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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

In endeavouring for development of own districts, townships and regions records and yearly-statistics are to be compiled Present administrative bodies at different levels are to strive for development of respective sectors enlisting strength of the people and the Tatmadaw

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets local authorities in Ayeyawady Division

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe

Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, the ministers and officials of the SPDC Office left here for Patheingyi of Ayeyawady Division by air on 24 November.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were welcomed at Patheingyi Airport by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint

Aung, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe, senior military officers and departmental officials.

At Mya E-ya Hall of the command Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met with members of Division and District PDCs and departmental officials.

Patheingyi District PDC Chairman U Than Win, Hinthada District PDC Chairman U Kyi Tin,

Myaungmya District PDC Chairman U Aye Han, Maubin District PDC Chairman U Htay Win and Pyapon District PDC Chairman U Myo Chit reported on progress of their

districts.

Secretary of Division PDC Commissioner U Kyaw San of Ayeyawady Division General Administration Department reported on

prevalence of law and order in the division, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy in 2006-07, growing of 10 major crops, food and edible oil (See page 8)

The government is taking systematic measures in building a new and modern nation. Therefore, the administrative bodies of different regions are to make constant efforts for successful realization of the 12 objectives.



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets with senior military officers, departmental officials and members of Division and District PDCs in Patheingyi. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for scientific development of traditional medicine

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe sent a message to the Seventh Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference held at the University of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon, on 25 November.

At the conferences held annually, traditional medicine practitioners from all over the nation assemble and exchange knowledge and hold discussions for perpetuation and propagation of Myanmar traditional medicine, for ensuring the standardized progress of the science and for providing more effective and broader health care services. The conference is designed to bring good results not only to the field of traditional medicine but to the nation and its people.

The State Peace and Development Council has been giving priority to promoting and protecting the profession for its perpetuation and systematic progress as a traditional inheritance and a medical science that fully provides public health care.

On account of the government's encouragement, sound foundations and better results such as the rise in the standard and glory of Myanmar traditional medicine, greater public trust in the profession, emergence of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association, the flourishing of modern advanced traditional medicine industry and Myanmar traditional medical hospitals, the Myanmar Traditional Medicine University and medical research programmes, can now be witnessed.

It is believed traditional medicine practitioners will be able to make consolidated efforts for scientific development meeting the international standard and propagation of the profession through the conference.

Health care provided to inmate patients

YANGON, 26 Nov — A medical team led by Dr Win Naing and members of Mon State General Hospital provided health care to 70 inmate patients and comforted them at Mawlamyine Jail on 16 November. — MNA

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

Grand Royal Challenge Cup 2006 to be held at Bahtoo Stadium in Mandalay



Sports Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint makes a speech at a press conference on holding Grand Royal Challenge Cup 2006. —SPED

YANGON, 25 Nov — Jointly organized by Myanmar Football Federation and International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, a press conference on holding the Grand Royal Challenge Cup 2006 was held at Traders Hotel, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik and officials, President of MFF U Zaw Zaw and executives, Managing Director of IBTC Company U Aung Moe Kyaw and responsible personnel, media persons and guests.

Grand Royal Challenge Cup for 2006 will be held in Bahtoo Stadium in Mandalay from 17 to 23 December. Myanmar national team, Indonesian national team, Malaysian U-23 team and Myanmar U-23 team will compete in the challenge cup.

The tournament will present US\$ 15,000 for the first prize and US\$ 7,500 for the runner-up. Man of the match award will be given to the players daily.

The main sponsor will be International Beverages Trading Co Ltd and co-sponsors, Air Bagan, Mitsubishi Electric, Super Lemon Tea, Laser Toothpaste, One Tea Condensed Milk and Asia Soft Drink. — MNA

3rd Inter-State/Division Swimming Championship concludes

YANGON, 26 Nov — Jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Swimming Federation, final events of the 3rd Inter-State/Division Swimming Championship were held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony at National Swimming Pool on U Wisara Road this afternoon.

Yangon Division clinched championship shields in the men's and women's events. Kyi Kyi Win (Yangon) set a new record with 33.93 seconds after breaking the previous record set by Ei Ei Thet (Yangon) with 35.26 seconds in 2004.

Next, officials of the Ministry of Sports

presented prizes to winners in the events. Afterwards, President of MSF Dr Khin Shwe gave men's best swimmer award to Sa Tun Win Oo (Yangon) and women's best swimmer award to Kyi Kyi Win (Yangon).

Next, the president of MSF presented championship shields, duplicate shields and cash K

100,000 each to Yangon men's and women's teams. — NLM

Functions of dry day inspection teams supervised

YANGON, 26 Nov — Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and members departmental officials supervised functions of dry day inspection teams at the main points of Yangon today.

Dry Day inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's licence, wheel tax bill, wearing of departmental uniforms and breaking of traffic rules at downtown Yangon from morning to evening. — MNA



President of MSF Dr Khin Shwe presents a championship shield to Yangon Division women's team. NLM

Chile calls for strengthening of cultural cooperation with China

SANTIAGO, 25 Nov — Chilean President Michelle Bachelet said on Thursday that Chile and China should strengthen cultural cooperation in order to boost the comprehensive development of bilateral ties.

At a meeting with visiting Chinese Culture Minister Sun Jiazheng, Bachelet spoke of her meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao last week, when they attended the 14th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The President, who visited China when serving as Chile's defence minister, expressed her admiration and respect for the Asian nation's socialist construction and the Chinese culture.

Bachelet also stressed that on the Taiwan

question, Chile would always adhere to the one-China policy.

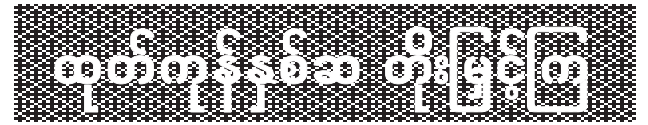
For his part, Sun briefed Bachelet China's cultural development, saying that China is keen to enhance exchanges with Chile, and that their current political and

economic relations are the best in history.

The two countries should join hands with each other to push forward cultural exchanges, in a bid to further facilitate their friendship and increase mutual understanding between the two peoples, he added.

Earlier in the day, Sun also held talks with his Chilean counterpart Paulina Urrutia, and both sides exchanged views on such issues as cultural management and cultural information exchanges.

MNA/Xinhua



Christmas lights illuminate a central street, a month ahead of Christmas Eve, in Madrid, Spain on 24 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Two killed in US hostage standoff



Chicago Police officials and Chicago firefighters stand at apartment standoff, on 23 Nov, 2006, in Chicago. INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov — A gunman killed a female hostage and then himself in a Thanksgiving Day standoff in the northeastern US City of Chicago, CBS News reported Friday.

The incident in the city's South Shore neighbourhood began about 2:30 am Thursday, after someone informed police about gunshots in a building there.

After police arrived at the scene, they had tried to negotiate with the gunman, identified as 21-year-old Lance Johnson.

The victim, Tasha Cooks, 22, had called her family during the standoff, and said she had been beaten.

Johnson and Cooks are neighbours and cause of the crisis has not been known yet.

A police team entered the building just after 1 am Friday after hearing gunshots, and found Johnson and Cooks dead. —MNA/Xinhua

S Korea in mass poultry slaughter

LONDON, 26 Nov—South Korean quarantine officials are to slaughter 236,000 poultry after an outbreak of the H5N1 form of bird flu at a chicken farm.

The outbreak occurred at a farm in Iksan, about 250km (155 miles) south of Seoul, earlier this week.

Test results confirmed the outbreak was caused by a type of H5N1 virus, the

country's agriculture ministry said.

It said all birds within a 500-metre (1,650-foot) radius would be culled to prevent the virus from spreading.

The ministry also said it would limit the movement of about five million chickens and ducks from 221 farms within a 10-kilometre (six-mile) radius of the outbreak. —Internet

No let up in AIDS spread

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 Nov—HIV/AIDS tightened its deadly grip on the world in 2006 with 11,000 new infections every day and women increasingly at risk,

the UN agency leading the global campaign against the disease has said.

Some 4.3 million people around the globe were newly infected in 2006, bringing

the number living with the HIV virus to 39.5 million, an increase of 2.6 million from 2004, UNAIDS said in its annual epidemic update.

"This year's report gives us real cause for concern since the evidence shows that the global epidemic is growing in all areas," Peter Piot, the agency's executive director, told reporters

The daily rate of new infections worldwide stood at 11,000 — 40 percent of which were in the 15-24 age group — and the report noted a disturbing rise in the number of female victims.

"Globally, and in every region, more adult women than ever before are now living with HIV," the report said. The 17.7 million women living with HIV in 2006 represented an increase of more than one million compared with 2004.—Internet

Belgium starts selling bio-diesel

BRUSSELS, 25 Nov—Gas stations of petroleum giant Total started to sell bio-diesel to drivers across Belgium, making it the first company in the country to sell the environment-friendly fuel, local media reported on Friday.

Local Press said the bio-diesel was produced by Oleon, the first Belgian company allowed to produce diesel from agricultural products.

Oleon is one of four Belgian companies capable of producing bio-diesel, which is suitable for all

motor-vehicles running on regular diesel.

The company's director anticipates a progressive increase of bio-diesel sales, 3.37 per cent of the market in 2006, 4.29 per cent in 2007 and at least 5.75 per cent requested by the EU by 2010.

Bruno Tobback, Belgium's Environment Minister, explained that bio-diesel would not only benefit Belgian farmers and drivers, but also help reach the Kyoto convention goals and ultimately help reduce pollution.—MNA/Xinhua



People watch a 4-metre-long hawk-shaped kite called "Banyao" in Nantong, a city of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 25 Nov, 2006. The international kites-flying show was held in Nantong on Saturday and attracted a great number of kite fans. The kite "Banyao" was more striking than others as it produced sounds while flying.—XINHUA

Hu awarded Pakistan's highest civilian award

ISLAMABAD, 25 Nov— Pakistan Friday conferred its highest civilian award Nishan-e-Pakistan on visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao for his contribution in cementing bilateral ties.

Hu, who is on a three-day visit to Pakistan, was presented a medal and a citation by President Pervez Musharraf at a civic reception here. The Chinese President later addressed the people of Pakistan live on state television.

Hu thanked Pakistan for its support to China over the Taiwan issue and the role Islamabad played in helping the Chinese leadership forge ties with leaders of the Western world. "These are things we cannot forget," he said.

His address was attended among others by Prime Minister Shaukat

Aziz and his Cabinet ministers.

"We take great pride in



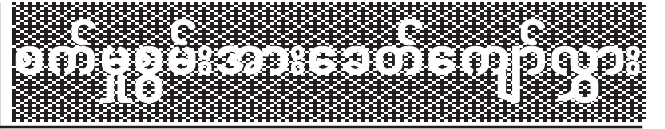
China's President Hu Jintao (L) waves after receiving Pakistan's highest civilian award 'Nishan-e-Pakistan' during a ceremony next to Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf (2nd R) and Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz (R) in Islamabad on 24 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

China and Pakistan friendship," Hu said, adding China was

committed to deepen its strategic partnership with Islamabad and consolidate it.

He said close contacts were maintained between leaders of both countries and regular consultation on major issues in strategic economic and defence fields.

Pakistan is an indispensable partner of cooperation in international arena. The two countries should jointly promote collective interests of developing countries and promote democracy in international relations, Hu said. —MNA/PTI



MPD for augmenting housing, commercial spaces

NEW DELHI, 25 Nov —With the capital grappling with paucity of residential and commercial spaces, the draft Master Plan of Delhi (MPD) 2021 seeks to augment the housing and business spaces and provides for private sector participation in land assembly and development.

However, in his reply to Lower House of Parliament Friday, Union Urban Development Minister S Jaipal Reddy said no precise timeframe could be given for implementation of the new Master Plan.

The government has been under pressure to finalize the MPD-2021 as soon as possible to provide relief to the people from the court-ordered demolition and sealing drives. The draft Master Plan envisages urbanization of additional area and augmentation of housing stock and commercial space, Reddy told the House.

"The Draft MPD-2021 envisages inter-alia urbanization of additional area, augmentation of housing stock and commercial space and private sector participation in land assembly and development," he said. — MNA/PTI

Israel will spend \$250m to double tourism

JERUSALEM, 25 Nov — Israel aims to double the number of foreign tourists to 4 million over the next five years by spending 250 million US dollars on marketing, the Ministry of Tourism said on Thursday.

Tourism is a key industry for Israel, but tourism numbers fell during the July-August war with Hizbollah guerillas in southern Lebanon. Some 1.9 million tourists visited Israel in 2005 and numbers have begun to rise again after the war.

Consultants Ernst & Young have now presented the Jewish state with its first comprehensive tourism plan to try to significantly boost visitors, the ministry said in a statement.

The Ernst & Young report said despite Israel's political and security situation, Israel could launch a successful campaign by focusing on eight countries including the United States, Britain, Russia and China. — MNA/Reuters

President of the European Commission Jose Manuel Barroso, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Finnish Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen and EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana (L to R) pose for a group photo during the EU-Russia summit in Helsinki, on 24 Nov, 2006.

XINHUA



FTA will expand Pakistani exports to China

BEIJING, 25 Nov — China said Friday that it has a battery of plans to increase imports from

Pakistan now that the two countries have signed an agreement on free trade area (FTA). China and Pakistan signed the deal earlier Friday in the presence of top leaders from both countries. The agreement is projected to triple current bilateral trade to 15 billion US dollars within five years.

Chinese Commerce Ministry Spokesman Chong Quan said here Friday that China has committed to helping Pakistan develop its exports and would do so as the China-Pakistan free trade area is built.

MNA/Xinhua

A volunteer gives a drop of polio vaccine to a child during the 14th National Immunization day in Dhaka on 25 Nov, 2006. About 24 million children under five years of age will be administered polio vaccine in addition to a Vitamin A capsule and worm-killing tablets, according to the Health Ministry. —INTERNET



Death toll in Sadr City bombings rises to 200

BAGHDAD, 20 Nov — The death toll rose to 200 in a series of coordinated bombings in a Shiite militia stronghold in eastern Baghdad on Thursday, a well-informed Interior Ministry official told Xinhua on Friday.

A further 250 people were wounded, the official added. Late Thursday, the official said 153 people were killed and 201 others injured in the most devastating bombings since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

Four car bombs in short succession struck the 55th Square, al-Sadrain Square, the popular Hai market and Mudhafar Square in Sadr City on Thursday afternoon, which highlighted the impotence of Iraq security forces and US military and would likely inflame sectarian passions.

Sadr City in eastern Baghdad is a stronghold for thousands of followers of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

MNA/Xinhua



A child looks at a scale model of a shantytown made by Brazilian craftsman Lino Silva, known to his neighbours as Tio Lino (Uncle Lino), solely from material he recycled from garbage inside Rio de Janeiro's largest slum Rocinha on 23 Nov, 2006. Tio Lino, who has been making a living for the past 20 years by selling his work to tourists, has opened a workshop to teach crafts to some 150 children in the violent slum that is home to some 200,000 poor Brazilians.—INTERNET

China's industrial profits growing strongly again

BEIJING, 24 Nov— China's industrial profits rose a robust 30.1 per cent in the first ten months, back to their best levels.

Figures from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) released on Wednesday show that the profits of all state companies and companies with annual sales of over five million yuan reached 1469.7 billion yuan (186 billion US dollars) in the first ten months.

After two years of high

growth between 30 to 40 percent, China's industrial profits dropped back to a more modest 15-20 per cent increase last year as a result of soaring prices of raw materials such as coal and oil and surplus production capacity in some sectors.

China's industrial profits have accelerated

this year. Niu Li, an analyst with the State Information Centre, attributed this year's strong profit growth to booming market demand for industrial products both at home and overseas as well as high profits from sectors such as coal, oil mining and non-ferrous metal refining.

The non-ferrous metals

refining sector saw the highest year-on-year profit growth for any industrial sector at 105.5 per cent.

Profits of the petroleum and natural gas mining sector rose 30.4 per cent while the petroleum refining and coking sectors saw a net loss of 46.2 billion yuan due to the high cost of raw materials.—MNA/Xinhua

Prodi, Chirac to discuss Alitalia, Air France alliance

ROME, 24 Nov— Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi and French President Jacques Chirac are expected to discuss the possibility of an alliance between Alitalia and Air France airlines at Friday's meeting, sources said here on Wednesday.

Sources said Alitalia "is a question which is very dear to Prodi's heart" and the possibility of an alliance with Air France will be one of the topics on the agenda of the talks with President Chirac.

Air France has been on the short list of possible partners for the troubled Italian carrier and already holds a 2-per-cent stake in Alitalia. Last year, the French airline shelled out 20 million euros to take part in the Italian carrier's rights issue in order to maintain its quota.

The two airlines are cooperating in the SkyTeam alliance of nine airlines which includes Delta, Northwest and Continental of the United States, AeroMexico, Korean Air, CSA Czech Airlines and KLM Royal Dutch airlines, which is merging with Air France to create Europe's biggest carrier. Alitalia last week reported fresh losses of 65.8 million euros in the third quarter compared with a 15.7-million-euro profit a year earlier.—MNA/Xinhua



US singer Christina Aguilera performs at the MEN Arena in Manchester, northern England, on 23 Nov, 2006 as part of her 'back to basics' tour.—INTERNET

S Korea, Ukraine sign open-skies agreement

SEOUL, 24 Nov— South Korea and Ukraine signed here on Wednesday an aviation agreement to liberalize air travel and cargo transport between the two countries, the Ministry of Construction and Transportation said.

Under the agreement,

Seoul and Kiev concurred on allowing up to seven passenger flights per week, and increasing the number gradually in the coming years. Currently, there are no direct flights between the two countries.

The agreement also allows code sharing

between major carriers of the two countries, which will enhance business cooperation, and the easing of registration rules so airlines from the two countries can offer new flights when the need arises in the future, the ministry said.

The document is the sixth of its kind signed by South Korea this year, after similar pacts with China, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam. —MNA/Xinhua

Over 1,300 organized crime gangs cracked in China

BEIJING, 24 Nov— Chinese police have cracked more than 1,300 criminal gangs in the latest campaign against organized crime, authorities said.

By the end of October, police had referred 196 cases of alleged organized crime for prosecution and 1,347 crime gangs had been broken, according to the office for national campaign against organized crime.

In China, organized crime gangs are often protected by public officials, state staff through bribery, threats or other means and have certain domains.

Prosecutors had been exposing the "umbrellas" covering gangs, with 33 cases uncovered

involving 47 state workers, said Huang Hailong, deputy director of the investigation and supervision department of the Supreme People's Procuratorate.

Meanwhile, police put 3.75 million criminal cases on file for investigation in the first ten months, 41,000 fewer, or 1.1 per cent down, from the same period last year and the number of cases resolved increased by 113,000 to 2.21 million, the office said.—MNA/Xinhua

Four Iraqis killed in hunt for US soldier

BAGHDAD, 24 Nov— US troops hunting a kidnapped American soldier opened fire on a minibus, killing four passengers, during a raid on a Shiite militia

stronghold in Baghdad on Thursday, police and residents said.

The US military said in a statement that Iraqi special forces and US military advisers had detained five suspected members of a kidnap cell in the early morning operation in the sprawling slum of Sadr City in the east of the capital.

"A vehicle displaying hostile intent was identified as an immediate threat to Iraqi forces. Iraqi forces fired on the vehicle to neutralize the threat," the military said.

US military spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher Garver told Reuters the minibus had ignored warning shots.

Police and residents said earlier that US forces had fired the deadly shots.

—MNA/Reuters



Sisters in kimonos run in front of sake barrels offered to Meiji Shrine in Tokyo on 23 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

China, Pakistan sign free trade agreement

ISLAMABAD, 25 Nov— China and Pakistan signed a free trade agreement (FTA) on Friday, which is projected to triple their current bilateral trade to 15 billion US dollars within five years.

Under the agreement, China and Pakistan will begin to reduce or eliminate tariffs on all products in two phases from 1 July, 2007.

During Phase I, both sides will reduce the tariffs on 85 per cent of the products based on different extents of tariff reduction within five years of the agreement entering into force, and 36 per cent of the products will be tariff free within three years.

During this phase, China will mainly reduce

tariffs on livestock, aquatic products, vegetables, mineral products and textiles, while Pakistan will mainly reduce tariffs on beef and mutton, chemicals and machinery products.

Phase II starts from the sixth year of the entry into force of the agreement. Both sides will further reduce tariffs on the products on the basis of a review of the implementation of the agreement. The aim is to eliminate tariffs on no less than 90 per cent of products,

both in terms of tariff lines and trade volume, within a reasonable period of time on the basis of friendly consultation and accommodation of the concerns of both sides.

MNA/Xinhua



Some tourists take pictures in the Taer Monastery (also called "Gumbum Lamastery") in Huangzhong County, northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 24 Nov, 2006. Many tourists came to the lamastery specially by train in the first winter season after the Qinghai-Tibet railway began its operation in July.—XINHUA

Two wounded as US helicopters opened fire in Sadr City

BAGHDAD, 25 Nov— Two US helicopters opened fire on a funeral in Sadr City in eastern Baghdad on Friday, wounding two people, an Interior Ministry official told Xinhua.

Residents in Sadr City attended a funeral for victims who were killed in Thursday's deadliest bombings and some people fired into the air when two US Apache helicopters flew over, the official said on condition of anonymity.

The choppers fired into the crowd, wounding two people, the official said, adding it seemed to be an accident, not clash.

Earlier in the day, Doha-based al-Jazeera English channel reported that armed clashes erupted on Friday evening between US forces and Shiite militiamen in Shiite stronghold of Sadr City in eastern Baghdad.— MNA/Xinhua



A general view shows the wreckage of a twin-engine light aircraft which crashed on a highway near the German city of Essen on 24 Nov, 2006. The plane clipped a bridge and crashed onto a car on a busy German autobahn on Friday, injuring seven people, emergency services said.—XINHUA

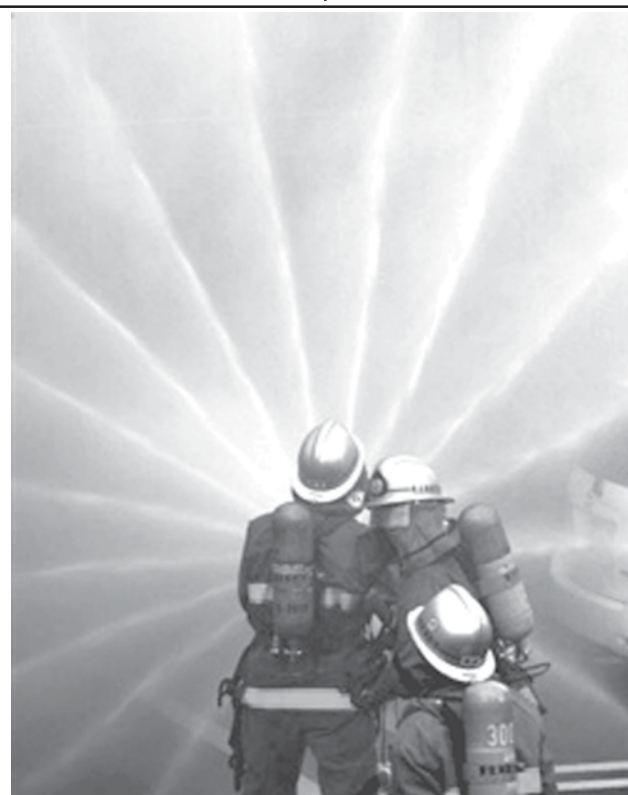
Polish mining commission investigates Halemba blast

WARSAW, 25 Nov— A special commission called by Poland's Higher Authority for Mining will investigate the circumstances of last Tuesday's methane explosion in south Poland's Halemba coal mine which took 23 lives.

The commission began its work Friday on the site of the disaster mine.

The commission members said Friday that their main investigations will take place on the disaster site 1,030 metres underground, which is as yet inaccessible, the PAP news agency reported.

The commission is to present the results of its inquiries at latest in March 2007.— MNA/Xinhua



Firefighters use a water cannon as they try to put out a fire which broke out at the debris of dismantled buildings in Tokyo on 24 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Chinese dam painting breaks price record

BEIJING, 25 Nov — A painting of China's gigantic Three Gorges Dam and displaced farmers fetched a world record price for contemporary Chinese art at a Beijing auction, state media reported on Thursday.

The painting by Liu Xiaodong sold for 22 million yuan (2.75 million US dollars), the Xinhua news agency

reported, adding that the price breezed past the old record of 1.47 million US dollars set in New York three months before.

Liu's ten-by-three metre (9.8 by 32.8 feet) canvas may be oversized, but not compared to its subject — the Yangtze

River's 185-metre (607 feet) high, 2,309-metre (7,575 feet) long Three Gorges Dam, which has displaced over one million residents, some of them portrayed in the painting.

The dam, due for completion in 2009, has also shot past earlier price estimates and has been troubled by resettled farmers complaining of inadequate compensation.

The buyer at the Tuesday auction was "a woman known only as the owner of a private business", Xinhua said. Wealthy Chinese are increasingly turning to modern art as a badge of sophisticated status.

MNA/Reuters



An art enthusiast looks at a chromogenic print entitled "One Day in 2004 No 6" at the Art Beijing 2006 exhibition. An oil painting by Chinese artist Liu Xiaodong has been auctioned for 2.75 million dollars, a new record for contemporary Chinese art.—INTERNET

Expedite fulfilling requirements of the people

Zeya Myo Htet

The development affairs services are aimed at fulfilling the social requirements of the people, scaling up regional development, and helping systematically create a social environment with discipline.

The government promulgated 31 functions, by which respective state/division development affairs committees have to abide, in the 1993 Development Affairs Law to fulfil social requirements of the people across the nation and to step up national development.

The development affairs committees are now striving for sustainable development of urban and rural areas in their bid to accomplish the 31 functions.

Since 1990, the meeting on development affairs has been held annually to review the strengths and weaknesses in the previous-year's work the development affairs committees had done, so as to accelerate the implementation of the tasks.

The development affairs committees of the Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs held its annual meeting (2006) on coordination of development affairs tasks at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on 9 October 2006.

In his address at the meeting, Prime Minister General Soe Win, regarding the five rural development

tasks, underlined the importance of better transport in rural areas, increased efforts to be exerted during the remaining period of the fiscal year to accomplish the projects for supply of safe water in the rural areas, the directives adopted by the department to ensure that respective regions possess the characteristics of a city such as cleanliness, proper drainage and greening of urban areas, innovative measures for the progress of the regions to which the staff concerned are posted, fulfilling the requirements of the people through development affairs services, and participation with nationalistic fervour and Union Spirit by doing their bit in the step-by-step implementation of the State's seven-step Road Map for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation with flourishing discipline.

The development affairs committees under the Development Affairs Department is now pursuing the 30-year plan (2000-2001 to 2030-2031) for ensuring better transport of rural areas. Up to 2005-2006 fiscal year, the committees have built 32,939 miles of roads and 19,032 bridges in rural areas, and 5,513 miles of roads and 11,322 bridges in urban areas.

They are also implementing the 10-year plan (2000-2001 to 2009-2010) for supply of clean water in

the rural areas. In that regard, up to 2005-2006 financial year, they have completed 96 per cent of the tasks or supplied clean water to 7,717 out of 8,042 villages in the three arid divisions. Similarly, of 15,083 villages covered by the plan in the remaining states and divisions, 8,305 villages have enjoyed clean water, accounting for 55 per cent performance of the target. In other words, 16,022 villages or 69 per cent of the targeted 23,225 villages across the nation have now access to clean water.

At the same time, they are putting sustained efforts into the district-to-district road projects and model rural housing estate projects laid down by the Head of State.

The major functions of the development affairs committees are sprucing up the towns and villages, minimizing the development gap between rural and urban areas, ensuring smooth transport, secure and smooth production of goods, systematizing of commercial work, and enabling the people to enjoy recreation and relaxation. So, they are to strive with added momentum to achieve progress year by year.

The instructions of the Prime Minister, coordination of views among the development affairs committees, the strong points and weak points reviewed at the meeting, and the findings from the research papers were valuable assets.

Upholding the directives as work guidelines, the development affairs committees are to pursue their aim to become ones capable of speedily fulfilling the requirements of the people, while striving with might and main for winning the recognition of the people as good service personnel in accomplishing public welfare services including tasks for progress of respective towns and regions.

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Upholding the directives as work guidelines, the development affairs committees are to pursue their aim to become ones capable of speedily fulfilling the requirements of the people, while striving with might and main for winning recognition of the people as good service personnel in accomplishing public welfare services including tasks for progress of respective towns and regions.

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- ၁။ ရောဂါပိုးများပါရှိသည့် ရေနှင့် အစားအသောက်များ စားသောက်မိခြင်းကြောင့် ပြင်းထန်ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှော ရောဂါကူးစက်ဖြစ်ပွားပါသည်။ မိုးဦးကျကာလတွင် ပိုမိုဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိသော်လည်း ရာသီမရွေး အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး ကူးစက်ပြန့်ပွားနိုင်ပြီး ဆောလျင်စွာ ကုသမှုမခံယူပါက အသက်သေဆုံးသည်အထိ အန္တရာယ်ရှိပါသည်။
- ၂။ ပြင်းထန်ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှော ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများမှာ-
 - (က) ဗိုက်နာကျင်ခြင်းမရှိဘဲ ဝမ်းအရည်များသွားခြင်း
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 - (၁) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍သောက်ပါ။ အထူးသဖြင့် ကလေးများကို ရေကျက်အေးတိုက်ပါ။
 - (၂) ရေတွင်းရေကန်စသည့် ရေထွက်ပင်ရင်းများထဲသို့ ညစ်ညမ်းသောရေနှင့် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များ မဝင်ရောက် နိုင်ရန်ကာကွယ်ပါ။
 - (၃) သန့်ရှင်းလတ်ဆတ်သော အစားအသောက်များကို စားပါ။
 - (၄) အစားအစာများကို ယင်မနားအောင် ဖုံးအုပ်ကာကွယ်ထားပါ။
 - (၅) အစားအစာများထဲသို့ လက်မှတ်ဆံ့ရန် ရောဂါပိုးများမဝင်နိုင်ရန် အစာကိုဝင်သော လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် စင်စင်ဆေးပါ။
 - (၆) အိမ်သာမှအထွက် လက်ကို ဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် စင်စင်ဆေးပါ။
 - (၇) ယင်လုံအိမ်သာ ဆောက်လုပ်သုံးစွဲပါ။
- ၄။ ပြင်းထန်သောဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှော ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားလျှင် အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးမှုမှ ကာကွယ်ရန် ဓာတ်ဆားထုပ်ကို သန့်ရှင်းသောရေ(သို့) ရေကျက်အေးဖြင့် အညွှန်းအတိုင်း အတိအကျဖျော်၍ သောက်သုံးပြီး နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံးသွားရောက်၍ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



A Montenegrin Army helicopter flies over the landslide in the canyon of the Tara River, some 110 km (68 miles) northeast of Podgorica on 24 Nov, 2006. Montenegrin authorities began evacuating villagers late Thursday after massive landslide created a natural dam made of mud, earth and trees in the Tara River Canyon and triggered flooding. — INTERNET

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sufficiency, cultivation of physic nut, perennial and new item crops, livestock breeding task, progress of Patheingyi, Hinthada and Myaungmya Industrial Zones, development of basic and higher education sectors, transport facilities and progress of the division.

Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung presented reports on cultivation of 3.7 million acres of monsoon paddy and 1.6 million acres of summer paddy, production of the division, and construction of roads and bridges.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen

division, and efforts to be made by districts and townships for gaining more progress.

In his instructions, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that the administrative machinery is being re-organized in building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation to be in conformity with the forthcoming State Constitution. Duties have been assigned to authorities at Ward/Village-tract, Township, District and State/Division PDC levels. Thus, those who attending the meeting are discharging duties as chairmen and secretaries at the administrative organs in



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets with senior military officers, departmental officials and members of Division and District PDCs in Patheingyi. — MNA



Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung presents reports. — MNA

Htay Oo explained assistance being provided by the State for development of the agriculture sector, the aims set for production of 1,500 million baskets of paddy to ensure food sufficiency for forthcoming 100 million population of the nation. He continued to explain that as Ayeyawady Division is one of reliable divisions of the State, the ministry plans to gain more and more progress of the agriculture sector in the division.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha explained implementation of the short-term economic plans, exceeding the target of the plan, contribution of Ayeyawady Division to economic growth of the nation, sector-wise progress of districts and townships in the

Ayeyawady Division.

According to the demand of the State, those who have joined the new capacities of the administrative organs are to discharge their duties conscientiously. At the recently-opened training course, they had studied matters related to their duties and functions and wider knowledge for their tasks. They are to organize their subordinates in bringing about peace and stability of the respective regions, ensuring prevalence of law and order, development and unity and achieving success of the projects by upholding work policies of respective ministries, and policies, instructions and directives of the State Peace and Development Council. Members of administrative bodies at different levels are to should-

der duties of their mother units as well as tasks of other ministries.

As part of showing off abilities, they should try their best to make remarkable progress of their regions such as townships, districts and states and divisions. While performing the tasks, they are to look after

The presentation and attitude of the subordinate bodies is to be respectful while presenting what ought to be known to the superior bodies.

In endeavouring for development of own districts, townships and regions records and yearly-statistics are to be compiled. You are

was handed over is to be compared with that of 2007, 2008 etc.

Only then, will you thoroughly realize the strengths and weaknesses of your endeavours. And this will enable you to make progress in your endeavours, he said.

At a time when you are to discharge the administrative duties you are to make efforts for national and regional development, for boosting production and the per acre yield of crops, for minimizing loss and wastage, for extended cultivation of new item crops and

of respective sectors, enlisting the strength of the people and the Tatmadaw.

The government is taking systematic measures in building a new and modern nation. Therefore, the administrative bodies of different regions are to make constant efforts for successful realization of the 12 objectives.

Keeping pace with changes and developments, they are to have a constant learning with new fervour in order that the country can keep abreast of the global nations while striving to be in oneness with the people.



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo presents reports. — MNA

local people like their parents and relatives. Furthermore, it is necessary see that tasks are not a burden to the people. They must be the persons who are able to effectively serve the interests of the States and the regions. Higher level authorities are to make regular field trips to lower levels to be able to provide advice and assistance to them. The authorities are to assist their subordinate bodies in undertaking their tasks with correct methods.

Moreover, the authorities themselves are to submit correct reports to the superior bodies.

to make efforts for your endeavours to go down to the annals of the history, he said.

When handing over the State responsibilities to a new administration that has been chosen by the people thorough records are needed. This being so, your efforts are to be systematically recorded right now, he added.

As the present condition of economic, health, education, social and transport sectors have been compared with that of economic, health, education, social and transport sectors in 1988, the condition of 2006 in which the administration



Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha presents reports. — MNA

enhancement of the living standard of the people.

Thanks to concerted efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw unprecedented progress has been made in all spheres when compared with that of 1988.

The present administrative bodies at different levels are to make relentless efforts for the development

In the time of the multiparty democracy it is important for the State's administration to be strong and systematic, he concluded.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greeted the secretary of Ayeyawady Division PDC and members, departmental officials, local authorities and others.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win opens paddy husk-fired power station in Kengtung



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence formally opens paddy husk-fired power station in Yannlon Village in Kengtung Township. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening ceremony of paddy husk-fired power station held at Yannlon Village in Wattaung Village-tract, Kengtung Township on 24 November morning.

Firstly, Kengtung Township Electrical Engineer U Hla Kyi reported on supply of power and matters

related to the emergence of the power station.

Next, Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing pressed the button to open the signboard of the power station and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win formally opened the power station.

Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win together with the commander and party viewed round the power station and gave necessary instructions.

The construction works of the station started from 11 November, 2006. A total of 51 households of four villages including Yannlon village were supplied with electricity facilities. It cost K 16.2 million.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected brick tiles production of U Nwe Pyan in Wanha Village and gave necessary instructions. The commander made a supplementary report. — MNA

7th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference concludes

YANGON, 26 Nov — The Seventh Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference successfully concluded at University of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Traditional Medicine Council Acting Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of Traditional Medicine Department, members of TMC and Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association, traditional medicine practitioners from the states and divisions, delegates to National Convention and guests.

Chairman of Traditional Medicine Council Acting Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of Traditional Medicine Department presided over the conference together with members of the panel of chairmen of TMC U Than Nyunt and U Htay Myint, U Kyi from MTMPA and conference delegate U Soe Min from Kachin State. Deputy Director of TMD U Soe Win acted as master of ceremonies.

After conference delegates U Soe Myint from Sagaing Division, Dr Thaw Zin of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) and U Kan Si of Taunggyi of Shan State had tabled three motions, these were seconded by U Tin Htut of the Ministry of Energy, U Khin Win of Kyaikto of Mon State and Daw Aye Aye Than of Dawei of Taninthayi Division.

The conference declared its decisions on following and practising the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe to the conference and the speech made by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein at the opening ceremony of the conference as guidelines for traditional medicine practitioners.

After seeking the approvals from those present, the conference chairman announced the approval of the seven motions tabled at the conference as future guidelines and ended with concluding remarks. — MNA



Acting Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of Traditional Medicine Department makes a speech at the 7th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference at University of Nursing (Yangon) on the second day. — MNA

Prisons Department conducts basic course No 24 for private level

YANGON, 26 Nov — The Prisons Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs conducted a basic course No 24 for private level at the parade ground of the training school of Mandalay Central Prison in Mandalay Division.

Present on the occasion were Director-General of Prisons Department U Zaw Win, Director U Nyi Soe and staff officers of Mandalay Division and Shan State (North) Prisons Department, Assistant Director of Mandalay Central Prison In-charge U Mya Thwin, Mandalay Division Police Force Commander Principal of the Training School U Myint Swe and course instructors, trainees and their families.

First, Director-General of Prisons Department U Zaw Win made a speech on the occasion. Next, the director-general presented a model award to an outstanding trainee Hsan Win Tun.

A total of 55 trainees are attending the 17-week course. — MNA

One member quits ChaungU Township NLD

YANGON, 26 Nov — Maung Kyaw Min Htaik, member of ChaungU Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division, resigned from the NLD of his own accord on 12 September and sent resignation letters to the NLD headquarters and local authorities.

In his resignation letter sent to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, he said that the NLD had never served the interests of the State and the people, and he quit the party due to losing trust in the NLD and party leaders. — MNA

New building of Wanetchaung Station Hospital in Hmawby Township opens

YANGON, 26 Nov — The new building of Wanetchaung Station Hospital in Hmawby Township was opened this morning. The opening ceremony was attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, departmental heads and officials and wellwishers.

First, the com-

mander and the deputy ministers cut the ribbon to open the hospital building. Lt-Gen Myint Swe formally unveiled the stone plaque of the building. Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected the hospital building.

Delivering an address on the occasion,



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and party look into newly-built Wanetchaung Station Hospital. — MNA



Newly-built Wanetchaung Station Hospital is commissioned into service in Hmawby Township. — MNA

MWAF launches activities at Yangon Children's Hospital

YANGON, 26 Nov — Myanmar Women's Affairs Organization held ceremonies to launch a collective sanitation, growing of physic nut plants, donation of blood and hospital fund at Yangon Children's Hospital this morning.

First, Medical Superintendent Dr Chit Ko Tin briefed on sanitation tasks undertaken in the compound of the hospital.

Next, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-President of MWAF Daw Khin Thet Htay and responsible personnel viewed growing of physic nut plants and they also grew physic nut plants.

Afterward, the mayor and the vice-president gave encouragement to 40 members of MWAF donating blood at the hospital. Next, a ceremony to donate cash to the hospital was held at the hospital. Admi-



Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai grows a physic nut plant in the compound of Yangon Children's Hospital. — YCDC

nistration Department of MWAF Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe made a speech on the occasion.

Next, Director of Department of Health Dr Soe Tint, Medical Superintendent Dr Chit Ko Tin and Dr Daw Aye Mya Moe accepted cash donation K 4.554 million donated by 37 wellwishers.

Afterwards, Assistant Head of Environmental Conservation and

Sanitation Department of YCDC U Kyaw Soe presented garbage bins and bags to Medical Superintendent Dr Chi KO Tin.

Next, Medical Superintendent Dr Chit Ko Tin presented 201 membership applications to Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay. Afterwards, Medical Superintendent Dr Chit Ko Tin spoke words of thanks. — YCDC

the commander said to provide improved health care for the people, the State has been speeding up public health care services especially for the rural people after the formation of the National Health Committee. The opening of this new hospital building will raise the momentum of rural health care. So, all the local people are to maintain the hospital for its durability, he said.

Afterwards, the commander presented K 2.5 million for putting up a hospital fence to Lt-Gen Myint Swe. For the

hospital funds, Naing Group Construction donated K 38.6 million; Shine Hope Co K 2.5 million; Naing Group Construction K 1.6 million; and staff of the Ministry of Industry-1 K 1 million. Other well-wishers also contributed cash donations.

Vice-Chairman of Naing Group Construction U Zaw Naing Oo handed over the documents related to the hospital building to Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint. The hospital is equipped with two operation theaters, one

delivery room, two patients wards, one X-ray room, one medical store, one lab and one OPD. The hospital was built at a cost of K 139.7 million — K 98.6 million by the Ministry of Health, K 38.6 million by Naing Group Construction and K 2.5 million by Yangon Division PDC.

MNA

Desanas for final rites of Maungtaung Myayzin Tawya Sayadaw

YANGON, 26 Nov — Maungtaung Myayzin Tawya Sayadaw Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Bhaddanta Sobhita, aged 86, passed away on 1 September. The final rites of the Sayadaw will be held in Maungtaung Village, Budalin Township, on 1 December. Masoeyin Taikthit Sayadaw Bhaddanta Rajadhamabhivamsa will administer Dhamma Desanas at 7 pm on 28 November, Thitagu Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Nanissara on 29 November and Pyu Sayadaw Bhaddanta Narapati on 30 November. — MNA

KOICA honours Myanmar trainees

YANGON, 26 Nov — The Myanmar trainees who attended the training courses in the Republic of Korea under the arrangements of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) were honoured at the Traders Hotel this evening.

First, KOICA Resident Representative Mr Cho Sang Woo extended greetings and Korean Ambassador Mr Lee Ju-Heum made a speech. On behalf of the trainees, a trainee recounted experiences and expressed thanks. Then Korean traditional cultural dances were presented to the accompaniment of the Korea-Myanmar music band.

A total of 800 Myanmar trainees attended various courses under the sponsorship of KOICA beginning from 1991. — MNA



Korean Ambassador Mr Lee Ju-Heum makes a speech at the dinner hosted to the trainees who attended Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). — MNA

Foreign Military Attachés and families visit Ngapali, Bagan

YANGON, 26 Nov — Accompanied by Daw Myat Ngwe, wife of Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, and officials, Military Attachés and families visited Ngapali of Rakhine State and Bagan, NyaungU and Popa regions of Mandalay Division from 24 November to date.

On 24 November, the excursion team led by Dean of the Military Attachés Defence and Military Attaché of Indonesia Col Yayat Hidayat were seen off at Yangon International

Airport by Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun and officials.

At Thandwe Airport, they were welcomed by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein and wife Daw Kyawt Kyawt San, departmental officials and social organizations.

They took a rest at Ngapali Beach. The commander and wife hosted a dinner in their honour at Amazing Holidays Hotel.

On 25 November,

they left for Bagan-NyaungU. The commander and party saw off them. They were welcomed at Bagan-NyaungU Airport by Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials. Next, they visited Bagan. At Sunset Garden Restaurant, Col Phone Maw Shwe hosted a dinner to them.

While in Bagan, the military attachés and families visited Lacquerware shop of U Ba Nyein and family. After enjoying panoramic view of Bagan, they left Bagan and arrived back here in the afternoon. — MNA



Foreign Military Attachés and families led by Dean of the Military Attachés Colonel Yayat Hidayat visit Bagan Archaeological Museum. — MNA

NC delegates visit Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, Myanmar Info-Tech (ICT Park)

YANGON, 26 Nov — Under the arrangements of National Convention organizing, invitation and accommodation sub-committee, delegates of National Convention paid homage to Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image on Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township yesterday morning.

An official accepted K 147,200 donated by the NC delegates and presented picture of the Buddha

Image to them as a dhamma gift. They also visited white elephant shed and presented K 40,000 for the white elephants.

Later, they visited Myanmar Info-Tech (ICT Park) and viewed the presentation on Myanmar Info-Tech by an official.

The NC delegates paid homage to the Shwedagon Pagoda this morning and offered flowers, candles and jass sticks to the pagoda. The

Christian NC delegates attended service at Kayin Baptist Church in Insein Township today. — MNA



Christian delegates attend service at Kayin Baptist Church in Insein Township. — MNA

USDA Joint Secretary-General meets Japanese delegation



Vice-Chairman of Parliament Affairs Representative of Lower House Mr Ikuzo Sakurai and party call on USDA Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min at USDA Headquarters. — MNA

YANGON, 26 Nov — Joint Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Zaw Min received Japanese delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Parliament Affairs Representative of Lower House Mr Ikuzo Sakurai at USDA Headquarters this

morning. Present also were CEC member U Maung Pa, the head of HQ and responsible persons and officials of Japanese Embassy.

The Joint Secretary-General briefed accounts on aims and objectives of the association, participation of the USDA

members in development tasks and social activities and progress of political, economic, social, education, health and agricultural sectors.

Next, they held comprehensive discussions on bilateral cooperation and exchanged gifts. — MNA

Released inmates from Mandalay Central Jail briefed

YANGON, 26 Nov — Assistant Director U Mya Thwin of Prisons Department briefed altogether 66 inmates – 59 men and seven women to be released from Mandalay Central Jail on 24 November (Friday), 25 November (Saturday) and 26 November (Sunday).

In his speech, he said 66 inmates including six to be released on Saturday and 35 to be released on Sunday were freed on 24 November. They served their prison terms for various reasons. Personnel of the Prisons Department

held them according to law. Under the motto of PD, inmates can have their meals adequately. The inmates are provided with boiled rice in the morning, lunch and dinner in the afternoon and in the evening. Meat is provided twice a week. There are 42 jails and 91 camps. Over 1,000 bags of rice are needed for a day and over 3,000 viss of meat is needed for one time. Over 5,000 eggs are needed for non-meat-eaters.

He said adequate water is provided to the inmates. A wellwisher will donate a

water purifying plant worth 40 million in the jail. Doctors from jail hospital and specialists provided necessary treatments for the inmates. There is no place as good as one's home. All jails in the world cannot give warmth to the inmates no matter how good they are. Now the released inmates can live with their families. He told them not to come to the jail again.

He also said that if there are bullying acts of the personnel of the PD, complaints can be made in the presence of the relatives. — MNA

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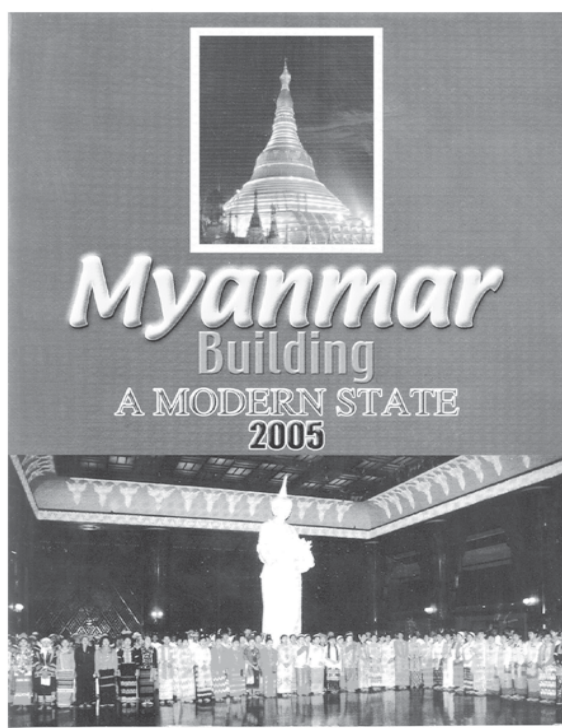
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Putin says Russia, Finland to boost cooperation in all fields

HELSINKI, 25 Nov— Russian President Vladimir Putin said here recently that his country and Finland would boost bilateral cooperation in all fields.

"In practically all fields, we have plans to build up relations and increase volumes of trade, and we will give this cooperation all forms of support at state level," Putin told a joint

newsconference in Helsinki with Finnish President Tarja Halonen after talks.

Finland is one of Russia's main partners in the energy industry, said Putin, who is on a brief

working visit to Finland and will attend the EU-Russia summit Friday in Helsinki.

"Russia has always viewed Finland as a key economic partner," said Putin.—MNA/Xinhua



Suicide bombing injures four Afghan soldiers

KABUL, 25 Nov— A suicide car bombing injured four Afghan soldiers in the eastern Paktika Province Thursday, a local senior Afghan commander told Xinhua on Friday.

The blast hit an Afghan

military convoy in Barmal District on Thursday afternoon and caused the casualties, said General Muradali Murad.

There was no information of the attacker's nationality, but he was an al-Qaeda member, Murad added.

Meanwhile, some Taliban militants attacked a convoy, which was providing logistics to the US military, in Share Safa District of the southern Zabul Province on Friday, Noor Mohammad Paktin, the provincial police chief told Xinhua.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistani soldiers show their skills on the last day of a four-day defence exhibition IDEAS2006 in Karachi on 24 Nov, 2006. Pakistan, whose defence-related exports exceeded \$200 million in the last fiscal year, is touting locally built tanks and other weapons to carve a niche for itself in the global arms market, a top Army official said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Duration of Iraq war to equal time US spent fighting WWII

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov— On Sunday, the Iraq war will have spanned the same number of days—1,347—that the United States fought World War II (WWII), but perhaps that is where most similarities end, *The USA Today* reported on Friday.

World War II was fought with navies over two oceans and soldiers on three continents and militaries facing each other in uniform, said the report.

However, in Iraq, whose military was destroyed within weeks of the US-led invasion, the conflict is of a much different nature.

The United States fielded 16 million men and women to fight WWII, with 54 million civilians and 405,000 US troops killed.—MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan, China agree to jointly develop AWACS

ISLAMABAD, 25 Nov— Pakistan and China on Friday signed a memorandum of understanding for a long-term collaboration in defence production including development of an

airborne early warning surveillance system.

The announcement came during the visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao to Pakistan. China has been the main supplier of military hardware to

Pakistan for decades.

A statement from Pakistan's Air Force said the two countries agreed on collaboration and co-development of aircraft manufacturing and related fields.—MNA/Reuters

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HK recovers 28 tons of rechargeable battery in 19 months

HONG KONG, 25 Nov—More than 28 tons of rechargeable batteries have been collected in Hong Kong in the past 19 months, effectively reducing pollution risks, the government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) said here on Thursday.

About 13 tons of rechargeable batteries were collected in the first year starting in March 2005 when Hong Kong launched a programme to recover the batteries, said Lawrence Wong, an official with the Environmental Protection Department of the HKSAR government.

The batteries were sent

to a treatment facility in the Republic of Korea for recycling in April this year, he said when releasing the programme's first annual report.

"For the past seven months ending in October, we collected more than 15 tons of rechargeable batteries. They are scheduled for shipment to the recycling facility by December,"

he said.

"We are optimistic about meeting the 10 per cent recovery target by March 2007," he said.

Hong Kong produced about 250 tons of rechargeable batteries on the annual basis, and most of the batteries ended up in landfills through environmental-friendly measures.

MNA/Xinhua



Candidates in Nanjing take the national civil servant recruitment examination, on 25 Nov, 2006—XINHUA

Vietnam to build more private universities

HANOI, 25 Nov—The Vietnamese Government has recently approved in principle 20 schemes on establishing 15 private universities and five state ones, according to local newspaper *Youth* on Friday.

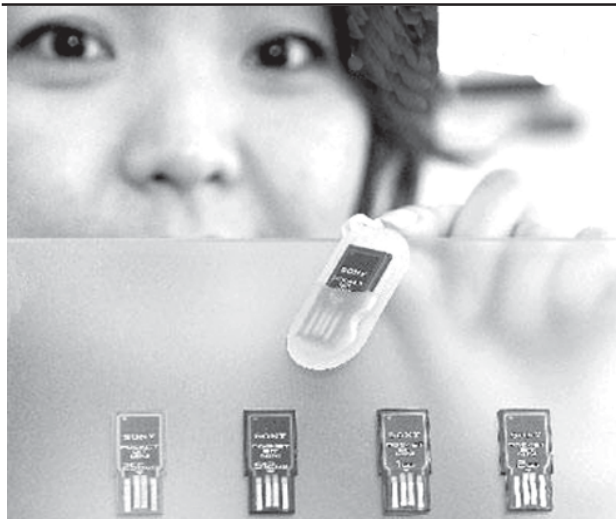
Under the government approval, Vietnam's north-western region will have its first private university in Hoa Binh Province, and the country's central region four new private universities.

Relevant entities are now completing schemes on establishing a total of 10 universities, including four private ones, to submit them to the government for approval.

By mid-2005, Vietnam, with a population of some 82 million at that time, had 22.5 million students from pre-school to higher education, or over 27 per cent of its population, who attended 214 universities and colleges, 546 vocational training

establishments, 26,359 grade schools, and 10,104 kindergartens, according to the country's Ministry of Education and Training.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese electronics maker Sony has unleashed their latest line of Pocket Mini flash memory drives.

XINHUA

"Airbus A380" concludes trial journey, leaving Shanghai for Toulouse

SHANGHAI, 25 Nov—The Airbus A380 super airliner concluded its ten-day trial journey in China and took off from Shanghai Pudong International Airport for Toulouse at 2:40 pm on Friday.

After its arrival on Thursday evening, mechanics conducted a series of tests on the aircraft, including its power supply and air conditioning systems.

The airliner was open for insiders to visit on Friday morning.

The 555-seat aircraft is powered by four Rolls Royce Trent 900 engines. The A380 started its technical trial journey on 13 November to carry out function and reliability tests at key airports around the world.

The trial required the aircraft to complete more than 150 flight hours on a continuous typical airline schedule, performing in its normal operational

environment.

Starting from Toulouse, the route comprised 10 airports, including Singapore, Seoul, Hong Kong, Narita, Guangzhou, Beijing and Shanghai. The A380 had to demonstrate that it could be turned around as per normal airline operations.

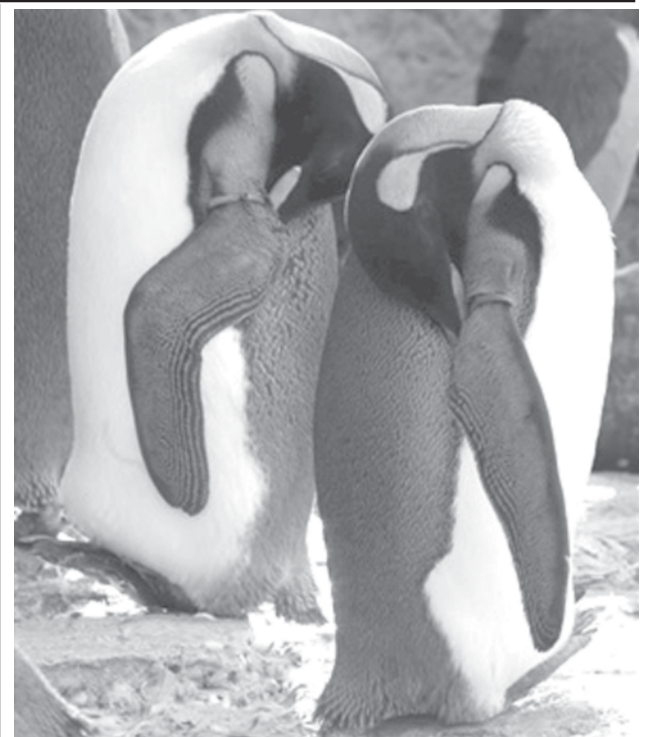
Tests included checks on standard maintenance and performance, as well as typical airport operations and compatibility, such as bridge docking, cleaning and catering, refuelling and boarding procedures.

MNA/Xinhua



The Airbus A380 super airliner concluded its ten-day trial journey in China and took off from Shanghai Pudong International Airport for Toulouse at 2:40 pm on 24 Nov, 2006.

XINHUA



King penguins lift their feet as they stand at Ueno Zoo in Tokyo on 24 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET

Cannes' Cinema of World section to focus on India

PANAJI, 25 Nov—The Cannes festival will focus on "young Indian cinema" and also open with an Indian movie in its "Cinema of the World" section next year. "Two days will be devoted to Indian cinema, one each for mainstream and art films," said Serge Sobczynski, in-charge of the "Cinemas du

Monde" section of the Cannes festival.

Sobczynski is on a special mission to the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa to select Indian art and mainstream films for the section.

"We will select four Indian feature films and two to three mainstream films. There will be a session on Indian short

films too," he said.

He will watch movies in IFFI's Indian Panorama section to shortlist films for the next Cannes festival.

Cannes may also have Indian documentaries in its list, provided they are original in form, style and artistically creative, Sobczynski said.

MNA/PTI

SPORTS



Chicago Blackhawks' Bryan Smolinski (R) falls over Edmonton Oilers goaltender Dwayne Roloson during second period NHL action in Edmonton on 24 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

West Ham usher in new era with win

LONDON, 26 Nov— West Ham ushered in a new era with a nervy victory on Saturday when they beat visiting Sheffield United 1-0 in a Premiership game.

Fresh from his takeover, Eggert Magnusson was given a rousing reception at Upton Park before kick-off. And the Icelandic was on his feet applauding when Hayden Mullins headed the Hammers in front on 36 minutes.

But the hosts had to hang on after the break and were grateful to referee Mike Riley when he controversially ruled out Robert Kozluk's goal at the death.

Riley spotted a foul on Hammers keeper Rob Green, who came through a crowd of players to clear Mikele Leigertwood's hopeful punt into the box.

MNA/Reuters

Seongnam Ilhwa crowned K-League champions

SEOUL, 26 Nov— Seongnam Ilhwa won the South Korean K-League championship on Saturday, overpowering Suwon Bluewings 2-1 in the second leg of the final. Brazilian striker Mota scored close-range shots in both halves of the match, giving Seongnam its seventh league title and entry to next season's Asian Champions League.

Mota scored the second just after the break before Brazilian forward Silva struck back for Suwon with a sharp header off an assist from Song Chong-gug in the 75th minute.— MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Liverpool beat Manchester City 1-0

LONDON, 26 Nov— Steven Gerrard scored his first Premiership goal of the season when he guided Liverpool to a 1-0 home win over Manchester City on Saturday.

Gerrard crashed a swerving shot past Nicky Weaver in the 67th minute after Dutchman Dirk Kuyt intercepted Joey Barton's poor pass.

Before the goal City had frustrated Liverpool and might have taken the lead themselves had Bernardo Corradi taken a couple of reasonable chances.

Georgios Samaras also went close with a clever shot in the last 10 minutes.

Gerrard had scored in the midweek Champions League win over PSV Eindhoven and his goal against City was eerily similar in the way he powered to the edge of the box before scoring with an unstoppable shot.

After a sluggish start to the campaign the Liverpool captain is looking almost back to his best, having scored two goals in three games since moving to the centre

of midfield.

Liverpool deployed an intriguing 3-5-2 formation with Jamie Carragher, Sami Hyypia and Daniel Agger strung along the back.—MNA/Xinhua



Liverpool's John Arne Riise (L) challenges Manchester City's Hatem Trabelsi (R) for the ball during their English Premier League soccer match in Liverpool, northern England on 25 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Charlton fight back to draw with Everton

LONDON, 26 Nov— Charlton Athletic stayed bottom of the Premier League after coming from a goal down to draw 1-1 with Everton at The Valley on Saturday.

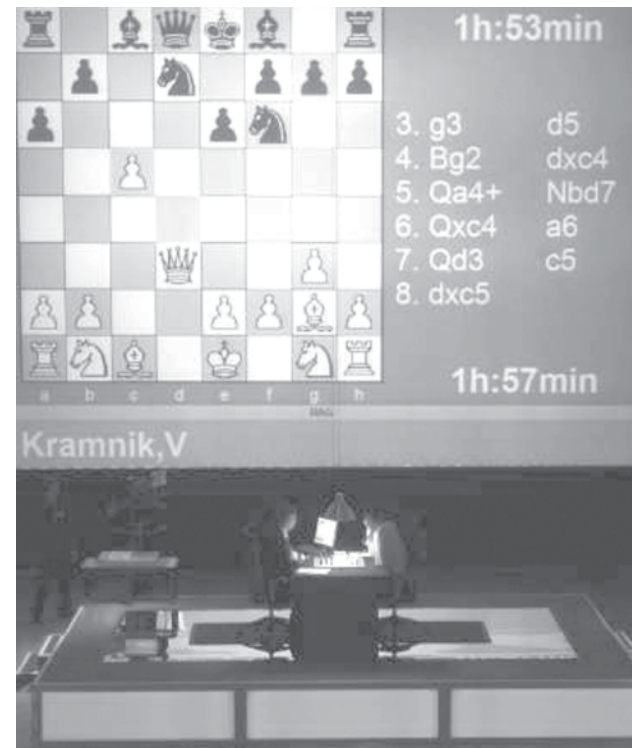
Everton broke the deadlock after 51 minutes of a dour game when Charlton's Icelandic defender Hermann Hreidarsson deflected the ball into his own net. Ireland midfielder Andy Reid levelled for the home side in the 67th minute with a crisp first-time shot from the edge of the area after teammate Marcus Bent won possession.— MNA/Reuters

English Premier League standings

LONDON, 26 Nov— Following are the standings from the English Premier League after matches on Saturday.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United	13	11	1	1	29	6	34
Chelsea	13	10	1	2	23	7	31
Portsmouth	13	7	2	4	19	11	23
Aston Villa	14	5	8	1	16	10	23
Arsenal	12	6	4	2	20	7	22
Reading	14	7	1	6	16	18	22
Everton	14	5	6	3	18	12	21
Liverpool	14	6	3	5	15	15	21
Bolton Wanderers	13	6	3	4	12	12	21
Wigan Athletic	12	5	3	4	16	13	18
Fulham	14	4	5	5	14	20	17
Middlesbrough	14	4	4	6	11	17	16
Tottenham Hotspur	13	4	4	5	10	15	16
Manchester City	14	4	4	6	10	16	16
West Ham United	14	4	2	8	10	16	14
Blackburn Rovers	13	3	4	6	11	17	13
Newcastle United	13	2	4	7	8	15	10
Sheffield United	14	2	4	8	8	19	10
Watford	13	1	6	6	10	19	9
Charlton Athletic	14	2	3	9	10	21	9

MNA/Xinhua



Classical World Chess Champion Vladimir Kramnik (R) concentrates during a chess match against the world's leading chess computer, Deep Fritz in Bonn on 25 Nov, 2006. The six games in the duel between Vladimir Kramnik and Deep Fritz, the chess computer developed by Hamburg-based Chessbase, will be held from 25 Nov to 5 Dec, 2006. If Kramnik wins he will earn one million US dollars.—INTERNET

Rooney signs new deal with Manchester United

LONDON, 26 Nov— Wayne Rooney has signed a new contract with Manchester United that will keep him at the club until 2012, the leading Premiership club said in a statement on Saturday. The England international striker, 21, joined the Old Trafford outfit two years ago in a 27-million-pound move from Everton.

Negotiations on the contract began just two months ago and reflect the desire of both parties to seal the deal. "It is something I have always wanted," said Rooney. "There is so much I want to achieve with this club, starting hopefully with the league this season."

Red Devils manager Sir Alex Ferguson is delighted to have tied Rooney to a long-term contract just over a year since Cristiano Ronaldo penned a new deal that runs until 2010.—MNA/Xinhua



Emmet Gazzard of Australia (back) knocks down Saensak Singmanasak of Thailand during their World Boxing Foundation (WBF) intercontinental bantamweight title match in Singapore on 25 Nov, 2006. Singapore is hosting its first WBF World Welterweight title fight since 1989.—INTERNET

Asleep in Jesus
U Hla Tun (a) Jimmy CPA, DHL Age 84 Years
Excellent Performance in Social Field (First Class)
Excellent Performance in Arts (First Class)
Chairman and Founder of
U Hla Tun Hospice (Cancer) Foundation
Principal, U Hla Tun Group
 Son of (U Hla Pe) and (Daw Daw Saw), beloved husband of (Daw Mya Mya), beloved father of (Daw Mya Sanda Tun /Ruby) and U Tin Min Oo, younger brother of (Daw Khin Ma Ma Gyi) and (U Sein Tun), elder brother of (Dr Khin Khin May), beloved grandfather of U Nyan Soe Moe, Daw Chaw Kalyar and U Soe Aung Kyaw, beloved great grandfather of Aung Thura Moe, Htet Soe Moe, Thazin Aung and Pa Pa Aung, U Hla Tun of No (5), Innya Myaing Combined Street in Bahan Township passed away on 26th November, 2006 (Sunday) at the Shwegondaing Specialist Centre (SSC) at 3:40 am. Funeral services on the 28th, November, 2006 (Tuesday), at Holy Trinity Cathedral on the corner of Bogyoke Aung San Street and Shwedagon Pagoda Road at 1:00 pm and thence for burial to the Yayway Cemetery.
Bereaved Family

Iranian official says US, Israel do not dare attack

TEHERAN, 26 Nov— Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, said the United States would not dare to attack Iran and Teheran did not take seriously any threats of invasion, Iran's student news agency ISNA reported on Saturday.

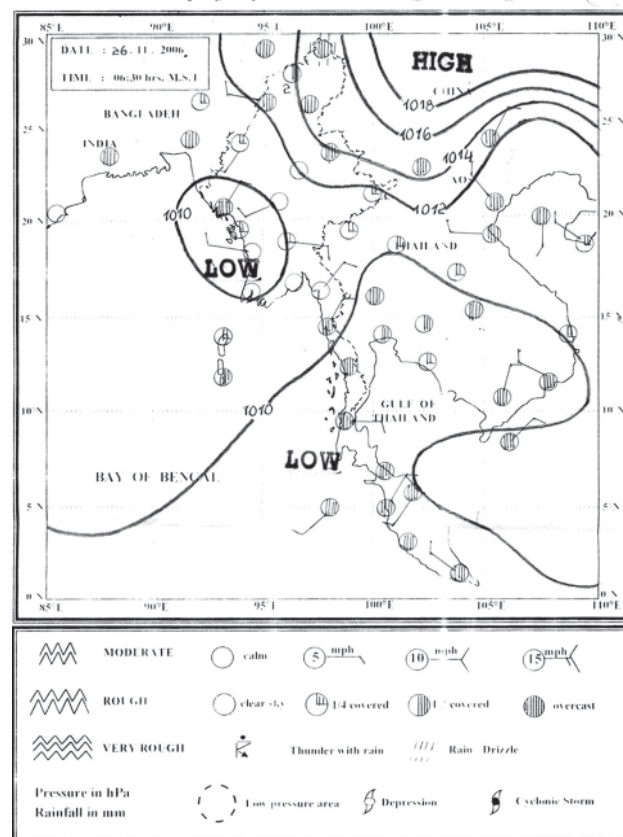
Larijani's remarks, made at a meeting with Pakistani media officials in Teheran, came amid growing calls for the United States to engage Iran and Syria in efforts to curb violence and prevent civil war in Iraq.

"America has weak points in the Middle East and will never dare go through another military adventure," Larijani said, when questioned about the possibility of a US or Israeli attack to stop Iran's nuclear programme.

"Israel is not in the position to attack us either, things they say are sheer slogans," Larijani said, "We do not take such slogans seriously ... and if they do that (attack Iran) they will receive a decisive response," he added.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 26 November, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather have been generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5°C) below normal in Magway Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States, upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan State and Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Putao (0.04) inch. The significant night temperature was Pinlaung (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 25-11-2006 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 26-11-2006 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 26-11-2006 was 72%. Total sunshine hours on 25-11-2006 was (8.3) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 26-11-2006 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 (9) mph from Northwest at 14:30 hours MST on 25-11-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 27-11-2006: Isolated light rain are possible in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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


Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 27-11-2006: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 27-11-2006: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 27-11-2006: Fair weather.




Colombian singer Shakira greets her fans outside the presidential palace in Santiago on 22 Nov, 2006. Shakira is in Colombia for two concerts as part of her "Oral Fixation" world tour. —INTERNET



Monday, 27 November

View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံယ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာဂန္ထဝဂ္ဂ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</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. Cute little dancers</p>	<p>8:20 am</p> <p>7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</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. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. Practice in Reading</p> <p>4:45 am</p> <p>4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (သိပ္ပံအထူးပြုအားလုံး) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. Dance variety</p> <p>5:10 pm</p> <p>6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား</p> <p>5:25 pm</p> <p>7. "စည်းကမ်း လိုက်နာ ဘေးကင်းကွာ" (လူကူးမြင်းကျားမှူးမယ်)</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>8. Song and dances of national races</p> <p>5:45 pm</p> <p>9. Musical programme.</p>	<p>(The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>10. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>11. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm</p> <p>12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၂၉)</p> <p>6:50 pm</p> <p>13. အလှူရှာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်</p> <p>7:15 pm</p> <p>14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မြင်းနဲ့အတူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>15. News</p> <p>16. International news</p> <p>17. Weather report</p> <p>18. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်" (အပိုင်း-၃)</p> <p>19. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မဘာဝနာ ပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်</p> <p>20. The next day's programme</p>
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Monday, 27 November

Tune in today

<p>8:30 am Brief news</p> <p>8:35 am Music: -Juanita</p> <p>8:40 am Perspectives</p> <p>8:45 am Music: -Got the feeling</p> <p>8:50 am National news & Slogan</p> <p>9:00 am Music: -Faint</p> <p>9:05 am International news</p> <p>9:10 am Music: Witch Dr</p> <p>1:30 pm News / Slogan</p> <p>1:40pm Lunch time music -You & me -Everytime -My wonderful</p> <p>9:00pm Spotlight on the star: Tracy Huang -What will I write -Fear of flying</p> <p>9:10 pm Article</p> <p>9:20 pm Drug/ Women Affairs</p> <p>9:35 pm Vocal gems -What forever for</p> <p>9:45 pm News / Slogan</p> <p>10:00 pm PEL</p>

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NHC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein hosts dinner to traditional medicine practitioners

YANGON, 26 Nov — Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein hosted a dinner to delegates from states and divisions to the 7th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel yesterday evening.

It was attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence, ministers, the attorney-general, the chairman of YCDC mayor, deputy ministers, members of NHC, officials of the SPDC Office, departmental heads, the directors-general of departments and the medical superintendents of hospitals under the Ministry of Health, members of Traditional Medicine Council, responsible persons of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association, delegates to the conference, members of Traditional Medicine Inspection Central Committee, members of Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Nurses Association, Myanmar Dental Association, Myanmar Health



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein hosts dinner in honour of delegates from the states and divisions at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel. —MNA

Assistants Association and guests.

During the dinner, A1 Soe Myint music troupe presented the entertainment. — MNA

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects progress of district-to-district Myitkyina-Akye-Hsinbo-Peinkhunyan-Myohla Road

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, inspected construction of

Myitkyina-Akye-Hsinbo section of No 3 district-to-district road (Myitkyina-Akye-Hsinbo-Peinkhunyan-Myohla Road) on 23 November.

At Malizupyan Bridge on the road, Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed officials of the Public Works to maintain the

bridge and the road section.

They proceeded to Nanteinlon Bridge across Mogaung Creek and inspected it.

It is a 464-foot pontoon bridge with 13 feet wide motor road. It can withstand five-ton loads.

At the briefing hall,

Lt-Col Tun Than of the command headquarters reported on construction of the bridge and progress of Akye-Hsinbo section, Col Khin Maung Cho on completion of the one-way road on Hopin-Hsinbo section, and Col Thet Wai on progress in Myohla-Amatgyikon-Peinkhunyan-Hsinbo section.

The commander briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint on construction of Myitkyina-Hsinbo section, Phakant-Tamakkan-Hsezin road, and Phakant-8th mile section and upgrading of the roads.

They went back to the junction of Hsinbo-Akye section and Akye-Myitkyina section and inspected transport facilities for the passengers.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed thriving rubber plantations of the private entrepreneurs in Shadaung Village, Myitkyina Township.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects Nanteinlon Bridge across Mogaung Creek in Kachin State.

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