Nov — One American soldier and a Marine were killed in two attacks in Iraq over the weekend, the US military said on Monday.

A soldier, assigned to the 89th Military Police Brigade, was killed due to injuries sustained when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device southeastern Baghdad at approximately 8 pm on Saturday, the military said in a statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Carrie Underwood holds the award for favourite breakthrough new artist at the 2006 American Music Awards in Los Angeles on 21 Nov, 2006.



Georgia wants Russia in WTO

OSLO, 21 Nov — Georgia wants Russia to join the World Trade Organization because it

wants a neighbour that obeys established international rules of trade, Georgia's Foreign Minister Gela Bezhushvili said on Monday.

Georgian officials have threatened to veto Russia's WTO bid after Moscow imposed a trade blockade on its southern neighbour and Kremlin-controlled gas giant Gazprom said it will hike the price for gas sold to Georgia in 2007 to 230 US dollars per 1,000 cubic metres from 110 US dollars now.

But officials have since softened their positions.

MNA/Reuters



A museum employee walks up a stairway framed by Andy Warhol's cow wallpaper during the Press preview of the Lewis B and Dorothy Cullman Education and Research building at the Museum of Modern Art on Tuesday, 21 Nov, 2006 in New York. — INTERNET

Vietnam to build 17 thermoelectric plants in southern region

HANOI, 21 Nov— Vietnam's biggest electricity producer and sole distributor is planning to build 17 coal-fired power plants in the southern region between 2010 and 2020, according to local newspaper *Labour* on Tuesday.

The plants with combined capacity of 11,000 megawatts to be built by the state-owned Electricity of Vietnam (EVN) will increase the total capacity

of the region's electricity system to 25,112 megawatts in 2020.

Most of the power plants are scheduled to be built in the provinces of Tra Vinh, Soc Trang, Dong Nai and Binh Thuan. The smallest plant will have capacity of 600 megawatts.

To cope with the potential power shortage partly fuelled by increasing electricity

demand, Vietnam is upgrading and facilitating construction of power plants, buying more electricity from China, and calling for individuals and organizations to save power, the state-owned corporation said.

Vietnam's electricity demand is forecast to annually grow 15-16 per cent until 2010, according to the country's Industry Ministry. Vietnam plans to increase its electricity capacity to 25,000-26,000 megawatts in 2010 from 11,400 megawatts in 2005, meeting demand for its socio-economic development.

MNA/Xinhua

Putin promotes Russian trade in Vietnam

HANOI, 21 Nov — President Vladimir Putin moved from diplomacy to promoting Russian economic interests in Vietnam, which used to be a major Moscow ally, and held out the prospect on Monday of billions of dollars in investment.

Putin, who took part in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Hanoi last week, met Vietnamese President Nguyen Minh Triet, Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung and Communist Party leader Nong Duc Manh.

In a ceremony recalling the days when the Soviet Union armed North Vietnam to fight the United States and helped reconstruct the country after the war, Putin and Triet gave awards to Russian and Vietnamese employees of joint oil venture Vietsovpetro.

Russian and Vietnamese Orders of Friendship handed out to company executives and workers in the presidential palace were clearly intended to show bilateral ties have gained some of the warmth lost in the first post-Soviet decade. "We have fulfilled the task of expanding our trade and economic relations," Putin, who first visited Vietnam in 2001 to end a lull in relations, told a news conference. "Their volume has grown three-fold."

Trade turnover between Russia and Vietnam stands at about one billion US dollars a year. Putin and Triet signed a declaration, committing themselves to extending the existence of Vietsovpetro beyond 2010 when an agreement expires. A spokesman for Russia's giant Gazprom, which is exploring an offshore field south of Hanoi, told reporters the company could also take part in delivering gas to clients in Vietnam.— MNA/Reuters



Actor Andy Lau (L) from China's Hong Kong and actress Fan Bingbing (R) from Mainland China attend the premiere ceremony of their latest movie "A Battle of Wits" in Hong Kong, on 20 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Bodies from Indonesian plane crash evacuated

JAKARTA, 21 Nov — The Indonesian rescue team on Monday evacuated the bodies of all 12 passengers and crews of a plane that crashed on

Friday in the most remote province of Papua.

Two helicopters were sent to support the evacuation, which was delayed for two days due to bad weather, police said from the scene.

"The weather is perfect today, no wind no fog. The evacuated process was completed in just two hours," Papua police

spokesman Senior Commander Kartono was quoted by the Detikcom news website as saying.

The *Twin Otter* plane belonging to the Trigana Air Service was reported missing on Friday during a short-distance trip in Puncak Jaya regency, around 3,600 kilometres east of Jakarta.

MNA/Xinhua



A model presents a creation by Chinese designer Mark Cheung with the theme 'Tibet' at China Fashion Week in Beijing on 21 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

S Korea's "AIDS" cases rise 13% in 2006

SEOUL, 21 Nov— South Korea's cases of AIDS infection rose 13 per cent in the first nine months of this year from a year ago, mainly caused by unsafe sex, said the state-run Korean Centre for Disease Control and Prevention on Monday.

According to the centre, a total of 572 people were newly infected with HIV from January to September, while 506 cases were confirmed during the same period last year.

Among the newly infected in the January-September period, 527 were men, it added.

The centre said the rise in AIDS infection was largely due to unsafe sexual intercourse.

MNA/Xinhua



Brutus, a four-and-a-half-year-old grizzly bear, attends Thanksgiving dinner at the Montana Grizzly Encounter, a bear rescue and educational facility, in Bozeman, Montana in this publicity photo released to Reuters on 21 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Chinese Vice-Premier stresses oil alternative development

BEIJING, 21 Nov — The Chinese Government is to promote the large-scale application of the oil alternative "gasohol" to alleviate its energy shortage, said Vice Premier Zeng Peiyan here on Monday.

Gasohol is a fuel mixture of 90 per cent gasoline and 10 per cent

ethanol, which can be mass-produced by fermentation of sugar or starch.

At a State Council meeting to discuss the development of energy substitutes, Zeng said the government would raise the proportion of alternative energies in the total energy consumption.

Projects covering liquefied coal, bio-diesel, marsh gas, solar energy, wind power, and hydropower would also be encouraged, he said.

The government would give more support in taxation and loans to ensure the rapid development of these sectors, said Zeng.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors view a Chery Fulwin II at the Beijing International Automotive Exhibition on 22 Nov, 2006. China's Chery Automobile will set up a joint venture with Johnson Controls Inc of the US to make auto interiors, state media said.—INTERNET

Fresh duck eggs found to contain Sudan dye in S-E China

FUZHOU, 21 Nov — More red-yolk duck eggs containing the carcinogenic red dye Sudan Red IV have been found in some provinces and cities including Beijing, according to local food security office on Monday.

The eggs were found to have been produced by Sanhu Eggs Co Ltd, based in East China's Jiangsu Province, sparking fears that the cancer-causing dye is in wider use than first thought.

Last week, 1,159 kilograms of red-yolk eggs, all produced in neighbouring Hebei Province, were seized in the capital and the sale of the eggs from the province was banned.

The news comes on the heels of reports that the dye has also been detected in over 6,000 chicken eggs on sale in two Metro and Carrefour supermarkets in

Southeast China's Fujian Province. The provincial administration of quality supervision said the harmful substance was as high as 0.3 milligrammes per kilogramme.

The eggs, which have been taken off from shelves, were produced by the Shendan Health Food Co Ltd in the central province of Hubei. The

dye has also been found in red-yolk salted duck eggs in Zhejiang.

Last year, the Ministry of Agriculture reiterated the ban on production, sale and use of Sudan dyes in food, after it was found in some brands of pepper sauce, chilli oil and KFC's New Orleans roast chicken wings.

MNA/Xinhua



A man from the local environmental protection department collects sample from the Yellow River in Lanzhou, capital of northwest China's Gansu Province on 21 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

Shandong Province bans sales of contaminated fish

JINAN, 21 Nov — East China's Shandong Province has banned the sales of turbot containing excessive amounts of banned chemical carcinogens that were purposefully fed by fish farmers.

Shandong, a major turbot producing area, has urged local authorities to ban feeding turbot and other fish banned medicines and foodstuffs in a bid to ensure food safety. It has also called on local authorities to trace contaminated fish and crank up inspection efforts in the raising, transportation, storage and sales of turbot and other fish. The Shanghai food and drug administration announced Friday it detected excessive residue including nitrofurans and chloramphenicol in 30 samples of turbot. The chemicals are known as cancer causing agents.

Fish markets, shopping malls, and hotels have stopped selling turbot following government warnings.

Due to their low resistance to disease, the fish,

introduced from Europe in the 1990s, are sometimes fed large quantities of medicinal supplements, which leave harmful, cancer causing residue in their flesh.

The State Food and Drug Administration has ordered local offices and authorities in coastal areas including Shandong, Jiangsu, Hebei, Zhejiang, Fujian, Guangdong, Liaoning, and Tianjin to closely monitor the case and aquaculture. China is currently saddled with severe food security problems as problematic food products continue to be banned. Recent cases include parasite-infested snails, steroid-tainted pork and ducks that were fed a cancer-causing dye to make their yolks red.

MNA/Xinhua

Specialists from seven nations gather in Beijing to discuss Olympics security

BEIJING, 21 Nov— Experts from seven nations gathered at a Beijing conference Monday, contributing their ideas on security and counter-terrorism for the upcoming 2008 Olympics.

International terrorism, highly-organized transnational crime and security issues for large-scale sports events are on the agenda for the conference, which is cosponsored by the Beijing Olympics security headquarters and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, said Ma Zhenchuan, director of the Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau.

Ma said Beijing has been updating police work

and police methods, improving equipment and boosting the overall quality of police, in anticipation of the Olympic Games.

He said Beijing police will actively cooperate and communicate with international experts and establish advanced security mechanisms.

UN Deputy Secretary-General David Veness said he appreciated China's goal of a "safe Olympics".

"We have seen tragedies occur at some sports events in recent years and do not want that to happen in Beijing," said Veness. He hoped that Beijing could draw some valuable lessons from the conference. "China has already cooperated extensively with our organization and we have witnessed the huge efforts made by China over the past few years," said the official.

MNA/Xinhua

S Korea, Cambodia sign agreements to improve bilateral ties

PHNOM PENH, 21 Nov— Cambodia and South Korea governments signed three agreements here on Monday to upgrade their cooperation in visa waiver, labour exchange and improvement of Cambodia's information and road systems, said Khieu Kanharith, Cambodian government spokesman and Minister of Information.

The agreements were signed after Prime Minister Hun Sen met visiting South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun

at the Council of Ministers, said Kanharith at a Press conference held thereafter.

Under the agreements, more Cambodians will be allowed to work in South Korea, visa requirements will be waived for diplomats and government officials from both countries, and South Korea will provide 30 million US dollars of loan for Cambodia to con-

struct its provincial administration information system and 41.5 million US dollars of loan to build National Road No 3, he said, adding that all these loans have 0.5 per cent of interest rate.

The agreements will strengthen the bilateral ties and cooperation between the two countries, the minister added.

MNA/Xinhua



Policemen secure the scene of a roadside bomb attack in Baghdad on 21 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

Trickery employed by opportunists

Aung Ze Min

Uncle Tin and Uncle Maung of Peinhnegon Village in Kawhmu Township, Yangon Division, paid a visit to my house in one morning recently. They said that they came to me in the early morning because a light-offering ceremony would be held in their village and so they had to return home by 2 pm the same day.

They take interest in the affairs of the State, and I perceived that they wanted to pour out their hearts to me. Our family offered tea and snacks as breakfast to them.

Having tea, Uncle Tin said, "When our hearts are filled with feelings and emotions, we should unburden ourselves to a writer like you so that our views will be known to people at home and abroad. The purpose of our discussions is just to let the people know the prevailing situations of our nation as they really are. Last week, the foreign radio stations that are followers of certain western countries aired a news story about the death of a young man Thet Win Aung in the jail, and they variously expressed their condolences and honour to him as if it were the death of a national leader. And they compared him with Bogyoke Aung San, and that is unacceptable to us. We are not happy with the death of anyone. But, I thought it was unreasonable to compare the death of an ordinary young man with that of a national leader. Then, I said to an NLD member living in our village that the case was unreasonable. He said to me, "Well, uncle, whoever a dead person is, we have to exaggerate the news to make it known to the world, it is a political attack on the government. We have to arouse public outrage so that the people will stage protests at the government. If we are permitted to convey the body of Thet Win Aung to Yangon, we members will incite mass demonstrations carrying the corpse".

If they continue to play such tricks, there won't be a grain of truth in whatever they say. In future, they will continue to make a mountain out of a molehill for political gains. Regarding the death of Thet Win Aung, his father U Win Maung in an interview with BBC said that according to the medical records, the case might be congestive cardiomyopathy. I also learnt that he received medical treatment in the jail hospital. But, western countries' follower radio stations such as BBC, VOA and RFA exaggerated the news to mislead the people into believing that the government was responsible for his death. There were cases that politicians died receiving medical treatments while serving their prison terms in the time of the Socialist Programme Party, and there were similar cases in the western countries. But, it is apparent that their exaggeration is just a political attack on the government, but not their sympathy for him. They should never commit such an awful act.

Uncle Maung: The western radio stations aired that the west bloc presented public hero award to a young woman of Htanmanaing Village in Kawhmu Township for filing lawsuit that led to prison terms to some members of the ward Peace and Development Council. She is only a common village girl. She is not an educated person. She does not have much knowledge. But, due to the prize the west bloc presented to her, now she feels uneasy. I know her very well because we live in the same locality. Today, the Tatmadaw government has given priority to community peace and prevalence of law and order. It takes action against a person in accordance with the law who has committed a crime. So, peace has been restored across the nation. Supposing anyone who files a lawsuit that makes such persons serve prison terms deserves an award, there are many persons like her. In some townships, even chairmen of township PDCs were sentenced to prison terms due to the complaints. It is known to all that the government is serving the public interest in accordance with the law. In

our country, every citizen has the right to file a complaint against anyone who committed a crime, and to claim his grievance. Now, the west bloc is awarding some people in our country, and indeed such a clever act is just to sow discord between the government and the people. The prize winners know that point very well, but they have come under the influence of the prizes, and they have to express their anti-government activities to the liking of their foreign masters. As a matter of fact, they are just naive people. Why the foreign masters are inciting hatred between the government and the people is just to help their lackeys come to power. It was evident considering the economic sanctions they imposed against Myanmar, the news stories they made up variously, and the attempt they made to put Myanmar affairs on the agenda of the UN Security Council. Such unfair acts are completely intolerable. So, I would say that a person who says he really loves the motherland should give up the policy of relying on external elements and entertaining negative attitude, he should no longer attempt to directly copy the democracy of the western countries, and should not fulfil the instructions of the alien masters, nor should he harm the interests of the nation.

Uncle Tin: I notice that these days, newspapers report the news that party members are resigning from the NLD. I am pleased with and welcome such news because they managed to throw off the domination of the policy of relying on external elements, and confrontation against the government, and wrong beliefs. Why should the solidarity of national races be broken up by the wedge driven by alien elements? Even national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold and joined hands with the government in the regional and national development tasks. The representatives of all national races are now holding discussions at the National Convention to shape the future democratic nation. Now, the seven-step Road Map is in the process of being implemented for building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The people will have a clear outlook in the prevailing political developments due to the resignation of NLD members reported in the newspapers. And they have an opportunity to participate in the nation-building tasks. If so, such performances will further strengthen friendly relations between national races. Some asked why the newspapers featured the news of the resignation of NLD members. Such persons who had been under the influence of the policy of relying on external elements and entertaining negative view for over 16 years even deserved worthy of praise, let alone reporting in the newspapers.

News agencies of the West bloc are saying that NLD members are quitting their party out of government pressure. The NLD headquarters is also echoing the view. NLD is a legal party. Members may remain in the party if they wish. And the party still has members. The members will quit if they do not see any good cause. No one can organize them. Even the members of armed groups in the jungles have come back to the legal fold. They have made peace and joined hands with the government. Only some elements and groups who cannot see their fault are left behind in the wrong course.

Uncle Maung: At an international conference on human resources held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 17 September 1994, the then Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed warned participants about the dangers of Western democracy.

He said that they should not listen to the definition of the democracies of the Western nations; that democratization going extreme would cause political instability, economic hardships, cultural deterioration and poverty; that the countries might face Western

pressures and threats if they were in such a situation; and that democracy without limits will ruin society to the level of facing sodomy, corruption, bribery and families raised by one parent.

Mahathir also said that democracy would be excellent if people knew its true definition and how to practise it; that democracy would become a very bad system if it could not be exercised properly; and that democracy did not mean unruly demonstrations as staged in some nations in which cars were torched and houses destroyed,

Members of the '88' generation students launched the signature campaign and the White Expression campaign to instigate the public. And when the campaigns produced no results at all, they tried to organize the public into participating in their prayer campaign if the people supported the three demands. BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB under the influence of the West announced that the ceremony would be held from 29 October to 4 November. They were so clever and tricky enough to tell Muslims to conduct prayer services at the mosques and Christians at churches. Tazaungmon is an auspicious month of the Myanmar Buddhists. They visit pagodas and monasteries to do meritorious deeds and hold Kathina festivals to make offerings to the members of the Sangha during the month. Pagodas including the Shwedagon in Yangon are thronged with large crowds of people on the Full Moon Day of Tazaungmon. Myanmar hold the Tazaungdine light festival on the day before the Full Moon Day, on the Full Moon Day and on the day after the Full Moon Day. Every Friday almost all the Muslims go to the mosques and every Sunday, Christians to churches to say prayers. The government should prohibit such persons from exploiting the religion in launching their propaganda campaign. The campaign is like a cheap joke asking women to wear hta-main (a skirt-like garment). They were disturbing people who did not support them. They were trying to abuse religion with slogans — national reconciliation and loving-kindness.

The '88' generation students said that they were collecting petitions for the release of Daw Suu Kyi and '88' generation students and politicians. The government made no attempts to stop their campaign. BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB boasted that the campaign collected over 500,000 signatures. But when I asked an NLD member about the campaign, he told me that the petition included fake signatures and signatures without names and addresses, adding, some of the signatures were collected through tricks. "No one is going to inspect the signatures", he said.

He continued to say that the main thing was to win public interest and international support. He said that the important point was to launch a propaganda campaign through internal and external connections for the UNSC to take action against Myanmar. The dailies featured news reports on the collection of phoney signatures of the people including the members of the Sangha.

Their campaign would have a boomerang effect. Myanmar has a population of over 55 million. They are like admitting that only few people have supported them. The campaign in reality is a self-seeking political venture. Such a trick to make political gains may destroy peace and stability. Hence, in my view, the government should act in time to stop their political stunt. Both men drew a conclusion that the alliance of the NLD and the '88' generation students were ignoring the interest of the entire nation for the sake of their self-seeking political stunt. Uncle Tin and Uncle Maung left after the conversation.

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Plans made to put 200,000 acres of land under...

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During a meeting with officers, other ranks and their families at Dunban Station, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on success to be achieved in agriculture and livestock breeding sectors and cordially greeted them.

Upon arrival at Yuzana all-round farming project of Yuzana Company at mile post No 98 on Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai road section, Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into reclamation of land to cultivate sugarcane and land preparation with the use of heavy machinery. Next, U Htay Myint and responsible personnel of Yuzana Company conducted Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party around the project site.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party oversaw cultivation of sugarcane and grew a sugarcane plant. At the briefing hall, U Htay Myint briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on reclamation of land, preparation for growing sugarcane and tapioca, strength of labourers and future tasks. In connection with the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions, attended to the needs and inspected land preparation at the mile post No 102 on Myitkyina-Tanai road section.

Yuzana all-round farming project has planned to reclaim the farmland between mile post No 74 and No 90, and No 98 and No 114 on Myitkyina-Tanai road section and cultivate sugarcane and tapioca on 200,000 acres of farmland.

At Hukaung Hall of Tanai, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party held a meeting with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people

and discussions on regional development tasks with them.

First, Chairman of Tanai PDC U Lwan Moe Han briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on efforts made in administration, economic and social welfare. Next, Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Tanai Station gave a supplementary report.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged departmental personnel to take cooperative measures with the local people and members of social organizations in the drive for regional development tasks.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected Tanai Township Hospital and met with officers, other ranks and their families at the hall of the station and gave instructions on growing of paddy and other crops and measures to be taken for regional development tasks. — MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein presents photo album on goodwill visit to Indian Air Chief Marshal SP Tyagi, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC, Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of the Air Staff. — MNA

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein...

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Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and their wives, Indian Ambassador to Union of Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra and Military Attaché Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra.

The goodwill delegation led by the Indian Air Chief Marshal and wife were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen

Myat Hein and wife Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife and senior military officers this morning.

Before their departure, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) presented the documentary photo album on goodwill visit to Myanmar to the Indian Air Chief Marshal.

The goodwill delegation left here by air for PyinOoLwin. — MNA



Ayeyawady one of six reliable...

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for economic growth. In the agriculture sector, pigeon pea is to be cultivated on western bank of Ngawun river and in Thalla region. As physic nut is being grown as a national duty, the division is to place emphasis on cultivation of physic nut meeting the target acreage. In the livestock breeding sector, fresh

water fish are to be bred in 110,000 acres of land. Poultry farming is also extended, and it is necessary to boost offshore and onshore fishing. Hence, departmental personnel and local people are to join hands for the economic growth and the increase of per capita income of the division.

At the poultry farm of the command headquarters, they inspected eggs, chickens and hatchery.

The poultry farm distributes chickens to regiments and units, Ayeyawady Division

Fisheries Association and entrepreneurs. They also inspected the livestock breeding production camp of the command headquarters. Afterwards, they viewed nurturing of 50,000 physic nut saplings and thriving 60 acres of physic nut.

At Bo Myat Tun Bridge, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on maintenance of the bridge and gave instructions on prevention against bank erosion and maintenance tasks. Next, they proceeded to Yangon in the evening. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence inspects physic nut plantation in South-West Command Headquarters. — MNA

Health care provided to prisoners at Mandalay Jail

YANGON, 22 Nov — Specialists and traditional medicine practitioners are providing health care services to prisoners at Mandalay Jail as and when necessary. They are providing treatments to the prisoners every Friday. — MNA

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt host dinner in honour of Indian Air Chief Marshal SP Tyagi, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC, Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of the Air Staff and wife and party at Shwe Nan Daw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence looks into plantation of poppy-substitute farming project in Wamhong region of Shan State (East).
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Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects progress of Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Kamakyi) construction project

YANGON, 22 Nov — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected progress of Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Kamakyi) being built by Public Works on Kamakyi Road in Thuwunna of Thingangyun Township this afternoon.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Lt-Gen Myint Swe heard reports on construction of the bridge and approach roads presented by Yangon Division Superintending Engineer U Soe Tint and Senior Engineer U Han Soe.

The commander and the mayor gave supplementary reports on construction of the roads and laying of water pipeline for supply of water to Thakayta Township.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence oversees progress in building of Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Kamakyi). — MNA

instructed officials to construct tarred road in time, lay the water pipeline on the bridge and dredge the drains.

Director of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Tun presented reports on digging of drains and construction of platforms and concrete roads.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint

Swe inspected building of the bridge, construction of the retaining walls, preparations for approach roads and laying of 16-inch water pipe lines, and left necessary instructions.

Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Kamakyi) is being built across Ngamoeyeik Creek to link Thuwunna of Thingangyun Township and Thakayta Township. The bridge will be 970 feet

long and it will have 48 feet motor road flanked by six feet wide pedestrian ways. Its clearance is 65 feet wide and 11 feet high. It can withstand 60-ton loads. At present, construction of the bridge has been completed by 90 per cent.

The approach road on Thuwunna will be 520 feet long and 400 feet long on Thakayta Township.

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Industry-1 Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov—Minister for Industry -I U Aung Thaung received President Ms Luo Yan of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd (CAMCE) of the People's Republic of China at his office here, yesterday.

Also present at the call were Directors-General and Managing Directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry.— MNA

Notice to mariners

YANGON, 22 Nov—Under the joint venture, the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and PTTEP International Ltd will launch their test drilling of oil wells at Mottama offshore oil field M-9 on 28 November.

The test drilling of oil well Zawtika-1A will be carried out at the coordinate between north latitude 14° 08' 36" and east longitude 95° 51' 25" from 28 November to 31 December 2006; oil well Ziawaka-2, between north latitude 14° 01' 43" and east longitude 95° 49' 24" from 1 January to 14 February 2007; oil well Prospect 063, between north latitude 14° 27' 48" and east longitude 95° 53' 00" from 15 March and 14 April 2007; and oil well Prospect C 010, between north latitude 14° 24' 20" and east longitude 95° 01' 24" from 15 February to 14 March 2007.

Therefore, during the period between 28 November 2006 and 31 July 2007, the vessels, large and small, are to ply in the waters at least four kilometers away from the oil drilling machine Doo Sung.—MNA



Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Kamakyi) construction is in progress. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Kaytumadi multi-purpose farm in Toungoo

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and officials, inspected thriving sugarcane plantations and reclamation of land with the help of machinery and tractors at Kaytumadi multi-purpose farm of Southern Command

Headquarters in Toungoo on 20 November.

At the briefing hall, the in-charge of the farm reported on background history of the farm, land area, progress of cultivation task in 2005-06 and arrangements to be carried out for 2006-07. Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko gave a supplementary report and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged them to extend more acres of thriving sugarcane in the region this year.

A total of 5,034 acres have been reclaimed out of 9,825 acres, and 1,681 acres of land have been put under

monsoon paddy, 1,598 acres of sugarcane and 1,450 acres of physic nut plants. Arrangements are being made for extended cultivation of summer paddy, edible oil crop, pulses and beans, kenaf and rubber. A total of 8,500 acres of sugarcane has been grown at Kaytumadi, Sabakywe and North Yekyi farms. Southern Command Headquarters plans to extend 1,500 acres of sugarcane to meet the target of 10,000 acres.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived back here this evening. — MNA

New administration system clarified in Myitkyina

YANGON, 22 Nov — A clarification on new administration system was made at the city hall in Myitkyina, Kachin State on 20 November.

Present were Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister

clarification on new administration system is very important for departments, social and local organizations that run administrative machinery and the people. Political, economic and social objectives have been laid down and efforts are being made for emergence of a modern,

Convention is in progress with the participation of national races in the Union and support of the entire people for emergence of a strong and enduring State Constitution, he said.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo made clarification on new administrative system. He presented uniforms for



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo clarifies new administrative system in Myitkyina.

HOME AFFAIRS

for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Director-General of Bureau of Special Investigation U Aung Saw Win, Director-General of General Administration Department U Myat Ko, Police Adjutant-General Police Brig-Gen Soe Win Myint, senior military officers, Secretary of Kachin State Peace and Development Council U Maung Maung Win and members, departmental officials, social organizations, chairmen of ward and village peace and development councils, entrepreneurs and guests.

In his address, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint said the

developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation, he said.

He said endeavours are being made to enable the country to stand tall in dignity among the nations of the world as a sovereign one and tasks for peace and stability and development are being carried out with national solidarity, the Union Spirit and patriotism.

He pointed out the importance of Our Three Main National Causes. Only when there is Our Three Main National Causes, will the nation be united, stable and peaceful. The seven-step Road Map has been laid down and the National

departments and regiments under the Ministry of Home Affairs to officials of GAD, MPF, BSI, Prisons Department, SID, special anti-drug squads.

The commander and the minister presented medicines for prisoners in Myitkyina, Bhamo and Putao to Deputy Director U Aung Zin of Myitkyina Jail.

The minister went to PD in Myitkyina where Deputy Director U Aung Zin reported on the conditions of the jails in Kachin State.

The minister visited Myitkyina Jail. On 19 November, the minister and party arrived in Sadon,

Myanmar delegation arrives back after attending AMAF, ASEAN+3 Meeting



Ministers, deputy ministers and senior officials from ASEAN countries pose for documentary photo at 28th ASEAN Agriculture and Forestry Ministers' Meeting and 6th ASEAN Plus Three Meeting. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo arrived back here from Singapore yesterday after attending the 28th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) and the 6th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three dialogue partners of East Asia.

AMAF held in Singapore on 16-17 November was participated by forestry and agriculture ministers and deputy ministers from ASEAN nations and senior officials.

They discussed the strengthening animal disease control programme, expanding markets for agricultural produce and enhancing safe food supply and coordinated actions towards sustainable forestry.

At the meeting, the ministers signed the agreement for establishment of ASEAN Animal Health Trust Fund

(AAHTF).

At the 6th ASEAN Plus Three dialogue partners (People's Republic of China, Japan and Republic of Korea) on 17 November, the ministers welcomed the collaborative activities with three dialogue partners on environmental conservation, agriculture, fishery and forestry sectors.

Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and departmental officials. — MNA

PBANRDA Deputy Minister inspects development tasks in Kungyangan, Twantay, Hmawby, Taikkyi

YANGON, 22 Nov — Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe together with officials on 19 November heard reports on accomplishments and tasks to be carried out in 2006-07 fiscal year and urged them to strive for carrying out ongoing tasks in time and levy tax correctly at Kungyangan Township Development Affairs Committee.

At the office of Twantay Township Development Affairs Committee, the deputy minister also heard reports presented by an official and gave necessary instructions. Next, he looked into tarmacking of Shwesantaw Pagoda Street in Twantay.

Later, the deputy minister inspected progress of construction tasks being carried out by Hmawby Township DAC in Hmawby. At the office of Township DAC, he heard reports presented by an official and gave necessary instructions.

At the briefing hall of district-to-district Road No 1 being constructed by Taikkyi Township DAC, the deputy minister laid down procedures to be followed in construction tasks.

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MWAF meets to hold AGM-2006

YANGON, 22 Nov — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held a coordination meeting to organize its Annual General Meeting for 2006 at MWAF building in Bahan Township today.

The meeting was opened with an address by Chairperson of the organizing committee for the AGM President of MWAF Daw Than Than Nwe. It was also attended by Vice Presidents of MWAF Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay, leaders of the departments under the federation and members of the leading committee for organizing the meeting.

At the meeting, General Secretary of MWAF Prof Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun briefed them on organisational set up and tasks of sub-committees under the federation. Those present at the meeting also participated in the discussion and the meeting ended with concluding remarks by President Daw Than Than Nwe. — MNA

Maiden trip of Mawlamyine-Yangon special express train launched

YANGON, 22 Nov — With a view to ensuring comfort and convenience of passengers travelling between Yangon and Mawlamyine, the Ministry of Rail Transportation launched the maiden trip of Special Express Train on Yangon-Mawlamyine railroad at 5.30 am on 19 November.

Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin cut the ribbon to launch 36-down

special express train and sprinkled scented water on the coach.

The commander, the deputy minister and departmental officials inspected coaches of the express train and cordially greeted passengers.

36-down special express train departed from No 1 platform of Mawlamyine Station at 6.15 am. The commander and the deputy minister rode in the train from Mawlamyine to Thaton Stations.

The 35-up special express train will leave Yangon Railway Station through Yangon-Mawlamyine railroad at

Myanmar workers in Thailand lose trust in rumours broadcast by some foreign media and satisfied with performance of the State

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects temporary passport office of Myanmar in Tachilek



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects temporary passport office of Myanmar in Tachilek. — MPF

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, Myanmar coordinated with Thailand to enable the Myanmar workers not only to hold temporary passports of Myanmar but also to live in Thailand as legal workers for enjoying the rights of workers.

Due to issuing the temporary passports in a day, Myanmar workers in Thailand lost trust in rumours broadcast by some foreign media and they are satisfied with the performance of the State. They are eager to

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — Member of the State Peace and

Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence,

temporary passport offices were opened in Myawady, Kawthoung

7.15 am daily and the 36-down special express train will depart Mawlamyine Station at 6 am daily. Both trains will stop at Kyaikto for a while.

The trains include eight coaches for ordinary class, two coaches for upper class and one for the sleeper class.

The coaches of up and down special express trains running along Yangon-Mawlamyine railroad were out of 130 presented by the People's Republic of China during the goodwill visit of the Prime Minister in 2006. — MNA



Kawthoung temporary passport office issuing passports in a day.

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accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and officials, inspected the temporary passport office of Myanmar at Sunsai Ward B in Tachilek this afternoon.

In-charge of the office Police Major Win Kyi reported to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on arrangements to issue temporary passports to Myanmar workers in a day.

On 6 November,

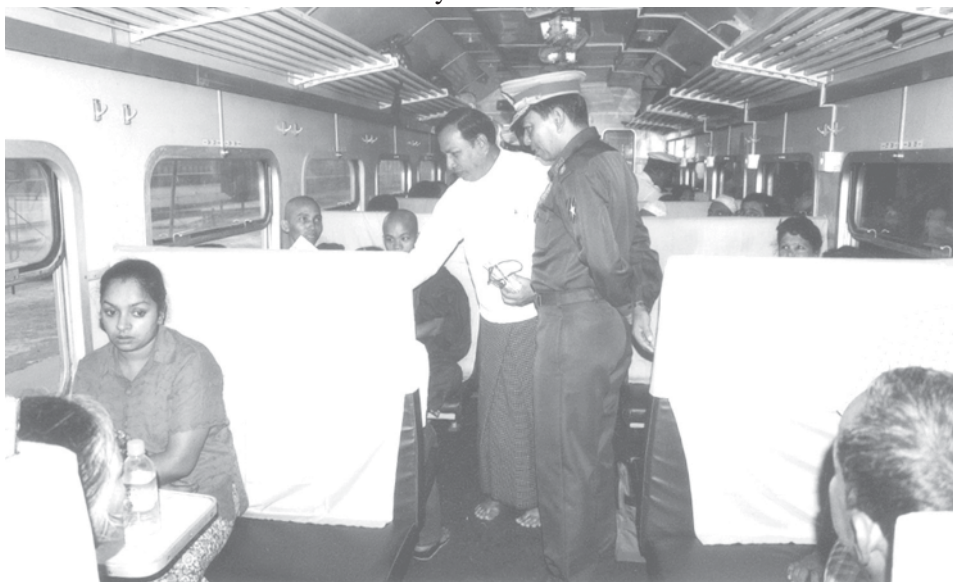
and Tachilek to issue temporary passports to Myanmar workers who are working in Thailand and new workers.

Out of the list of 10,000 - Myanmar workers in Thailand sent by the Ministry of Labour of Thailand through diplomatic channel, U Myint Thein Aung and two family members from Ranong of Thailand took out temporary Myanmar passports. The temporary passport office in Kawthoung Township issued the passports to them in a day.

get the temporary Myanmar passports.

It is reported that over 500 Myanmar workers will take out passports soon, and the temporary Myanmar passport offices in Tachilek, Myawady and Kawthoung Townships will issue temporary passports to 200 Myanmar workers daily.

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Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin present gifts to passengers on Special Express Train.

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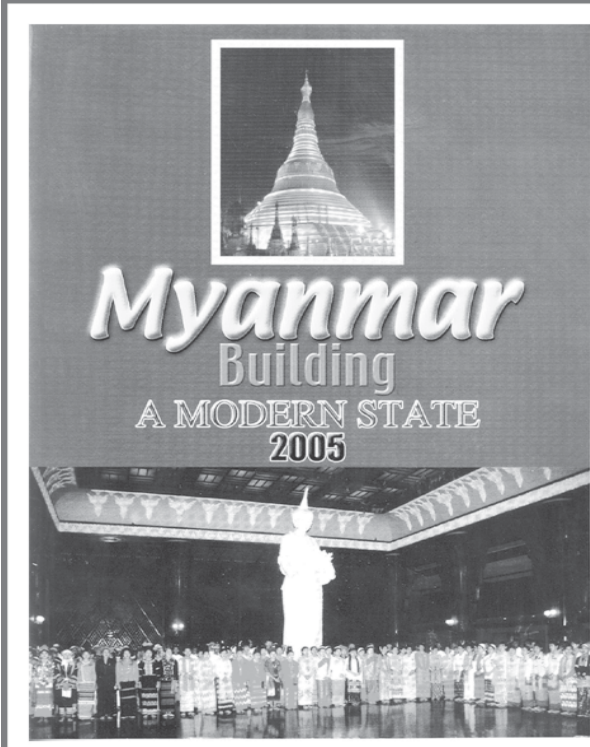
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S Korea develops fully automated ammunition supply vehicles

SEOUL, 21 Nov— South Korea's Samsung Techwin Co unveiled on Monday the newly-developed fully automated ammunition supply vehicles. According to the *Yonhap* news agency, the first production of nine vehicles, which was named the K10 Thunder Ammunition Resupply Vehicle (ARV), can carry 104 rounds of ammunition and deliver 12 rounds per minute to a K9 self-propelled gun.

The South Korean Defence Ministry said the highly-maneuvrable vehicle will help make the reloading of the K9 self-propelled gun much faster, keeping soldiers out of harm's way and reducing the risk of fatigue.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia lifts import duty, coal export tax

JAKARTA, 21 Nov—To attract investors to put their money in Indonesia's vast energy resources, the government has lifted import duties on goods and equipment for oil and gas exploration and production as well as export tax on coal products, a report said on Monday.

The import duty exemption for equipment and goods used in the oil and gas upstream sector is

given to oil and gas companies that operate under production sharing contracts with BP Migas, the regulatory body for oil and gas exploration and production, said English daily *The Jakarta Post*.

The equipment and products exempted from import duties include those used for drilling and production, transportation, power generation as well as workshop equipment,

electrical tools, valves and fitting tools, building materials, metal, hardware and packing equipment, paints, oils, chemicals and laboratory equipment, medical equipment and supplies, household and office appliances.

According to the Finance Ministry's ruling, the exemption came into effect on 16 October, 2006, and will be valid until 15 July, 2007.—MNA/Xinhua

Tanzanian's Zanzibar lauds assistance from WMO

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 20 Nov— Tanzania's Zanzibar has lauded the assistance from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) as "important for social development and human life" in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

Zanzibar Chief Minister Shamsi Vuai Nahodha made the remark while meeting WMO Secretary-General Michel Jarraud in Zanzibar, according to reports reaching here on Sunday.

The WMO chief is currently on a tour of the isles. The information Zanzibar gets from WMO helps the archipelago to prepare its farming, facilitate sea and air traffic as well as promote other social development, the chief minister said.

Nahodha added that though a slow process, the global warming would affect the lives of islanders first if being allowed to proceed unchecked, and the WMO

would have full cooperation with the Indian Ocean archipelago in implementing all the set targets.

For the WMO part,

Jarraud said that rising sea levels caused by melting ice and glaciers worldwide due to global warming may affect small islands.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia hopes to become world leading cocoa processor

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 Nov— Malaysia will become a world leading cocoa processor by 2010, a senior official said Monday.

By 2010, Malaysia's total grinding capacity is projected to reach 360,000 tons, Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Peter Chin Fah Kui said at the Malaysian Cocoa Trade and Technical Awareness Programme.

The increase in

capacity will be achieved through expansion of grinding facilities of the existing grinders as well as efficiency in processing, Chan said.

The grinding capacity reached 258,647 tons last year which contributed 7.6 per cent of the total world grindings, making Malaysia the 4th largest cocoa processor in the world and the largest in Asia, Chan said.

This year, the country's total grinding

capacity is expected to reach 270,000 tons and export earnings are projected to exceed two billion ringgit (540.54 million US dollars), he said.

The minister also urged local cocoa manufacturers to work closely with the Malaysian Cocoa Board on quality control and ensure their manufacturing practice lives up to international standards on food safety.

MNA/Xinhua



A model presents a creation during the Makeup Design Contest 2006 of China Fashion Week in Beijing on 21 Nov, 2006. —XINHUA

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CCTV's advertising revenues hit new high as Olympics nears

BEIJING, 21 Nov — The bidding for advertising on China Central Television (CCTV) in 2007 concluded on Saturday with the network's revenues hitting 6.79 billion yuan, up 16 per cent over last year.

Procter & Gamble, the world's consumer goods giant topped the bidding list for the fourth year running, at 420 million yuan, CCTV announced.

The annual bidding has been hailed as the barometre of the country's economic performance.

"Enterprises can foresee the economic trend in the coming year from the

participating brands," said Yao Jing-yuan, chief economist with the National Bureau of Statistics.

Olympic-related commercials notched up a combined value of 370 million yuan. "Since the Olympic Games will not open until 2008, it is imperative for enterprises to enhance their brand

image in 2007," said Zhang Weiyang, professor with the Guanghua School of Management at Beijing University. Chinese banks and car manufacturers also featured high up on the bidding list in anticipation of fiercer competition from foreign companies next year after the industries are opened up to overseas investors.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists ride an elephant at the Bayon Temple, part of Cambodia's Angkor temple complex in Siem Reap province, 186 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, on 20 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

China launches new interactive broadband network

BEIJING, 21 Nov—A new broadband information network, 3TNet, integrating telecom, Internet, radio and TV, and capable of offering state-of-the-art video on demand services, has been introduced in many regions in China. After being tested in the Yangtze River Delta, 3TNet is now in operation in many regions, according to the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST).

The project will enable Chinese netizens to enjoy interactive broadband and rich media services at speeds of 41 Mbps. For most Chinese families that have access to broadband, average speeds are currently less than 10 Mbps, according to MOST.

The new interactive network gives users much more control and versatility in terms of the services they receive. Users can order up films and other programmes using video on demand (VoD) as well as a range of interactive digital programmes and services such as tele-medical and tele-education services, according to an official from MOST.— MNA/Xinhua



US golfer Michelle Wie, 17-year-old, watches her tee shot during a practice session for the Cacio World Open Tournament in Geisei Village, western Japan.

INTERNET

Colombian Army seizes 1.3 tons of cocaine

BOGOTA, 21 Nov — The Colombian Army has seized 1.3 tons of cocaine and arrested five people in a seaside operation near the Caribbean islands of San Andres and Providencia, Army sources said on Monday.

Authorities said that the five arrested jumped into the sea carrying drugs with them when they encountered the Army. Army divers are now searching the seabed for the cocaine.

The Colombian prosecutors have detained the five Colombian perpetrators who were carrying

drugs worth 30 million US dollars in a speedboat. The Colombian Air Force, and the US Coast Guards patrolling the area, also joined in the operation, Army officials said.

The operation took place a day after Colombian police seized a ton of cocaine, and arrested five people aboard a light aircraft heading for the United States, at an airport in the Caribbean coastal city of Santa Marta. One of the people arrested was a civil aviation official.

MNA/Xinhua

Marathon runners face higher skin cancer risk

BEIJING, 22 Nov — Marathon runners have higher chances of developing melanoma, a skin cancer, than non-runners do, a report published in the November issue of Archives of Dermatology said.

Austrian researchers from the Medical University of Graz conducted the study and found that a noticeable number of their melanoma patients were ultra-marathon runners. They pointed out the main reason is that during training and competition, marathon runners are exposed to high levels of ultraviolet radiation, the most important environmental risk factor for melanoma.

Endurance exercise also may suppress the immune system and increase the risk for malignant



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melanoma, they added. The study evaluated 210 marathon runners, 166 men and 44 women aged 19 to 71, recruited at the annual marathon in Graz.

The marathon runners were found to have more atypical moles — larger than common moles, with irregular and poorly defined borders. They also had more so-called liver spots — small, flat, brownish harmless lesions also known as solar lentigines.

Physical exercise on sunny days can be more harmful to the skin than other kinds of sun exposure, researchers suggested, because sweating may significantly increase the sensitivity of skin to ultraviolet radiation, making sunburn more likely.

Moisture on the skin reduces the UV light to shorter wavelengths that are more easily absorbed and decreases their reflection and dispersion.

Dr Ambros-Rudolph, the lead author of the report, emphasized that the main problem, for both casual runners and extreme exercisers, is sun exposure.

"We hear a lot about sun exposure and skin cancer," she said. "But we forget about it when participating in outdoor sports. Sunscreen alone is not the ultimate answer. It's also important to wear reasonable gear that covers the shoulders and upper back, and to avoid training in peak sun hours."

Internet



Students from Yong In University of the Republic of Korea (ROK) perform kickboxing at the evening party of "China Shaanxi-ROK Friendship Week" in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 20 Nov, 2006.

XINHUA

SPORTS



In this official handout photo by Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), Canada's Steve Brinkman, left, spikes against Tunisia's Chaker Ghezal as Canada's Pascal Cardinal (4) looks on during their first round match in the men's volleyball World Championship in Sendai, northern Japan, on 21 Nov, 2006. Canada beat Tunisia 25-15, 27-29, 21-25, 25-21, 15-13. —INTERNET

Celtic beat Manchester United

LONDON, 22 Nov— Celtic booked their place in the knockout stage of the European Champions League after they beat Manchester United 1-0, while Arsenal moved to within a point of qualification with a 3-1 victory over Hamburg.

The Scottish champions rode their luck for large periods at Parkhead — but a sublime free kick from Shunsuke Nakamura just nine minutes from time gave Celtic the win.

It could have been much different had Louis Saha not missed a late penalty for The Red Devils — but it was not to be as Celtic held on for their first ever win over United, and in-turn booked their place in the next phase.

United now meet Benfica at Old Trafford two weeks knowing a point will be enough for them to progress, after the Portuguese giants kept

their hopes of qualification alive with a 3-1 win over Copenhagen.

Two quick-fire goals from Leo and Fabrizio Miccoli set Benfica on their way before their Italian playmaker added another before the break.

Marcus Allback added

a late consolation for the Danes who are now out of Europe.

Arsenal, like United, need a point in their final game after they claimed their win over Hamburg — although they were forced to come from behind at Emirates Stadium.

A wonder strike from Rafael van der Vaart gave Hamburg a shock lead after just four minutes, but a terrific second half showing saw Arsene Wenger's men claim the crucial win.

Robin van Persie levelled on 52 minutes before Emmanuel Eboue's put them ahead. The win was sealed late on when Julio Baptista headed home Theo Walcott's cross.

One negative note for Arsenal is that captain Thierry Henry picked up a second yellow card — which rules him out of their match at Porto — who earlier in the day completed a 2-0 win over CSKA Moscow, with goals from Ricardo Quaresma and captain Lucho Gonzalez.

MNA/Xinhua



South Korea's Lee Keun-ho (L) battles for the ball with Japan's Toshihiro Aoyama during an Under-21 soccer match in Tokyo on 21 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

French publisher Lagardere to buy Sportfive

PARIS, 22 Nov — France's largest publisher Lagardere was to buy Sportfive for 865 million euros (1.1 billion US dollars) to enter the media market of sport, Lagardere announced recently.

"The deal, which needs the authorization from European Union competition authorities, marks Lagardere's presence in the international market of sports," the group said in a statement.

Lagardere, formerly one of France's biggest defense contractors and the French publisher of Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* and *Elle Magazine*, bought media companies to diversify

from its aerospace heritage.

Sportfive, which has headquarters in Paris and Hamburg, is Europe's largest soccer marketing and media rights company. The company manages television rights contracts for sports clubs and leagues and expects sales of 526 million euros (673 million dollars) and an operating profit of 85 million euros (108 million dollars) in 2006.

Lagardere won the bidding battle for Sportfive against competition from a group comprising Russian oil magnate Leonard Blavatnik and Robert-Louis Dreyfus, the leading shareholder in the French football club Olympique de Marseille. — MNA/Xinhua

Cafu considers return home for 2007 season

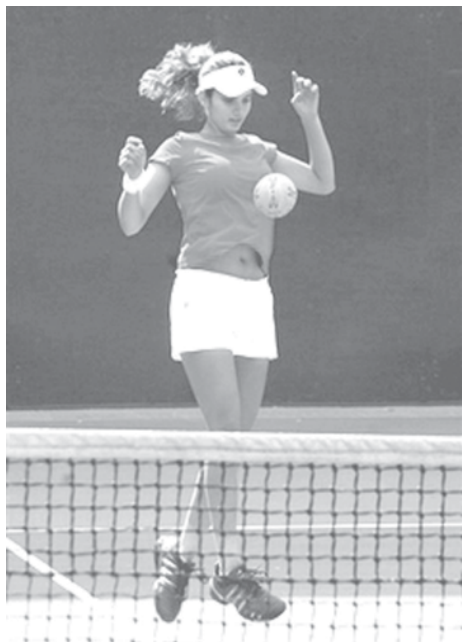
RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Nov— Brazilian soccer star Cafu, 36, who plays for Italian league team Milan, told Tuesday's media he is returning to Brazil and playing there, after his current contract ends in June 2007.

"I am thinking about what to do. I have discussed it a great deal with my family. In January I will decide my future and my decision will be definitive," he said.

He said he had received offers from another Italian club, from other European clubs and from one Brazilian team; having played for 10 years in Italy, first for Roma and then for Milan.

He added that he would like to spend more time with his parents, who have recently suffered health problems.

Cafu hold the record for playing in soccer World Cup finals: in the United States in 1994, then in France in 1998 and finally in 2002 in the South Korea-Japan World Cup. But he did not make it a fourth, as Brazil was eliminated by France in the quarter-finals; a World Cup campaign that made him one of Brazil's most criticized players in his home nation. — MNA/Xinhua



Indian tennis player Sania Mirza warms up with a football during a practice session ahead of the Hopman Tennis Tournament in Hyderabad, India, on 21 Nov, 2006. The tournament is scheduled to be held on 22-26 Nov in Hyderabad. —INTERNET

FIFA turns down Egyptian Al-Ahly's request to host CWC

CAIRO, 22 Nov— Egypt's best soccer club Al-Ahly's request to host the 2007 Club World Cup (CWC) in Cairo was turned down by FIFA, club board member Khaled Mortagi said on Monday.

Local soccer website filgoal.com quoted Mortagi as saying that the African champions filed a request to FIFA to approve hosting the next edition of the CWC as part of the club's centennial celebrations.

Mortagi said that FIFA turned down Ahly's request because main sponsor, Japanese giant carmaker "Toyota", has asked that the competition be played in Japan until 2010.

Mortagi, who was part of Ahly's delegation to attend the organization meetings for the CWC in FIFA's headquarters, updated reporters on the progress in Zurich.

"FIFA will host all six teams in Japan starting December 5 and up to a day after their respective matches end," he said.

"Each delegation will include 35 people, 23 players and 12 staff members and club personnel."

"There will also be a

seminar on December 7 to explain the rules and regulations for all the participating players," Mortagi added. — MNA/Xinhua



AEK Athens' Ilias Kiriakidis, right, and AC Milan's Andrea Pirlo challenge for the ball during a Champions League Group H soccer match at the Olympic stadium of Athens, on 21 Nov, 2006. AEK Athens won 1-0. —INTERNET

Maradona says Federer "best in history by long way"

BUENOS AIRES, 22 Nov— Former soccer star Diego Maradona told media on Monday that Switzerland's Roger Federer is "by far, the best tennis player in history".

"Pelusa" (fluffy), as Maradona is known by his fellow Argentines, joked that Federer, now number one in the world and winner of three Shanghai Master Cups in the last four years, "appears to have no feelings. When he is 40-0 down he wears the same expression as when he is winning". — MNA/Xinhua

Annan says US "trapped" in Iraq

GENEVA, 22 Nov — Outgoing UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Tuesday that the United States was

"trapped in Iraq," and Washington should find the right time to leave without worsening the situation.

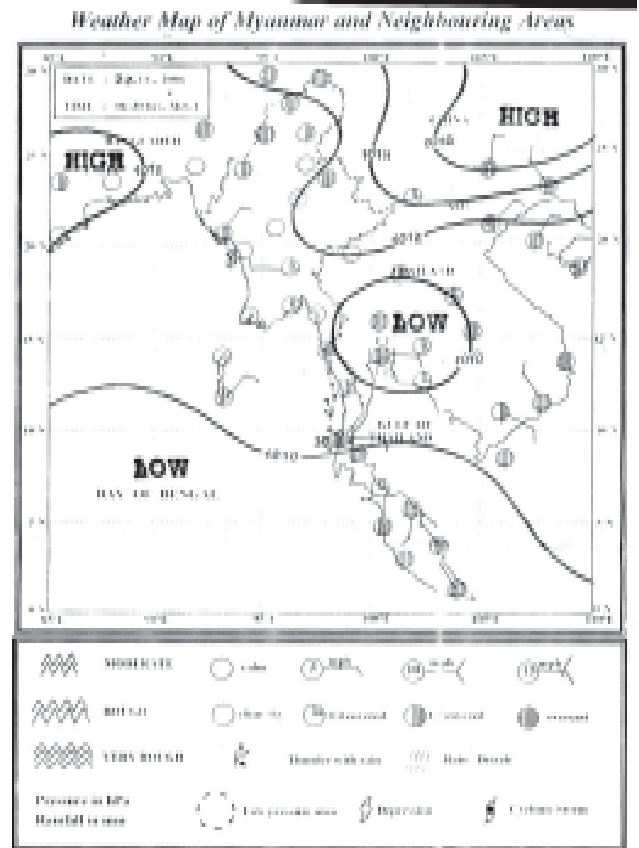
"The United States is in a way trapped there. It cannot stay and it cannot leave," said the UN Chief, who is to

retire on 1 January, 2007, at a farewell Press conference in Geneva. As the situation was very complicated in Iraq, the United States must calculate its departure carefully, Annan said.

"The timing of its departure will have to be optimal," he added, warning that an eventual withdrawal of the US forces should not lead to a further deterioration of the situation in Iraq. The goal should be to leave when the Iraqi authorities can ensure a "reasonable, secure environment," he said.— MNA/Xinhua



Joint Secretary-2 of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Tun Aung (C) seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Cambodia on 20 November 2006. He left for Siemreap, Cambodia, to participate in 4th East Asia Forum. — UMFCCI



WEATHER

Wednesday, 22 November, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) below normal in Shan State, (7°C) below normal in Bago Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C), Pinlaung (5°C) and Heho (6°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 21-11-2006 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 22-11-2006 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 22-11-2006 was 65%. Total sunshine hours on 21-11-2006 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 22-11-2006 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 (8) mph from Northeast at 13:05 hours MST on 21-11-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 23-11-2006: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the Sea: Seas will be slight 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 23-11-2006: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 23-11-2006: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 23-11-2006: Generally fair weather.



Thursday, 23 November

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -If you only know
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Love to infinity
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Are you ready
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Soda pop
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -When I'm 64 -The one you love
- 9:00 pm -Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pourri
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers My love I have a dream
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



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Thursday, 23 November View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am 5. Dance of national races
- 8:05 am 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am 7. Dance variety

- 8:20 am 8. ဒေသဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်စေမည့် နှဉ့်ဝတီ
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. အစားအသောက်အရည်အသွေးမြှင့်တင်ရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ်(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm 4. Cute little dancers
- 5:00 pm 5. "စည်းကမ်းလိုက်နာ ဘေးကင်းကွာ" (လူကူးမျဉ်းကြားမှကူးမယ်)
- 5:05 pm 6. Musical programme

- 5:20 pm 7. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 5:40 pm 8. စိတ်ဓာတ်ထုတ်လုပ်မှု သရုပ်ပြ ရှင်းလင်းဆွေးနွေးပွဲ
- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 11. သိရီဂေဟာ
- 6:55 pm 12. "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" "အချစ်နတ်သမီး" (အပိုင်း-၂၀) ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း
- 8:00 pm 13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" "ရေသူမလေး ဝထမချစ် ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
- 17. The next day's programme

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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

Ayeyawady one of six reliable divisions of the State

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets departmental personnel of Ayeyawady Division

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence attended the meeting with departmental personnel of Ayeyawady Division at Eya Shwewa Hall in Patheingyi on 19 November.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Minister for

Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe, departmental officials and local authorities.

The commander reported on facts about the division, land utilization, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, growing of 10 major crops and production of fish and meat.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen

Maung Maung Thein explained encouragement being given to entrepreneurs in production of fish and meat, extension of fish and prawn breeding and prevention against animal complaints.

In his address, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that Ayeyawady Division is one of six reliable divisions of the State. It is necessary to make concerted efforts
(See page 8)

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein hosts dinner to Indian Air Chief Marshal

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Nov — Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt hosted a dinner in honour of visiting Indian Air Chief Marshal SP Tyagi, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC, Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of

the Air Staff and wife at Shwe Nandaw Hotel here yesterday.

Present also were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Military Affairs
(See page 8)



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein sees off Air Chief Marshal of India SP Tyagi, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC, Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of the Air Staff at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

Weather Forecast for (23-11-2006)

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INSIDE

Members of the '88' generation students launched the signature campaign and the White Expression campaign to instigate the public. And when the campaigns produced no results at all, they tried to organize the public into participating in their prayer campaign if the people supported the three demands.