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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends felicitations to LPDR

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec— On the occasion of the 31st Anniversary of the founding of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, which falls on 2 December 2006, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Bounnhang Vorachit, Vice-President of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye felicitates UAE Vice-President and Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Highness Maktoum Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, on the occasion of the National Day of the United Arab Emirates, which falls on 2 December, 2006. — MNA

Proposals of Delegate Group of National Races on chapters “Election”, “Political Parties” and “Provisions on State of Emergency” submitted to Plenary Session of National Convention

YANGON, 1 Dec — Four delegates presented proposals of Delegate Group of National Races on the detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the chapters “Election”, “Political Parties” and “Provisions on State of Emergency” to be included in drafting the State Constitution at the Plenary Session of the National Convention which continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township,

Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Con-

vention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of subcommittees, delegates of political parties of National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development (See page 9)



National Convention in progress. — MNA

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

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Yangon-Thanyin Bridge No 2, key to better transport

Smooth and secure transport contributes to regional development. It also brings about swift commodity flow and development of trade and commerce, thereby ensuring the improvement of socio-economic life of local residents. Therefore, a string of new roads and river-crossing bridges are being built.

Being a commercial city, Yangon is densely populated with a large number of financial institutions. Thanks to Hline river-crossing bridges such as the Bayintnaung, the Aungzeya and the Shwepyitha in Yangon Division, local people in townships on the other bank of the river can directly go to Yangon, resulting in the development of trade and commerce.

Moreover, with the emergence of Twantay Bridge across Twantay Canal, people from Yangon can now easily travel to Dalla, Twantay, Kawhmu and Kungyong Townships in Yangon Division and townships in Ayeyawady Division. Likewise, with the emergence of new Kayan Creek Bridge in Kayan Township, people from Bago, Thanatpin and Kawa Townships in Bago Division can travel to Yangon in a short time, and sell rice, pulses and beans and marine products there.

At present, the Thilawa Port is being upgraded to enable seagoing vessels with a heavy load to use it. At the same time, the Yangon-Thanyin Bridge No 2 is being constructed for lorries with a heavy load. The 4,540 feet long bridge is a 72 feet wide six-lane facility. The foundation of the bridge is of reinforced concrete type and can bear 75-ton loads.

Nowadays, major bridges are being constructed across the nation, spending a large amount of funds and resources. The Yangon-Thanyin Bridge No 2, a key to better transport, will soon emerge.

Prizes to be presented to winners in Photo Contest marking Independence Day

YANGON, 30 Nov — Entries were invited to take part in the photo contest entitled "Developing Country" in commemoration of the 59th Anniversary Independence Day which falls on 4 January 2007.

At present, the Photo Scrutinizing Committee had selected winners in the contest.

The prize presentation ceremony will be held at Central Hotel on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, at 3 pm on 12 December.

Winners are to attend the ceremony without fail.

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Peoples' Desire

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

USDA Secretary-General and CEC member meet with members in Ngwehsaung



Secretary-General U Htay Oo of USDA delivers a speech. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Nov — Secretary-General U Htay Oo and CEC member U Thein Nyunt of Union Solidarity and Development Association met with the joint secretary of Ayeyawady Division USDA and members of Patheingyi district/township and

Ngwehsaung USDAs at the office of Ngwehsaung USDA in Patheingyi Township, Ayeyawady Division on 25 November. After hearing the reports, they gave necessary instructions.

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Minister looks into new Pyayi (North) Well No 2 in Thayet Township

YANGON, 30 Nov—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on 27 November morning inspected production of gas at new Pyayi (North) Well No 2 of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise near Pyayi Village in Thayet Township, Magway Division.

At the briefing hall, the minister heard reports presented by officials on production of gas and finding of gas deposits at Pyayi (North) region and arrangements being made for drilling of new wells.

The minister gave instructions on timely completion of the drilling work and attended to the requirements.

Next, the minister presented cash awards to

service personnel who successfully drilled the wells and looked into the test-producing of gas at the new well.

After that, the minister viewed the land preparation for drilling of the new test well No 3 east of the new well No 2.

In the afternoon, the minister arrived at Thayet Cement Plant under the Ministry of Industry-1 and inspected No 3 Kiln run by gas and No 1 Kiln run by gas and fuel, and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The gas produced by Pyayi (North) region is being supplied to Thayet Cement Plant.

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CEC member Brig-Gen Thein Aung donates cash and kind to schools in Kayah State

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Nov— CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung together with Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Col Nyunt Tin met with local people at the pre-primary school in Pekingkawku village,

Kayah State on 27 November and presented K 500,000 for the extended building of the school.

In Kayanthayar (north) village, they presented exercise books and cash donations for BEPSs in Kayanthayar (north) and Dawsarsi villages. On 28 November, the CEC member, the chairman and

wellwishers presented K 13.1 million for the construction of Dhammaryon in Loikaw.

Next, they inspected the construction tasks of Government Technological College (Loikaw) and gave necessary instructions.

In Dimawhso Township, they donated provided cash and kind for Usamoso village

BEMS and Loinanpha BEHS (branch).

In the evening, the CEC member met with members of State/District/Township USDAs at the office of Kayah State USDA and urged them to implement the nine future tasks laid down by the USDA annual general meeting.

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Iran blames US, regional agents for Iraq unrest

TEHERAN, 29 Nov— Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's highest authority, told the Iraqi President on Tuesday the US occupation and some US-backed regional "agents" were to blame for violence in Iraq, state TV reported.

Khamenei also told Jalal Talabani that Iran was ready to help restore

security in Iraq if Baghdad wished — echoing comments made a day earlier by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

The United States says fighting in Iraq is being fuelled by Iranian weapons exports and its backing for Shiite Muslim groups, charges Teheran dismisses.

"The first step to

resolve the insecurity in Iraq is the withdrawal of the occupiers and handing over the security issues to the Iraqi Government, which is backed by the people," state television quoted Khamenei as telling Talabani in their meeting.

"Some US agents in the region are the middle men for implementing American policies and

creating an insecure Iraq.

"Supporting terrorist groups in Iraq and igniting insecurity... will be very dangerous for America's agents and also the region," Khamenei said without naming who the agents were.

Iraqis fear a new wave of sectarian blood-letting after a bombing on Thursday killed 202 people, the worst such attack since the US invasion in 2003.

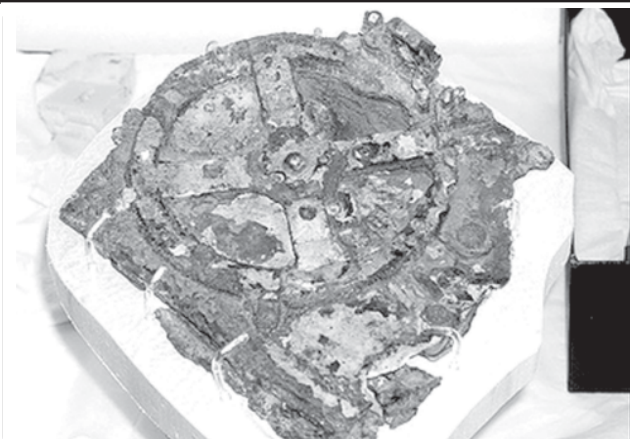
UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Iraq had been pushed closer to civil war and has called for Iran and Syria to help.

MNA/Reuters



Russia's President Vladimir Putin (L), Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov, and Dean of St Petersburg State University's Management Department Valery Katkalo (R), discuss a model of a new campus of St Petersburg State University at a ceremony which opens the campus construction, in St Petersburg, on 29 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

A handout photo shows the Antikythera Mechanism at the Athens National Archaeological Museum, on 29 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET



Carlyle sets foot in China's property market

BEIJING, 29 Nov — New government regulations on foreign investment in China's real estate market have not deterred the US private equity firm the Carlyle Group from buying more than 100 million US dollars worth of property in Shanghai, reports Tuesday's *Shanghai Securities News*.

The American company spent about 120 million US dollars to buy 110 villas in Minhang

District of Shanghai in its first purchase in the Chinese Mainland's property market, said the report.

The report quoted an anonymous insider close to the deal as saying that the luxury housing, located in Kunyang Road near an international tennis centre, was part of a programme named the "Zhongfang Forest Villa", developed by Shanghai Zhongfang Real Estate

Co, Ltd.

Citing statistics from the world's leading property advisor, Savills, the newspaper said that increasing demand had pushed up the rents for villas in Shanghai in the third quarter this year, with monthly rents in Puxi climbing to 23.6 US dollars per square metre.

Carlyle intends to lease the villas in pursuit of long-term returns, said the report.— MNA/Xinhua

Four killed, 24 injured in head-on collision in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 29 Nov — Four people were killed and 24 others injured when a pick-up collided with a tractor trolley Monday near eastern Pakistani City of Sargodha, the state-run *Associated Press of Pakistan* reported.

The head-on collision between the two vehicles near Sargodha, some 195 kilometres south of Pakistani capital Islamabad, killed four people on the spot and injured 24 others, the police was quoted by *APP* as saying. Reports say traffic accident death rate in Pakistan is among the highest in the world.— MNA/Xinhua

French secret service agent killed in Iraq

PARIS, 29 Nov — A French secret service agent was killed by militiamen last week at a checkpoint in the southern Iraqi city of Basra, the French Defence Ministry said on Monday.

France never releases operational details about its DGSE foreign intelligence service and announced the death only after Defence Minister Michele Alliot-Marie had

attended the dead man's funeral.

"On 21 November, a non-commissioned officer of the (DGSE) was killed by a local militia during an inspection at a checkpoint in Basra in southern Iraq," the ministry said. It gave no further details of the incident. *Le Point* magazine reported on its website that a second agent was seriously wounded in the attack and flown back to France on Saturday.

The magazine said the men were in Iraq to protect French diplomats.

France, which fiercely opposed the US-led invasion of Iraq, has an embassy in Baghdad and a diplomatic mission in Basra.

MNA/Reuters



Charles Simonyi, a former software developer at US giant Microsoft, takes part in a training session at Russia's Cosmonaut Training Centre in Star City outside Moscow, on 29 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET



French rider Olivier Garcia rides his horse Emir et Djugut inside a giant plastic bubble as they train for the grand opening of the Stockholm International Horse Show at the Globe Arena in Stockholm, on 29 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Indonesia reduces reliance on western countries

JAKARTA, 29 Nov—The Indonesian Government has begun to reduce reliance on western countries in arms purchase and turned to East European countries as sparring suppliers, an official said Tuesday.

The purchase of lethal weapons from Western countries like the United States, France and Britain will be reduced to 60 per cent from 80 per cent as the government is now looking to East European countries as the main

suppliers, Defence Minister Juwono Sudarsono told reporters here.

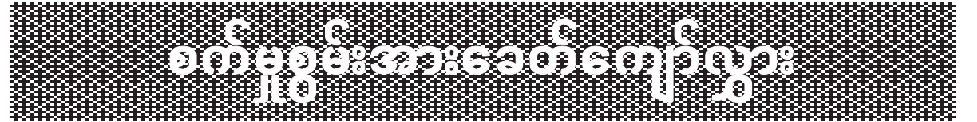
“From the United States, we focus on the purchase of personnel aircraft and radar. From Russia, we intend to buy jetfighters, submarines and combat helicopters,” he said. “We are now flexible (in purchasing arms) from either Western or eastern countries.”

The Russian Government has granted recently a one-billion-US-dollar credit for Indonesia’s arms

purchase. President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono is slated to meet with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin early in December for further talks on the arms deal.

Earlier reports said Indonesia plans to buy five new cargo helicopters, four combat helicopters, two submarines and six jetfighters from Russia using the one billion dollars export credit.

MNA/Xinhua



A man pulls his child on a sled in a snowfall in Vancouver, British Columbia recently. — INTERNET

Study says sitting for long hours hurts back

CHICAGO, 29 Nov—A new form of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) has revealed that the spine undergoes a lot of strain, leading to chronic pain, if a person sits upright in a position for long hours.

The new study, conducted at Woodend Hospital in Aberdeen, Scotland, has found that a

135-degree body-thigh sitting posture was demonstrated to be the best bio-mechanical sitting position, as opposed to a 90-degree posture, which most people consider normal.”

“Sitting in a sound anatomic position is essential, since the strain put on the spine and its associated ligaments over

time can lead to pain, deformity and chronic illness,” Waseem Amir Bashir, author and clinical fellow, department of Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging, University of Alberta Hospital, Canada said. By identifying bad seating postures and helping people take preventive measures to protect the

spine, strain on the back could be reduced, he said. The study was presented at the annual conclave of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) here, Monday.

The researcher studied 22 healthy volunteers with no back pain or surgery under a “positional” MRI machine. This new MRI device, unlike the traditional scanners which requires patients to lie flat, allows them freedom of motion; such as sitting or standing, during imaging, in the process reducing chances of pain being masked, he added.

MNA/PTI



The 2008 Aston Martin V8 Vantage Roadster is shown at the Los Angeles Auto Show on 29 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

Kidman tops actress earning list

KAMPALA, 30 Nov—Nicole Kidman is the highest paid film actress according to the Hollywood Reporter’s annual list.

The 39-year-old Australian is paid \$17m (£8.7m) for each movie, overtaking last year’s leader Reese Witherspoon, who can command a \$15m (£7.6m) fee. Renee Zellweger is in third place, also banking \$15m per film.

Julia Roberts did not make the list for the first time in its five-year history, as she has taken time off acting to raise her twins. But Kidman, 39, who won an Oscar for

playing writer Virginia Woolf in *The Hours*, was unable to match the feat of fellow Oscar winner Roberts, who has commanded \$20m (£10.2m) per film.

Charlie’s Angels co-stars Drew Barrymore and Cameron Diaz were in fourth and fifth place, respectively, both scoring \$15m. Two more Oscar winners, Halle Berry, who won for her role in *Monster’s Ball* earned \$14m (£7.1m) per movie, and South African actress Charlize Theron - Academy Award winner for *Monster* - earned \$10m (£5.1m). Angelina Jolie

makes eighth spot with \$10m, followed by Kirsten Dunst with \$8m-\$10m, followed by former *Friends* star Jennifer Aniston with \$8m (£4.1m). —Internet

Body of US warplane pilot missing in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 29 Nov—US forces hunted for the body of an F-16 pilot who was killed on Monday when his warplane came down in a Sunni guerilla stronghold northwest of Baghdad.

The body of the pilot, who has not yet been identified, disappeared from the crash site before an American armoured column arrived on the scene and sealed off the area.

Film taken by a local journalist shortly after the crash showed the bloodied and clearly dead body of what appeared to be a man in a flight suit wearing a parachute harness lying in a field strewn with the wreckage of the plane.

But the military said a rescue team did not find the body: “The pilot was not there when our forces arrived. At this time we do not have him,” US Air Force Captain Nathan Broshear told *Reuters*, adding that he could not confirm the pilot was dead. — MNA/Reuters

Bombs kill four near Baghdad hospital

BAGHDAD, 29 Nov— Two car bombs close to west Baghdad’s main Yarmouk Hospital killed four people and wounded 40 on Tuesday, a source at Baghdad police headquarters said. Police and Interior Ministry sources said at least one of the bombs targeted a police patrol near the hospital and killed a police officer. Several police were also among the wounded.

A security officer at the medical centre, clearly shaken, said one blast went off close to the hospital’s mortuary. —MNA/Reuters



Japanese pianist Maiko Ichiyanagi poses with the world’s smallest grand piano produced by Japan’s toy maker Sega Toys. The “Grand Pianist,” which has 88 working keys and can automatically play 100 pre-installed music songs, will go on sale on 1 April 2007 with a price of 47,000 yen (400 USD). —INTERNET

EU financial ministers fail again to raise alcohol tax

BRUSSELS, 30 Nov— Financial ministers from the members of the European Union failed to break the deadlock on alcohol tax raise on Tuesday, for the second time in a month.

Despite the efforts of the EU's Finnish presidency to broker a deal, the compromised proposal to increase minimum excise duties on alcohol by 4.5 percent was finally vetoed by the Czech Republic, which is against the discrimination between beer and wine.

Under the proposal, the tax raise applies to beer and "intermediate products", including fortified wines such as sherry and port and spirits, but wine was excluded at the

request of France, among others.

"We could not accept a proposal to increase the minimum of excise tax for beer and the reason is that today there is no minimum for wine," Czech Finance Minister Vlastimil Tlustý told reporters, "Beer is part of food, wine is part of food."

The Czech Republic is the biggest consumer and producer of beer in the EU. The European Commission had originally proposed to raise the EU-wide excise tax rates on alcohol by 31 per cent to reflect inflation since the tax was last recalculated in 1993.

Although the EU's executive branch claimed it would add merely one

euro cent to the price of a half litre of beer, the move was opposed by Germany earlier this month, who feared its consumers could not bear more since a three percentage point increase in value-added tax will start next year.

The financial ministers decided to review the tax raise issue in early 2007 and asked the European Commission to find possible solutions, but EU Taxation Commissioner Laszlo Kovacs acknowledged that it would be difficult to gain support for a winetax. — MNA/Xinhua



Towers of the legendary Angkor Wat temple are seen north of Siem Reap provincial town, about 230 kilometres, 143 miles, northwest of the capital Phnom Penh, Cambodia, recently.
INTERNET

Indonesian quakes destroy dozen of buildings

JAKARTA, 30 Nov — Two powerful earthquakes that struck eastern Indonesia early on Wednesday have destroyed a dozen of buildings in North Maluku Province, according to a local media report.

The first quake measuring at 6.2 on the Richter Scale hit North Maluku at 08:32 local time, followed by a 6.6-magnitude tremor felt in nearby Gorontalo Province a few minutes later.

The local geophysics agency reported the quake was centred 347 kilometres northeast of Labuha area in North Maluku Province at a depth of 13 kilometres under the sea, said the national news agency Antara. — MNA/Xinhua

Suicide bombing injures NATO soldier in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 Nov— A suicide car bombing injured a soldier of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kandahar Province of southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, an ISAF spokesman said.

A suicide bomber rammed his car onto an ISAF vehicle in Panjwai District, destroying the vehicle and wounding a soldier, Andre Salloum told a Press conference in Kandahar.

A purported Taliban spokesman Qari Mohammad Yousuf said the Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast. — MNA/Xinhua

At least five killed by fire at Russian steel, iron factory

MOSCOW, 30 Nov— A fire broke out on Tuesday at a major Russian steel and iron factory, killing at least five people and injuring another eight, an emergency official said on Wednesday.

The death toll could rise further as several people were still missing, said Natalia Lukash, a spokeswoman for the federal Emergency Situations Ministry. — MNA/Xinhua

Eleven killed in N-W China colliery gas blast

LANZHOU, 30 Nov — Eleven people were confirmed dead in a coal mine gas blast Wednesday morning in northwest China's Gansu Province, said local work safety bureau.

The explosion occurred at 6:20 in the No1 coal mine in Tanshanling Town, Wuwei City, more than 180 kilometres from Lanzhou, the provincial capital.

Officials from the provincial work safety bureau and Wuwei City government are en route to the coal mine. — MNA/Xinhua

Plane returns to Amsterdam after door found open

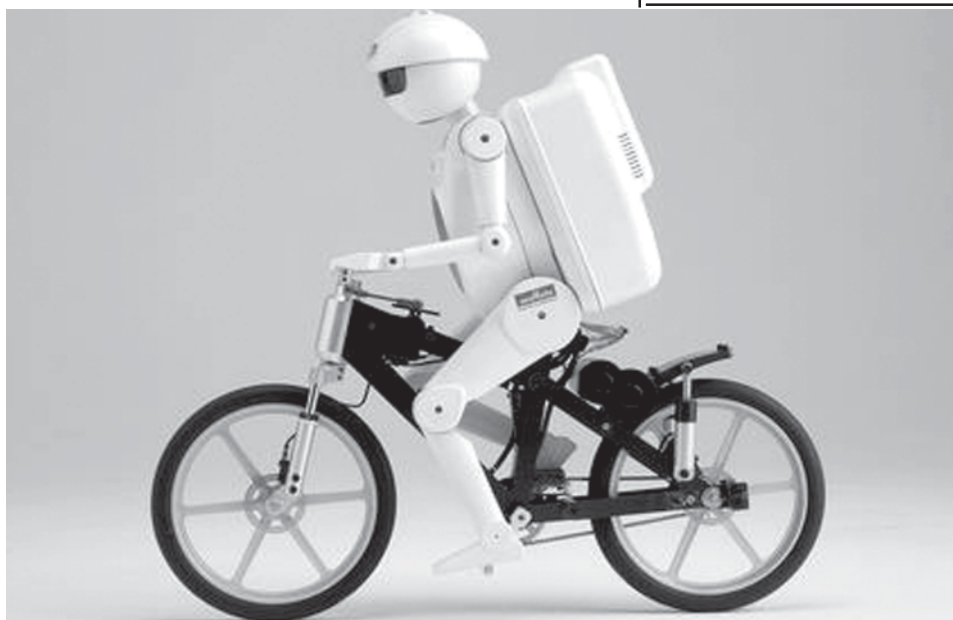
AMSTERDAM, 30 Nov — A Dutch KLM 747 plane with 277 passengers bound for Bangkok had to turn back to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport late on Monday after the plane took off with one of its doors slightly open, the airline said.

"Shortly after take off, door number 24, in the rear right-hand side, it was discovered that the handle wasn't fully pushed down," said Hugo Baas, a spokesman for KLM, part of Air France KLM.

"That resulted in an opening in the side of the door making a lot of noise, so the captain decided to turn around," Baas said. "The passengers were not in danger. They saw cabin attendants trying to fully close the door which didn't work."

The plane landed safely, and the door was repaired, but the flight was cancelled because of a faulty fuel pump. The passengers were checked into hotels and scheduled on other flights. — MNA/Reuters

"Muratta Boy," the world's only bicycle riding robot, was displayed in Beijing for the first time on 29 Nov, 2006. — INTERNET



Models present outfits by Indian designer Manish Malhotra during a fashion show in New Delhi on 30 Nov, 2006.
INTERNET

Wild boars rampage through German village

BERLIN, 30 Nov— A pack of wild boars fleeing hunters went on a two-hour rampage through a small southern German village, biting people and

damaging cars and shops.

The weekend mayhem began during morning shopping hours in the town of Veitshoechheim, a police spokesman said on Tuesday. Three boars were shot by police, a number of others were killed in traffic accidents and several bit pedestrians.

"One wild boar entered a boutique, scaring the daylights out of a saleswoman," local police said in a statement. "She tried to hide behind the cash register. When the animal ran out of her shop it smashed the store's inventory, causing 1,000 euros (1,314 US dollars) damage." — MNA/Reuters

Six points explained by the Work Committee Chairman should be adopted as detailed basic principles for the chapter "Political Parties"

YANGON, 1 Dec—*The following is the proposals of Union Kayin League presented by U Saw San Shwe of the league on the detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the chapters "Election", "Political Parties" and "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in drafting the State Constitution at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, on 28-11-2006.*

I wish you the esteemed Chairman and members of the Panel of Chairmen, the Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission and members, the Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee and members, the Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee and members and National Convention delegates to be blessed with health and happiness and auspiciousness.

I am U Saw San Shwe, a National Convention delegate of Union Kayin National League.

Mr Chairman,

The chapter "Election" is included in the 15 chapters adopted by the National Convention to write a new constitution. The fundamental principles concerning the chapter are as follows:

(a) Every citizen shall have the right to vote and to stand for election according to law.

(b) Voters concerned shall have the right, in accord with provisions of the State Constitution, to recall elected people's representatives. The sphere of these basic principles is quite wide. Concerning the points the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee referred to the 1947 Constitution, 1974 Constitution, 1948 Parliamentary Democracy Election Act, 1975 Pyithu Hluttaw Act, 1935 Myanmar Administrative Act, 1961 Election Act, the Act to amend the constitution in explaining the detailed basic principles concerning the chapter.

Mr Chairman,

The Work Committee Chairman has explained in detail the matters concerning the persons who have the right to vote and have no right to vote and the voting system; the right to stand for election and the right to recall elected representatives; the formation of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission, its duties and the qualifications of its members; the matter concerning the filing of charges against a member of the commission; the appointment of duties for a post vacant due to termination of duties, death or other reasons; and the resolutions of the commission, functions, responsibilities, powers, rights and designation of official position. When we studied them we have come to understand the fact the nation will be able to hold a free and fair election in the future.

We agree that the 14 points concerning the chapter should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman,

The Work Committee Chairman recounted the required qualifications of the MPs in clarifying the detailed basic principles for the chapters concerning the formation of the legislature, executive and judiciary at the plenary session of the National Convention held from 28 to 30 March 1996.

We would like to suggest that the expression "Provided that the period of staying in foreign countries under State permission should be deemed to have

settled in the Union" should be added to the point "having settled in the Union of Myanmar for at least 10 consecutive years up to the time of being elected as Pyithu Hluttaw representative".

Mr Chairman,

The Work Committee Chairman explained that the fundamental principle "The State shall enact necessary law for systematic formation of political parties for flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system" has already been laid down.

In his explanation, the Chairman said, "It is necessary for the National Convention to lay down detailed basic principles in connection with political parties to be prescribed in the Constitution. Explanation will be made on the matter in three parts as mentioned in the following to assist the task of laying down the said detailed basic principles.

"(a) Objectives;

"(b) Procedures;

"(c) No right to exist."

Mr Chairman,

Myanmar has already witnessed the weaknesses and loopholes of the parliamentary democracy when she practised the system after regaining Independence. The public's wishes will be fulfilled only if the nation practises democracy that is suitable to her history, social level, economic condition, and customs.

The clarification of the Work Committee Chairman includes matters relating to the flourishing of disciplined multiparty democracy, the emergence of political parties that can correctly lead the people, the systematic formation of political parties, the political, economic, security and social conditions of the nation and the traditions and the emergence of a modern and all-round developed nation. The matters stated in the clarification will surely benefit the future nation.

Hence, the six points explained by the Work Committee Chairman should be adopted as detailed basic principles for the chapter "Political Parties".

Mr Chairman,

Among the chapters adopted for the formulation of the Constitution, the Provisions on a State of Emergency has been adopted as a separate chapter. The Work Committee Chairman in presenting his study of the required fact explained the following fundamental principles:

"(a) When there arises a state of emergency characterized by inability to perform executive functions in accord with provisions of the State Constitution in a region or state or a self-administered area, the President of the State is empowered to exercise executive power in that region, state or self-administered area and if necessary in doing so, the President of the State is empowered to exercise legislative powers concerning that region, state or self-administered area in accord with provisions of the State Constitution;

"(b) when there arises or there is sufficient reason to arise a state of emergency endangering life and property of the people in a region, a state or a self-administered area, the Tatmadaw has the right, in accord with provisions of the State Constitution, to preempt that danger and provide protection;

"(c) when there arises a state of emergency that



U Saw San Shwe of Union Kayin League.
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could cause disintegration of the Union, disintegration of national solidarity and loss of national sovereignty, due to take over of sovereign State power or attempts through wrongful forcible means such as insurgency or violence, the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief has the right to take over and exercise State power in accord with provisions of the State Constitution."

A state of emergency occurs in a nation when there arises a threat endangering the national defence and security and the rule of law in some regions or in the entire nation, or a foreign military intervention, or a worsening political and economic situation and a natural calamity such as the storm, flood, fire and earthquake. In this situation, the Head of State will have to declare a state of emergency and take necessary measures to restore the situation into normalcy as he is entrusted with the power to do so by the Constitution.

The constitutions of a large number of nations prescribe that it is necessary for the Head of State after declaring a state of emergency to present the measures taken by him and by the organizations and persons he has empowered to exercise executive power during the emergency period to the parliament concerned for approval, and that a state of emergency can be declared only for a specific period.

The study also shows that a state of emergency can be declared because of war, foreign invasion, armed insurgency, natural disasters, economy and the President's assumption that a grave situation is endangering the security of the entire nation or any part of the nation.

The President should declare a state of emergency after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council in advance. It will be more effective if the President issues an ordinance having the force of the law to declare a state of emergency.

Mr Chairman,

The Work Committee Chairman made references to the 1947 Constitution and the 1974 Constitution in presenting the detailed basic principles for the chapter "Provisions on a State of Emergency".

As we find the detailed basic principles comprehensive and to be in order, we have no further suggestions concerning them.

We would like to suggest that the 23 points should be adopted as detailed basic principles of the chapter.

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Nation will be able to stand tall in the world only when a ruling party or government is capable of effectively discharging national duties, and serving the interests of the nation and the people rather than grabbing the power

YANGON, 1 Dec — *The following is the proposals of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party presented by U Yan Kyint Kan of the party on the detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the chapters "Election", "Political Parties" and "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in drafting the State Constitution at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, on 28-11-2006.*

I extend my greetings to Mr Chairman and members of the panel of chairmen, the chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Commission, the chairman and members of the NCC Work Committee, the chairman and members of the NCC Management Committee and NC delegates.

I am representative U Yan Kyint Kan of the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party.

Mr Chairman,

The writing of a State constitution in the drive for transforming the nation into a democratic one with flourishing democracy should focus on the interests of the nation and the people.

In that regard, the delegates have held discussions and made positive suggestions for adopting detailed basic principles. Now, the adoption of the detailed basic principles is nearing completion.

We have listened to the findings of the Work Committee for enabling the delegates to continue to give advice and make suggestions for the remaining chapters.

We found that all the points the Work Committee chairman presented are positive and practical and are in conformity with the political, security, economic and social sectors and customs of our nation.

Mr Chairman,

We would like to present our views about the findings of the Work Committee for the Chapter "Election", the Chapter "Political Parties" and the Chapter "Provisions on State of Emergency". The points for the Chapter "Election"—

1. include the right to vote and to stand for election in accordance with the law,
2. represent the democratic election system,
3. prescribe principles of election,
4. includes principles to recall a Hluttaw member due to his disqualification,
5. manifest the formation of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission, functions, power and privileges of the chairman and members of the commission.

We considered that the points the Work Committee chairman explained are consistent with the State constitution.

So, we would like to suggest that these points be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman,

We would like to present our views about the Chapter "Political Parties".

The State has adopted a basic principle that necessary laws should be promulgated to form political parties systematically for the flourishing of genuine multi-party democracy system in the nation.

That basic principle demonstrates the role of the political parties in the administrative machinery of the future nation.

The Work Committee chairman's clarification to the points for the Chapter "Political Parties" are complete with—

1. firm and democratic objectives,
2. concepts and convention to be followed,
3. disallowing continued existence of a political party.

Mr Chairman,

Our party considers that our nation will be able to stand tall in the world only when a ruling party or government is capable of effectively discharging national duties, and serving the interests of the nation and the people rather than grabbing the power.

If so, the people will come to recognize such government's performances in the interests of the nation and the people and cooperating with international community.

The proposal "political parties are to be capable enough of playing a leading role for the entire Union, or Region- or State-wise in accordance with the political, security, economic and social sectors and customs of our nation for ensuring the flourishing of genuine democracy" is in conformity with the prevailing political conditions of our nation as well as with the stance of our party.

So, the points the Work Committee chairman explained represent the attitudes of the political parties. So, they should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman,

The National Convention has laid down the basic principles for the Chapter "Provisions on State of Emergency".

We can take a lesson from the incidents taking place in the world as well as from the historic events of our nation that there can occur a state of emergency in a nation.

So, the prescribing of the Chapter "Provisions on State of Emergency" in the State constitution is appropriate. We found that the Work Committee chairman's explanation is complete with—

1. principles to be carried out when there breaks out a situation that poses dangers on the lives and property of the people living in Region or State, Union territory, self-administered area or a part of each of them,
2. principles on taking Tatmadaw's assistance



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and to issue martial law when necessary in an area in a state of emergency, and declaring martial law if necessary,

3. principles on declaring a state of emergency, designating of the state of emergency, specific areas and fixed period, and restricting or revoking the fundamental rights of the citizens,
4. principles of submitting state of emergency to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval,
5. principles of coming into force, ceasing and terminating a state of emergency,
6. principles of transferring State power to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services after declaring a state of emergency, and annulling of the order, under which the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services is exercising legislative, executive and judicial powers,
7. principle that during the time a state of emergency has been declared, the measures taken officially by a local administrative body or a member of the body, or a civil body or a member of the body, or a military body or a member of the body, formed in order to take measures to restore security, stability, community peace and the rule of law soon on behalf of the President or during the period the Commander-in-Chief exercising the State power or during the period the National Defence and Security Council is exercising the State power, shall be legitimate. So, these points should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman and NC delegates,

In conclusion, we representatives of the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party suggest that the points the Work Committee chairman clarified for the Chapter "Election", the Chapter "Political Parties" and the Chapter "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in the State constitution should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

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Political parties have the duty to serve the interest of the nation and the people resolutely

YANGON, 1 Dec — *The following is the proposals of Wa National Development Party presented by U Nyi Palok of the party on the detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the chapters "Election", "Political Parties" and "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in drafting the State Constitution at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, on 28-11-2006.*

I extend my greetings to Mr Chairman and members of the panel of chairmen, the chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Commission and members, the chairman and members of the NCC Work Committee, the chairman and members of the NCC Management Committee, and representatives from various delegate groups.

I am National Convention delegate U Nyi Palok of "Wa" National Development Party.

I would like to present the "Wa" National Development Party's views about the Work Committee chairman's clarification to the points that should be adopted as detailed basic principles for the Chapter "Election", the Chapter "Political Parties" and the Chapter "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in the State constitution.

Mr Chairman,

The detailed basic principles have been laid down chapter-wise for drawing a new State constitution. Regarding election, the basic principle:

- (a) Every citizen shall have the right to vote and to stand for election according to law.
- (b) Voters concerned shall have the right, in accord with the provisions of the State Constitution, to recall elected people's representatives.

has been adopted.

The sphere of these basic principles is broad, so it is needed to adopt detailed basic principles for the Chapter "Election". Only then, will the people abide by the laws on election.

Every nation exercising the multi-party democracy system prescribes necessary basic principles in the State Constitution concerned to ensure that every citizen has equal right to vote and to stand for election in accord with the law.

Our nation is going to practise the multi-party democracy system, and so, it is required to prescribe necessary laws that are harmonious with the prevailing conditions of the nation, in accordance with the democracy system.

Election is the lifeblood of a democratic nation. The people can express their true voices only at a free and fair election. In that regard, the people on their part are to value and correctly use the right to vote. Ballot is key to a free and fair election.

Mr Chairman,

The collection of 14 detailed basic principles on election presented by the Work Committee chairman are based on the 1947 constitution, the 1974 constitution, and the constitutions of many other nations. These points are complete. So, we suggest that these points should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman,

I will discuss the detailed basic principles to be adopted for the chapter "Political Parties".

If there are no parties in a democratic nation, dictatorship under the control of a party or a group of

people will emerge. If a nation has political parties where pure and firm politics flourishes and good persons are elected to the parliament, it is sure that the political infrastructure of that nation will be stable and strong.

Mr Chairman,

Political parties have the duty to serve the interest of the nation and the people resolutely. It is important for them to correctly lead the people.

The political parties should have the capability to educate and organize their members and the public as they have relations with the people. In addition, discipline-flourishing genuine democracy will flourish in the nation only if there are parties that can maintain and realize their political aims.

A nation will develop only if it is headed by firm and systematically-established political parties. As for the existence of such parties, appropriate principles should be adopted to the constitution, and the political parties should be formed systematically according to the provisions contained in the constitution without undermining the essence of multiparty democracy.

As it was explained by the Work Committee Chairman, we agree that there should be a law to systematically establish political parties for flourishing of discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy system and emergence of political parties that will correctly lead the citizens. Only then will the parties become organizations giving priority to serving the interest of the nation and the people.

Mr Chairman,

We would like to present a suggestion concerning the chapter "Political Parties". Political parties should be the organizations capable of heading towards flourishing of discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy in the entire Union in accord with the nation's political, security, economic and social conditions and traditions and customs. And it is a must. The parties will have to launch organizational campaigns to strengthen themselves in all aspects. But the parties will face a problem and obstacles if there is a prescription saying that all matters and functions should be free from politics. Such prescription is also against the objective — flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system — of the six objectives of the National Convention. We would like to suggest that there should be no such prescription in our nation that will practise multiparty democracy in the future.

We agree that all the 6 points explained by the Work Committee Chairman should be adopted as detailed basic principles for the chapter.

Mr Chairman,

I will now discuss the chapter "Provisions on a State of Emergency". The plenary session of the National Convention adopted the following fundamental principles concerning the chapter:

"(a) When there arises a state of emergency characterized by inability to perform executive functions in accord with provisions of the State Constitution in a region or state or a self-administered area, the President of the State is empowered to exercise executive power in that region, state or self-administered area and if necessary in doing so, the President of the State is empowered to exercise legislative powers concerning that region, state or self-administered area in accord with provisions of the State Constitution;



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"(b) when there arises or there is sufficient reason to arise a state of emergency endangering life and property of the people in a region, a state or a self-administered area, the Tatmadaw has the right, in accord with provisions of the State Constitution, to preempt that danger and provide protection;

"(c) when there arises a state of emergency that could cause disintegration of the Union, disintegration of national solidarity and loss of national sovereignty, due to take over of sovereign State power of attempts therefore by wrongful forcible means such as insurgency or violence, the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief has the right to take over and exercise State power in accord with provisions of the State Constitution."

A state of emergency occurs in a nation where there arises a threat endangering the national defence and security and the rule of law in some regions or in the entire nation, or a foreign military intervention, or a worsening political and economic situation and a natural calamity such as the storm, flood, fire and earthquake.

A state of emergency can be declared because of war, foreign invasion, armed insurgency, natural disasters, economy and the President's assumption that a grave situation is endangering the security of the entire nation or any part of the nation.

According to the detailed basic principles adopted by the National Convention, Regions and States and Self-Administered Areas will be designated and set up. The legislative, executive and judicial powers will also be shared with the Regions and States and Self-Administered Areas. In sharing the three powers, the constant running of the State administrative machinery is of vital importance. If the administrative machinery fails to run in a normal situation, the President can declare a state of emergency to restore the situation in time.

The act of declaring a state of emergency in an area is a very important task that needs extra care. The matter should not be decided by a single person. Failure to declare a state of emergency in time will lead the problem to spread to other areas till it becomes out of control. If necessary issuance of the declaration is delayed because a heedless decision will harm the political, economic and social stability of the State. Hence, it will be more beneficial to the State if the President issued the declaration only after making due consideration with an organization or a person responsible for the nation's defence and security.

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Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State Service Personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5, Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) (Dragon) Group, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) (Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association (DKBA) and Haungthayaw Special Region Group, Nyeinchanyay Myothit Group from Hpa-an Township of Kayin State, Burma Communist Party (Rakhine State Group), Arakan Army (AA), Homein Region Development and Welfare Group, Shwepyiaye (MTA) Group, Manpan People's Militia Group, Mon Peace Group (Chaungchi Region) and Mon Nai Saik Chan Group that had returned to the legal fold.

Before the Plenary Session of the National Convention, Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the NCCMC Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of the subcommittees, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of the National Races, Peasants, Workers, Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, State Service Personnel, and Other Invited Persons, signed attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall.

U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants presided over the Plenary Session of the National Convention together with, Member of NCCWC U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin), U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties, U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races, U Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers, Dr Maung Maung Wint of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, U Tin Kha of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and Dr



Meeting Chairman and members of the Panel of Chairmen seen at plenary session of National Convention. — MNA

Manan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons.

Director (Meeting) U Than Aung of NCCWC Office acted as Master of Ceremonies and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as co-MC.

The MC declared the start of meeting as 1,065 out of 1,080 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 98.61 per cent, and the plenary session commenced with the permission of the meeting chairman.

Proposals on the detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the chapters "Election", "Political Parties" and "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in drafting the State Constitution made by Delegate Group of National Races were presented to the Plenary Session. First, U Win Myint Soe of Bago

Division and Daw Hsai Khaung of Kachin State presented the proposals and the Plenary Session took a break at 9.45 am.

(The presentation will be reported.)

When the Plenary Session resumed at 10 am, U Saw Win Htein of Kayin State and U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Division presented proposals on the detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the chapters "Election", "Political Parties" and "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in drafting the State Constitution.

(The presentation will be reported.)

The Plenary Session was adjourned at 10.45 am. The Plenary Session of the National Convention continues on 4 December at 9 am. — MNA

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Mr Chairman,

The President should have the power to declare a state of emergency, if he assumes that a grave situation is endangering the security of the entire nation or any part of the nation. But we would like to give a suggestion in connection with the para 1 that was explained by the Work Committee Chairman.

We would like to suggest that instead of stating the para as "1. If the President learns that the administrative functions cannot be carried out in accord with the Constitution in a Region or a State or a Union territory or a Self-Administered Area, he shall, after coordinating with National Defence and Security Council, issue order having the force of law to declare a state of emergency" it should be prescribed as follows:

"1. If the respective local administrative body submits that the administrative functions cannot be carried out in accord with the Constitution in a Region or a State or a Union territory or a Self-Administered Area, the President shall, after coordinating with National Defence and Security Council, issue order having the force of law to declare a state of emergency."

Concerning the para 3 (a) "when there arises or there is sufficient reason to occur a state of emergency endangering life and property of the people in a Region or a State or a Self-Administered Area or in any part of

them, the President after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council may issue an order having the force of the law to declare a state of emergency", we would like to state as follows:

"If the respective local administrative body submits that there arises or there is sufficient reason to occur a state of emergency endangering life and property of the people in a Region or a State or a Self-Administered Area or in any part of them, the President after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council may issue an order having the force of the law to declare a state of emergency."

As the remaining points are comprehensive, we agree that they should be adopted as detailed basic principles. — MNA

Proposals of Delegate Group of National Races to be published

YANGON, 1 Dec— Proposals of Delegate Group of National Races on detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the chapters "Election", "Political Parties" and "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in drafting the State Constitution made at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, today, will be published in the dailies. — MNA

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to LPDR

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec— On the occasion of the 31st Anniversary of the founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which falls on 2 December 2006, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Thongloun Sissoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. — MNA

Minister for Energy inspects fertilizer plant, filling station in Aunglan

YANGON, 1 Dec — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi went to Aunglan, Magway Division, on 28 November and inspected No 3 Fertilizer Plant (Kyaw Swa) of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and a filling station of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise.

First, the minister arrived at No 3 Fertilizer Plant and assisted in the extended production of the factory. He also called on officials concerned to make more efforts for meeting the plant's target and not to do malpractice.

During his tour, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi also inspected production units of the plant and attended to the needs of supply of electricity and natural gas to the plant.

Afterwards, he went to Filling Station No 0941 and viewed storage and sales of fuel. He urged officials of the station to observe rules and regulations of the ministry. — MNA



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects No 3 Fertilizer Plant (Kyaw Swa).

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Account number changed for service fee of online D form

YANGON, 1 Dec — The Immigration and National Registration Department under the Ministry of Immigration and Population stated an announcement in newspapers on 18 November that the head office of the department in Nay Pyi Taw will issue D Forms to those who will depart from Myanmar in a day through

online system, commencing 1 January 2007.

It was reported that those wishing to apply D forms are to pay K 200 for service fee into account number CA-002284 at Savings Bank Branch No 3 in Yangon instead of account number SF-00173.

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Coord meeting for organizing MWAFF AGM held

YANGON, 1 Dec — A coordination meeting for organizing Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at the office of MWAFF this afternoon, attended by Chairperson of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Annual General Meeting of MWAFF President Daw Than Than Nwe and members, chairpersons and members of working committees and subcommittees and officials.

Firstly, the leading committee chairperson made an address.

Next, responsible persons discussed matters related to the reports submitted by respective subcommittees. Those present also took part in the discussions.

Later, the chairperson fulfilled the requirements and gave concluding remarks.

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President of MWAFF Daw Than Than Nwe addresses the meeting for organizing Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.—MNA

Doaru Cosmetics, Glorin Hair Care get ISO (9001:2000) certificate

YANGON, 1 Dec — A ceremony to present ISO (9001:2000) certificate for Doaru Cosmetics and Glorin Hair Care developed by Shangri La Leap Int'l Co Ltd was held at Traders Hotel, here, this evening.

It was attended by responsible persons of Cosmecreate Products Inc of Japan, journalists and invited guests.

Director U Win

Naing of Shangri-La-Leap Int'l Co Ltd briefed those present on how to get the certificate and package tour as the lucky draw programme for customers.

Managing Director U Kyaw Tin of SGS Co presented ISO (9001:2000) certificate for Doaru Cosmetics and Glorin Hair Care to Managing Director U Khin Maung Lay of Shangri-

La Leap Int'l Co Ltd.

Afterwards, Marketing Manager Daw Wint Wint Aung explained matters related to package tour for lucky draw programme for 2007.

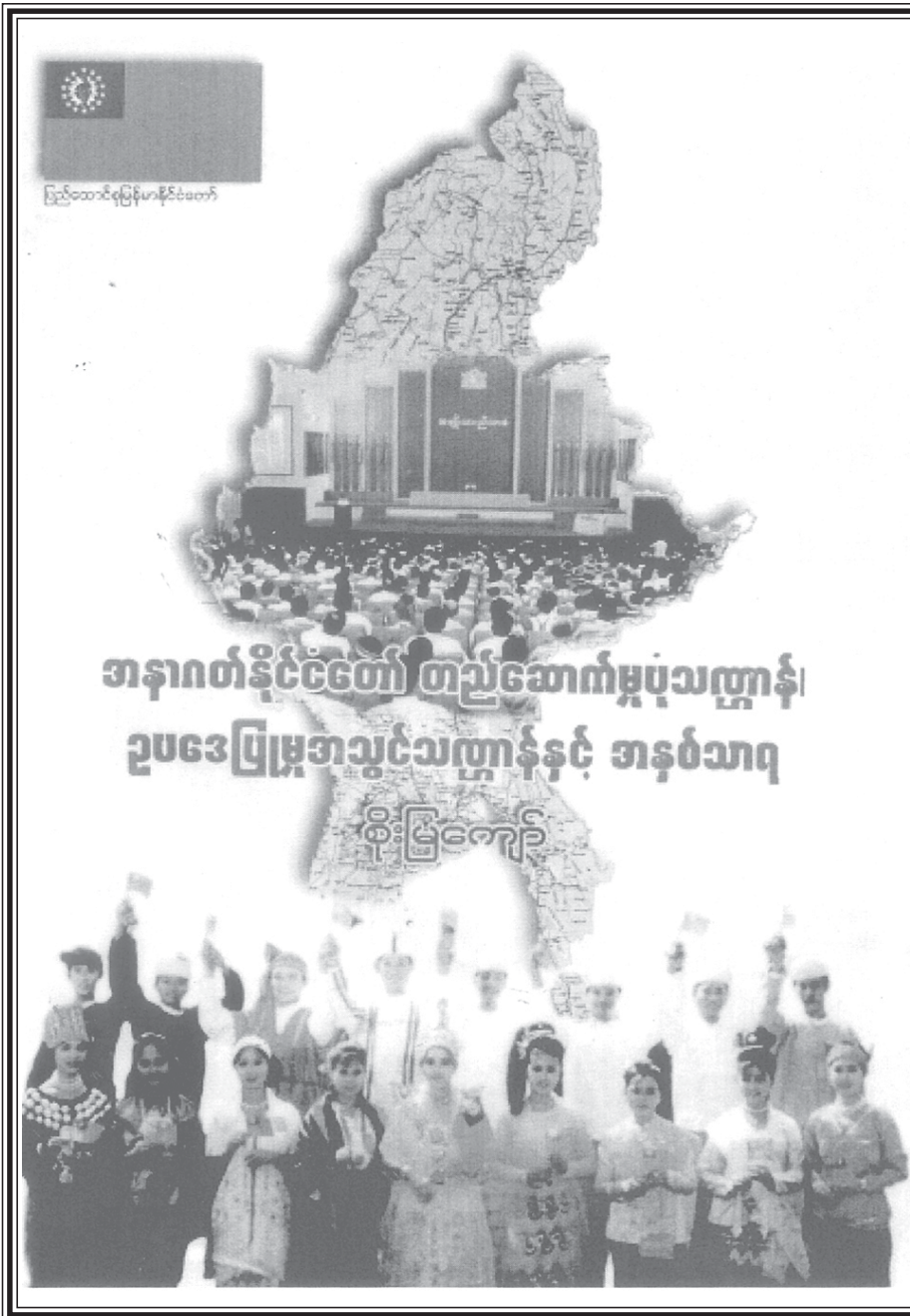
It is learnt that Doaru Cosmetics employ Japan technique and raw materials from abroad and Glorin Hair Care, England technique.

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Managing Director U Kyaw Tin of SGS Co presents ISO (9001:2000) certificate for Doaru Cosmetics and Glorin Hair Care to Managing Director U Khin Maung Lay of Shangri La Leap Int'l Co Ltd.— MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. Second best time is now.



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Official says every Zimbabwean entitled to land

HARARE, 1 Dec — The Zimbabwean Government would allocate land to every Zimbabwean including those who had spoken against the Land Reform Programme, the state media *New Ziana* reported on Thursday.

Rural Housing and Social Amenities Minister Emerson Mnangagwa made the remarks during the question and answer session of the House of Assembly on Wednesday when he was asked whether members of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) could also be allocated land under the government's land reform programme.

The MDC is on record for opposing the agrarian reforms, which the government embarked on in 2000 to address colonial imbalances. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Chinese tourists to Singapore rank top 5 spenders

SINGAPORE, 1 Dec — Chinese tourists, the second largest group of travellers to visit Singapore, are now among the top five groups of spenders.

According to a report released on Thursday by Global Refund Singapore, a leading Central Refund Agency for Goods and Services Tax (GST) to tourists, Chinese tourists' total shopping expenditure, between January and October this year, was a significant increase of 20 per cent over the same period of last year.

This placed them alongside the Australians,

Indians, Indonesians and Japanese in terms of having the highest total expenditure on shopping.

The Global Refund estimated this trend is expected to continue further as Singapore gets ready to be the first country in the world to receive its millionth

visitors from China by the end of this year.

Shopping was the main attraction for more than 20 per cent of the Chinese visitors to Singapore, and this made up almost 60 per cent of their total expenditure, according to Global Refund.

Almost half of the 800,000 Chinese tourists' expenditure between January and September this year went towards the purchase of watches and jewellery while fashion and clothing took second place in terms of favourite product categories.

MNA/Xinhua

Romanians free to enter most EU countries beginning 1 Jan

BUCHAREST, 1 Dec — Romanians will be free to enter most of European Union (EU) member states only with their ID cards beginning on 1 January, 2007, Romanian Minister of Administration and Interior Vasile Blaga said on Wednesday.

According to Blaga, Romanian citizens will be free to enter France, Germany, Italy and most other EU member states with their ID cards in accordance with an agreement on the

free movement of EU citizens.

He said that Romanian authorities are also negotiating with Belgium and Slovakia on the matter, and chances are high for the ID card-only access to be realized in these countries.

However, Romanian and other EU citizens still need to present a passport if they want to travel to the Czech Republic and Cyprus, because authorities in these two countries request that a bar code be applied on ID cards. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A monkey licks a block of ice with fruits and vegetables during the Monkey Buffet Festival, in front of the Pra Prang Sam Yot temple in Lopburi Province, 150km (94 miles) north of Bangkok, on 26 Nov, 2006. More than 2,000kg of fruits and vegetables were used during the annual festival to promote tourism.—INTERNET

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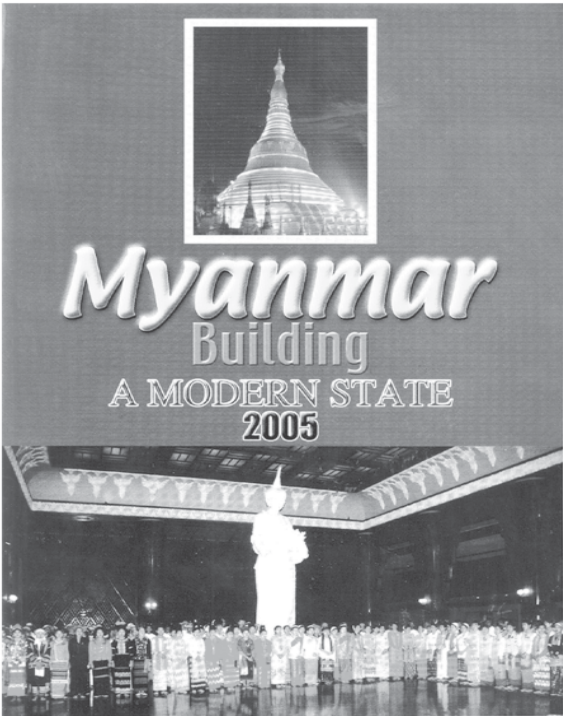
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China, Italy ink MoU to boost business cooperation

BEIJING, 30 Nov—China and Italy signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) here Wednesday, aiming to push forward their cooperation in exhibition industry, managerial training and business visits.

The MoU was signed between the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and Italian Trade Commission (ITC).

According to the MoU, the two sides will bolster the development of middle- and small-sized enterprises, organize Chinese and Italian experts to train young managers, and facilitate the visits of business delegations.

Based on the MoU on intellectual property rights (IPR) signed between the CCPIT and ITC in 2004, the two sides will make detailed agreements for implementing IPR protection and cracking down on fake and pirated products.

"The MoU not only highlights the cooperation we already have carried out but also marks a new start for us to make further contribution to both economic and trade growth," said Wan Jifei, CCPIT chairman.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnamese legislature eyes GDP growth of 8.5% in 2007

HANOI, 30 Nov—The National Assembly of Vietnam, the country's top legislature, approved Wednesday a resolution on a national socio-economic development plan for 2007, targeting a gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 8.2-8.5 per cent.

The plan also includes an export turnover increase of 17.4 per cent, an import turnover rise of 15.5 per cent, and consumer price index growth to be lower than the economic growth, *Vietnam News Agency* reported.

The legislature plans to reduce Vietnam's poverty rate to 16 per cent; create

jobs for 1.6 million people, of whom 80,000 will work abroad; provide clean water to 67.2 per cent of the rural population and 80 per cent of the urban one; and lower the malnutrition rate of children under five to 22.3 per cent.

To achieve the goals, the National Assembly proposed major solutions which centre on improving the investment environment, encouraging the economic sector to invest in production and business, and ensuring timescales for key national projects. Vietnam will, next year, continue to boost agricultural and rural

economic development, and intensify investment in disadvantaged regions to narrow the economic gap between localities.

The legislature requested the government to develop industries with competitive edges, supporting industries, information technology, and high-technology sectors; accelerate the restructure of state-owned enterprises; and improve management policies for the financial and monetary sector to actively curb inflation.

The 11th National Assembly on Wednesday

closed its month-long 10th session, which was marked by the ratification of the country's accession to the World Trade Organization, and the approval of 11 laws. It also passed a resolution to dismiss a deputy from northern Thai Binh Province, Mac Kim Ton, for abusing his position and power. Vietnam's GDP, which grew 8.43 per cent to 53 billion US dollars, or GDP per capita of 640 dollars last year, increased 7.4 per cent in the first half of this year, according to the country's General Statistics Office.

MNA/Xinhua

China, Philippines pledge to strengthen Press cooperation

BEIJING, 30 Nov—Liu Yunshan, head of the Publicity Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, met with a Philippine Press delegation here Wednesday, vowing to strengthen cooperation between the Press of the two countries.

Chinese and Philippine publicity departments signed a letter of intent on friendly exchanges and cooperation in 2004.

Liu, also a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, said the letter of intent will

play an active role in promoting the Press exchanges and cooperation between the two countries, and making comprehensive and objective reports on each other.

He said bilateral Press exchanges and cooperation will also promote the understanding and friendship between the two peoples. Ignacio Bunye, Philippine Secretary of Press and head of the delegation, said the Philippine Press Department will make more efforts to push forward the Press cooperation with China,

and encourage the Philippine media to actively cover the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

The delegation, at the

invitation of the Information Office of the State Council, is visiting China from 28 November to 2 December.

MNA/Xinhua

Istanbul Strait closed to traffic due to ship crash

ANKARA, 30 Nov—The Istanbul Strait was closed to vessel traffic as a Russian-flagged cargo ship crashed Marmaray construction pontoon in

Kandilli District in Turkish largest city Istanbul, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Wednesday.

Maritime Undersecretariat was quoted as saying that Russian-flagged cargo ship *Volgodon 213*, which tried to pass north-south route in Istanbul Strait without maritime pilot, hit the construction pontoon Tuesday night. The Istanbul Strait was closed to vessel traffic in both ways, added the report. It said that Tugboats of Coastal Security and Vessel Rescue Administration are exerting efforts to rescue the ship.—MNA/Xinhua

Cyprus, Egypt sign commercial shipping agreement

NICOSIA, 30 Nov—Cyprus and Egypt have signed an agreement to boost cooperation in commercial shipping, the *Cyprus News Agency* reported on Wednesday.

The deal was signed during a visit by Cypriot Minister of Communications and Works Charis Thrasou to Egypt on 26-29 November. Egyptian

Minister of Transport Mohamed Mansour was quoted as saying that Egypt needs regular sea transportation with Saudi Arabia, and about 1.5 million passengers travel from one country to the other every year.

He called on Cypriot shipowners and businessmen to show an interest in the matter. Thrasou said

that he would pass on the information to shipowners' associations in Cyprus. The Cypriot delegation also offered Egypt technical assistance in ship control to enhance safety levels and shared experience of how to pass control process of the International Maritime Organization.

MNA/Xinhua

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Vietnamese, Hong Kong institutes to research bird flu

HANOI, 30 Nov — Vietnam's National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology will coordinate with Hong Kong Pasteur Institute to bird flu detection research, local newspaper *Young People* reported Wednesday.

Early next month, the two institutes will start the research which is aimed at developing methods to rapidly detect bird flu virus strain H5N1 in a large number of people, the Vietnamese institute's director Nguyen Tran Hien said, noting that the methods involve the use of new bird flu diagnosis kits in normal labs.

Now, rapid bird flu diagnosis can be conducted with a limited

number of bird flu suspects in specialized labs equipped with costly and complicated medical appliances.

Hien said slight changes have been reported in H5N1 in the world as well as in Vietnam, but the transmission ability of the virus has decreased.

Vaccinating fowls against bird flu viruses, including H5N1, has proved effective, which helps control bird flu

among humans, he said.

Vietnam has detected 93 bird flu patients, including 42 fatalities, in 32 localities since the disease started to hit the country in December 2003, the country's Health Ministry said on 28 November, noting that it has seen no new human cases of infections since mid-November 2005.

MNA/Xinhua

Kate Winslet (R) departs after the opening performance of playwright David Hare's 'The Vertical Hour', directed by her husband Sam Mendes (L) and starring Julianne Moore and Bill Nighy, in New York, on 30 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET



Study says chronic smoking affects nerve cells

CHICAGO, 30 Nov — Chronic smoking affects nerve cells and alters the chemical makeup of the brain, a new study has said.

This is the first imaging study to focus on the relationship between brain metabolites and nicotine dependence, Okan Gur, from the Department of Radiology at the University of Bonn in Germany said.

"The researchers used proton magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS) to study 21 men and 22 women in the age group of 21 to 59 in a smoking cessation programme two weeks after they had quit and again six months later," Gur on Tuesday said at the 92nd meeting of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), the world's largest annual medical meeting where 70,000 radiologists have assembled.

In the research, patients were encouraged to use nicotine patches during the initial six weeks of smoking cessation, however, only 36 of the patients continued.

Proton MRS measures brain metabolism at the cellular level and can

provide detailed chemical data about brain's metabolites, which are involved in many physical and chemical process within the body. The researchers compared the data collected from smokers to proton MRS data collected from 35 (age-and-gender matched) healthy controls.

MNA/PTI



A trainee from Egypt of Nissan Motor Co, learns how to screw a bolt from a Japanese expert in the Nissan Global Training Center in Yokosuka, southwest of Tokyo, on 29 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

Bond stays top in Britain

LONDON, 30 Nov — James Bond easily held on to top spot at the British box office with *Casino Royale* taking 8.5 million pounds in its second weekend, according to Screen International figures on Tuesday. That figure shows the film holding up well after its debut weekend take of 11.4 million and brings Daniel Craig's 007 up to a total gross of 27.9 million.

In the United States, the gritty depiction of Ian Fleming's first Bond tale was kept from top spot by the dancing penguins of *"Happy Feet"* but they do not make their entrance in Britain until 8 December.

In the meantime, Bond brought in more over the three days last weekend than the other top nine together — five of which were newcomers.

Sacha Baron Cohen's *"Borat"* stayed at No 2, with *"The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"* new at three. Straight in at four was *"Tenacious D: The Pick of Destiny"* about a newly formed rock band's theft of a magical guitar pick from a rock and roll museum. New at five were more *"Don't try this at home"* antics in the latest spin-off from the MTV series: *"Jackass: Number Two,"* with Bollywood thriller *"Dhoom 2"* coming straight in at six.

MNA/Reuters

Singapore, south Korea to co-produce HDTV products

SINGAPORE, 30 Nov — Singapore and South Korea's producers will co-produce three High-Definition TV (HDTV) projects, according to a statement issued by Singapore's Media Development Authority (MDA) Wednesday.

"The initiative saw overwhelming interests from our independent producers to take an active

step towards co-production co-develop stories and build long term working relationship between the two countries," said Tony Chow, president of the Association of Independent Television Production Companies (AIPRO) Singapore, according to the joint statement by the MDA and Korean Broadcasting Institute (KBI).

MNA/Xinhua

The facade of the Duomo of Siena, Italy, is seen on the first day after its one-year restoration, on 30 Nov, 2006. The Duomo, built in marble, is the medieval cathedral in the Tuscan town and is a major tourist attraction. According to the Siena Architecture Superintendence, the last time the facade underwent restoration work was at the end of the 19th century. —INTERNET



SPORTS



China's Ren Liping (C) controls the ball during a women's preliminary round football match of group A against Thailand at the 15th Asian Games in Doha, capital of Qatar, on 30 Nov, 2006. China won 7-0.—INTERNET

Celta notch up first victory with 1-0 win over Fenerbahce

VIGO (Spain), 1 Dec— Celta Vigo notched up their first win in the UEFA Cup group phase and boosted their chances of qualifying for the last 32 when they beat Turkish side Fenerbahce 1-0 at home on Thursday.

Uruguayan midfielder Fabian Canobbio secured the victory with a well struck free kick 13 minutes from time to put the Primera Liga side into second place in Group H behind Newcastle United.

Fenerbahce had the chance to take an early lead when they were awarded a penalty in the 13th minute, but Brazilian midfielder Alex has his spot kick saved by Celta keeper Esteban.

Alex hit the post midway through the second half, but seven minutes later Canobbio snatched the win with his free kick. —MNA/Reuters

Harrington roars into early Sun City lead

SUN CITY (South Africa), 1 Dec— Inform European number one Pdraig Harrington roared into the early lead in the first round of the Sun City Challenge on Thursday.

Harrington dropped just one shot



Zhang Ning of China returns a shot against Wong Mew Choo of Malaysia during the women's team League Stage Pool W of Doha Asiad badminton at Aspire Hall 3 in Doha, on 30 Nov, 2006. Zhang Ning won 2-1, and China beat Malaysia 3-0.—INTERNET

through 12 holes and had six birdies as he raced to five under par, three strokes ahead of a quintet of players at the Gary Player Country Club course. The Irishman's round peaked in a stretch of four successive birdies from the seventh hole, including a superb three at the 450-metre eighth hole, the hardest on the course.

World number two Jim Furyk, Briton David Howell, Sweden's Henrik Stenson, American Chris diMarco and 2004 champion Retief Goosen went through the first nine in two-under-par 34.

MNA/Reuters

Pele says Klinsmann would be great choice for US

BERLIN, 1 Dec— Former Germany coach Juergen Klinsmann would be an ideal choice for the US, Pele said in Germany on Thursday. "He'd be good for the US boys," the Brazilian World Cup great told a news conference while on a business trip to Duesseldorf.

"He's an excellent trainer who led Germany to an incredible World Cup this year. He didn't quite have the fortune he needed to win the title. I think he'd be the right man for the job," Pele was quoted as saying by the German sport news agency SID.— MNA/Reuters

Sampdoria beat Palermo to reach Italian Cup quarters

ROME, 1 Dec— Sampdoria reached the quarterfinals of the Italian Cup after beating Serie A highfliers Palermo 3-2 to complete a 4-2 aggregate win on Thursday.

Sampdoria travelled to Palermo's Barbera Stadium as underdogs, but ran out easy winners thanks to a brace by striker Francesco Flachi and a goal by defender Cristian Zenoni.

The Sicilians were left to dwell on their fourth defeat in 12 days after Serie A losses to Cagliari and Inter Milan, and a 3-0 drubbing by Fenerbahce in the UEFA Cup.

"It's not a happy time for us, but we have to keep believing in the work we are doing, even if the results are not good," said Palermo coach Francesco Guidolin.

"Undoubtedly, the number of matches we are playing does not help. We have very little time to recover.

"But I don't want to make excuses. We gave everything we had tonight. It's just a shame we didn't take our chances better (in the first leg) in Genoa three weeks ago." Even with leading striker Amauri and first-

choice midfielders Fabio Simplicio and Mark Bresciano starting on the bench, Palermo's second-string team was expected to perform better in front of their home crowd.— MNA/Reuters



Portsmouth's Pedro Mendes, right, gets away from Steven Gerrard, centre, of Liverpool during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, England, on 29 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Nancy reach last 32 despite crowd trouble

PARIS, 1 Dec— Nancy reached the UEFA Cup last 32 when they beat Feyenoord 3-0 in Group E on Thursday in a match

which was suspended for more than 30 minutes because of crowd trouble.

Smoke on the pitch, caused by smoke bombs or tear gas, forced the players off with 12 minutes remaining but they later returned to complete the match in front of an empty stadium. There had been moderate crowd trouble in the Feyenoord end throughout the game.

"I understood that the match was suspended because our goalkeeper Henk Timmer and maybe also the linesman were bothered by tear gas used by the police in the stadium," Feyenoord's financial director Onno Jacobs told RTL 7-TV.—MNA/Reuters

Espanyol beat Ajax 2-0 to reach knockout stage

AMSTERDAM, 1 Dec— Uruguayan Walter Pandiani sent Espanyol into the last 32 of the UEFA Cup on Thursday after inspiring them to a 2-0 win at Ajax Amsterdam.

Pandiani opened the scoring for the Spaniards, who had won their first two matches, 10 minutes before the interval when he headed home a cross. Twelve minutes before time Pandiani beat his marker on the left flank to set up Ferran Corominas for the second goal.

The home side produced a lacklustre display and lacked the creativity to threaten the Spanish defence.

Espanyol qualify with nine points from three matches. Zulte Waregem, second on six points and also through, host third-placed Ajax on 13 December 13. Ajax need a draw to progress. — MNA/Reuters



Arsenal goalkeeper Jens Lehmann (L) watches as he concedes a goal to Fulham's Brian McBride during their English Premier League soccer match in London on 29, Nov, 2006.

INTERNET

Terry hit with conduct charge for poll comments

LONDON, 1 Dec— England and Chelsea captain John Terry was charged with improper conduct by the Football Association (FA) on Thursday for comments he made about referee Graham Poll following his sending off against Tottenham Hotspur.

The defender said Poll had given him conflicting reasons for his second yellow card and subsequent dismissal in the 2-1 league defeat at White Hart Lane on November 5. "This claim is denied by Graham Poll. The charge has been brought on the basis that John Terry's comments question Graham Poll's integrity and therefore constitute improper conduct," the FA said in a statement.— MNA/Reuters

China conducts science cooperation with 152 countries, regions

BEIJING, 1 Dec— China has conducted science cooperation with 152 countries and regions, and will further boost exchanges in the field in next five years, Xu Guanhua, Minister of Science and Technology, said here Thursday.

“China’s international science cooperation has reached an unprecedented development period,” said Xu, at the ministry’s national conference on foreign affairs opened here Thursday. “So far, the country has signed governmental science cooperation agreements

with 99 countries, and a basic cooperation platform has been set up.” China has gained results through cooperation with many countries, including the United States, Russia, France, Germany, Italy, especially in the past five years, Xu said.

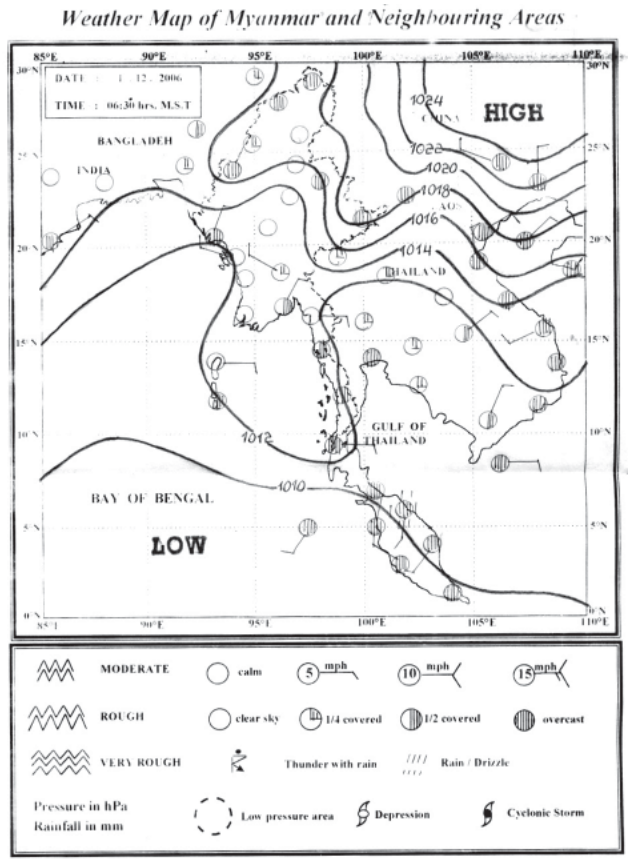
In 1995 China and

Russia worked together in developing a remote-controlled submarine robot; the two sides have joined again in upgrading the deep sea robot that can operate at a depth of 7,000 metres.

Since 2005, the country

has signed a number of technological development and service contracts with the European Union relating to the 3.5-billion-euro Galileo system, a network of 30 satellites intended for civilian use.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Friday, 1 December, 2006
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Chin State, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below normal in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Rakhine, Kayah States, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung (3°C), and Heho (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 30-11-2006 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 1-12-2006 was 62°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 1-12-2006 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 30-11-2006 was (8.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 1-12-2006 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 West at 00:30 hours MST on 1-12-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 2-12-2006: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 2-12-2006: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 2-12-2006: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 2-12-2006: Fair weather.

Weather Outlook for first weekend of December 2006: During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division and partly cloudy in Yangon division.

Earthquake Report

(Issued 12:00 hours MST, Today)

A Strong earthquake of intensity (6.3) Richter Scale with its epicenter on Sumatra island (990) miles South of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (10) hrs (31) min (22) sec MST on 1st December 2006.

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ဦးအောင်မြတ်ကျော် ကောင်စစ်ဝန်(အငြိမ်းစား) နိုင်ငံခြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန အသက် (၈၄) နှစ်

ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ လှိုင်မြို့နယ်၊ (၁၀) ရပ်ကွက်၊ အမှတ် ၅(၆)၊ ပြည်လမ်း၊ (၆) ပိုင်နေ (ဦးလတ်+ဒေါ်စိန်) တို့၏သား၊ (ဦးစိန်နိုင်+ဒေါ်ခင်သန်း) တို့၏ သားသမား၊ ဒေါ်ခင်သိန်းခိုင်၏ ခင်ပွန်း၊ ဒေါက်တာ ဝင်းမော်ထွန်း (သုတေသန မှူး၊ ဆေးသုတေသနဦးစီးဌာန၊ အောက်မြန်မာပြည်)+ဒေါက်တာ လှိုင်မြတ်သူ (ဒုတိယညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး၊ ဆေးသုတေသနဦးစီးဌာန၊ အောက်မြန်မာပြည်) တို့၏ဖခင်၊ မလှိုင်ဝင်းသော်တာ (GRADE 10 (H) T.T.C) ၏အဘိုးသည် (၁-၁၂-၂၀၀၆) ရက် (သောကြာနေ့) နံနက် (၈:၃၀) နာရီတွင် အာရှတော်ဝင်ဆေးခန်း၌ ကွယ်လွန်သွားပါ၍ (၃-၁၂-၂၀၀၆)ရက် (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့) နံနက် (၁၀:၀၀) နာရီတွင် ရေစေးအေးတိုက်မှ ရေစေးသုသာန်သို့ ပို့ဆောင်မီးသင်္ဂြိုဟ်ပါမည်။ (နေအိမ်မှ ကားများ နံနက် ၈:၃၀ နာရီတွင် ထွက်ခွာပါမည်။) ကျွန်ုပ်တို့သို့သားရား။



Saturday, 2 December
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌ ၇ရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မစောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဗျာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am**
6. Musical programme
- 8:10 am**
7. International news
- 8:45 am**
8. Grammar made easy

- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 11:15 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am**
3. News
- 11:40 am**
4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm**
5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:50 pm**
6. “အရုံးမပေး မဆုံးသေးပါမသိတာ” (ပြီးငွေစိုး၊ မင်းသူ၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်မင်း)
- 2:35 pm**
7. Dance of national races
- 2:45 pm**
8. International news
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm**
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ်(ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm**
5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

- 5:15 pm**
6. အယူတော်မင်္ဂလာ စိန်မြင့်အောင် (မြင်းခြံ) ဆိုင်းအဖွဲ့ ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း
- 5:30 pm**
7. “ဒီအိုတီအက်စ်” (စိုးဖြူ၊ ကျော်ထူး၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ ကြွကြွသင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်)
- 5:35 pm**
8. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm**
9. မြန်မာမှု ပန်းဆယ်မျိုး
- 6:00 pm**
10. Evening News.
- 6:30 pm**
11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
12. အလှူရှာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm**
13. Discovery
- 7:15 pm**
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဟေမန်ဆောင်းရဲ့နေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၂၉) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
- 8:05 pm**
16. International news
- 8:10 pm**
17. Weather report
- 8:15 pm**
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လှပသော နေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 8:20 pm**
19. The next day's programme



Saturday, 2 December
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music:
-A picture of you
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:
-I'll be there for you
- 8:50 am** National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:
-I'm so in love
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music:
-Downtown
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Music at your request
-Our love (Blue)
-Forever & for always (Shania Twain)
-With you I'm born again (Mati Pollow & Lu Lu)
- 9:00 pm** ASEAN news review
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Myanmar Culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9:30 pm** Souvenirs
-Love has no rule
- 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

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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

Prime Minister felicitates Laotian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec— On the occasion of the 31st Anniversary of the founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which falls on 2 December 2006, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.— MNA

PM sends message of felicitations to UAE Vice-President and Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec— General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Highness Maktoum Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, on the occasion of the National Day of the United Arab Emirates, which falls on 2 December, 2006.— MNA

Broadcasting of radio and TV to be converted from analogue into digital



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at first meeting of Union of Myanmar National Digital Broadcasting Committee.—MNA

YANGON, 1 Dec — The Union of Myanmar National Digital Broadcasting Committee held its first meeting at the hall of Myanma Radio and Television on Pyay Road, here, this afternoon.

Chairman of the Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address. He said that the State Peace and Development Council formed the Union of Myanmar National Digital Broadcasting Committee on 11 June 2005. The committee is carrying out its duties and functions. In today's meeting, future tasks of the committee will be laid down. The committee members

are to discuss two main points, one for conversion of broadcasting radio and TV from analogue into digital system, and another one for laying down rules and regulations concerning media control and conversion of digital.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw gave instructions on tasks of the committee.

Secretary of the Committee Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV reported on forming of the committee and tasks.

Lt-Col Myint Oo of the Directorate of Signals of the Ministry of Defence,

Deputy Director Col Nyo Win of the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare of the Ministry of Defence and those present took part in the discussions.

After giving instructions, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan gave the concluding remarks.

At the meeting, the committee formed four subcommittees such as the subcommittee for studying the broadcasting technology through digital system and drawing the broadcasting law, the subcommittee for drawing digital broadcasting infrastructure planning, prescribing media control functions and seeking

technology and expertise, the subcommittee for studying tasks of movies and video industry and multimedia content creation and authoring, and the subcommittee for demarcating and studying the new role of IP delivery services and interactive and On-Demand services.

Next, the committee decided to continue carrying out of tasks of the subcommittees.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, departmental heads, officials, members of the subcommittees and guests. — MNA

Timetable for Matriculation Examination for 2007 announced

YANGON, 1 Dec — The Myanmar Board of Examinations under the Ministry of Education issued an announcement today that the Matriculation Examination for 2007 will be held in March. Timetable of the examination is as follows:-

Students are to sit the examination from 9 am to 12 noon daily for Myanmar on 14 March 2007 (Wednesday), for English on 15 March (Thursday), for Mathematics on 16 March (Friday), for Chemistry on 17 March (Saturday), for Physics on 19 March (Monday), for Biology/History on 20 March (Tuesday), for Geography on 21 March (Wednesday), for Economics on 22 March (Thursday), and for Optional Myanmar on 23 March (Friday). — MNA