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Delegate group of other invited persons wholeheartedly support the Work Committee chairman's explanation that includes 14 principles for the Chapter "Election", six points for the Chapter "Political Parties" and 23 points for the Chapter "Provisions on State of Emergency"

YANGON, 10 Dec — *The following is the proposal submitted by the Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons on the detailed basic principles for the Chapters "Election", "Political Parties" and "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in State Constitution at the Plenary Session of the National Convention in Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, on 7-12-2006.*

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, may you all be blessed with good health and happiness.

I am delegate Dr Saw Simon Tha of the delegate group of other invited persons.

We representatives of the delegate group of other invited persons played an active role and held frank discussions at the sessions of the National Convention.

In addition, we have supported the detailed basic principles proposed for the State Constitution, gave good advice and made suggestions.

We plan to put our positive advice and suggestions and combined efforts into the discussions till the National Convention is completed successfully.

Mr Chairman,

The Work Committee chairman explained the detailed basic principles suitable for the Chapter "Election", the Chapter "Political Parties" and the Chapter "Provisions on State of Emergency" at the plenary session held on 30 and 31 October 2006.

We members of the delegate group of other invited persons held a meeting on 1 November 2006 to hold discussions about the clarification of the Work Committee chairman. And we presented a draft copy to each of the 24 special region groups of the delegate group of other invited persons.

At the meeting, the panel of chairmen and delegates assigned duties to form a 25-member group to compile a proposal on behalf of the 89 members of the delegate group of other invited persons.

There are certain requirements for the practice of the multi-party democracy system in a country. They are stability, peace and prevalence of law and order, strong economic infrastructures, and high intellectual power of the people. Now, the Tatmadaw Government is striving with might and main for fulfilling such requirements of the motherland.

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Adhering to the assignment of duties by the panel of chairmen, we members of the proposal-compiling group held meeting five times, we sought the approval at the meeting held on 23 November 2006.

As I have said, the other two parts of the proposal will be presented later.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session held on 30 October this year, the Work Committee chairman explained 14 detailed basic principles for the Chapter "Election". They are:

1. In electing members to Hluttaw—

- (a) Every citizen who has turned 18 on the date on which elections commence, who is not disqualified by law, who is eligible to vote, and who has the right to vote under the law, shall have the right to vote.
 - (b) Every citizen who is eligible to vote and who has the right to vote by the law shall cast only a vote for a Hluttaw each at a constituency.
 - (c) In addition, people of national races concerned who are eligible to vote in accord with the provisions of the State Constitution shall have the right to vote in electing representatives of national races to the Region of State Hluttaw concerned.
 - (d) Ballot shall be exercised.
- 2. The following persons shall have no right to vote—**
- (a) members of the Religious Order;
 - (b) persons serving prison terms;
 - (c) persons adjudged to be of unsound mind as provided for in the relevant law;
 - (d) persons who have not yet been cleared from being declared destitute; and
 - (e) persons who are banned from voting under the election law.
- 3. At an election, a candidate—**
- (a) shall be elected to a Hluttaw only.

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(b) shall stand for election at one constituency only.

4. (a) Electorate living in the Union territories, or the Union territories designated by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under the law, shall elect members of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw only.

(b) Save as otherwise prescribed by the Constitution, a Region or State Hluttaw member elected in a constituency that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has designated as a Union territory shall no longer stand as a Hluttaw member.

5. Every citizen who is not disqualified by the provisions of this Constitution and the provisions of the law regulating elections shall have the right to stand for election to a Hluttaw.

6. (a) A Hluttaw member may be recalled for any of the following reasons—

- (1) treason;
- (2) violation of any provision of the Constitution;
- (3) misbehaviour;
- (4) lack of qualifications prescribed in the Constitution for a Hluttaw member;
- (5) incompetent discharge of duties.

(b) Complaint about the Hluttaw member endorsed by at least one percent of initial number of the voters of the constituency concerned shall be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Election Commission.

(c) Pyidaungsu Election Commission shall conduct investigation into the case in accord with the law.

(d) While the case is under investigation, the Hluttaw member concerned shall have the right to rebut the accusation in person or through a representative.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 11 December, 2006

National Kandawgyi Gardens

The Diamond Jubilee of the National Kandawgyi Gardens will be commemorated from 14 to 18 December in PyinOoLwin, known as hill station and situated at the 3,000 feet above sea level.

Several eucalyptus and pine trees adorn PyinOoLwin. Cherry, blue gold mohur and damson trees, mulberry and coffee plantations, seasonal fruits and various kinds of flowers and open pony-carts plus coaches there attract local travellers and foreign tourists.

Arrangements have been made for visitors to see seasonal flowers blooming in the garden. There are tulip flowers, natural avian park, small zoos, pine trees, bamboo grove and rocky park.

Over 200-foot tall Nanmyint Tower was built in the gardens. From the viewing deck at the tower visitors can enjoy the scenery of the gardens and the beauty of PyinOoLwin.

The National Landmark Gardens is being built near the National Kandawgyi Gardens. It is the National Landmark Gardens where Natural landmarks and significant buildings and places in the various parts of the country such as Mt Khakaborazi, Taungkwe Pagoda, Mt Zwegabin, Reed Lake, Kaunghmudaw Pagoda, the Sagaing Hills, Bayintnaung Cape, Kanbawzathadi Palace, oilfields, Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace, Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda, Shitthaung Stupa, the Shwedagon Pagoda, the City Hall, the Inlay Lake, PhaungdawOo Pagoda, Chaungtha Beach and Mawtinzun Pagoda can be seen.

A sizeable number of travellers in the country and foreign tourists visit the National Kandawgyi Gardens and the National Landmark Gardens in PyinOoLwin daily. It is believed that the Diamond Jubilee of the National Kandawgyi Gardens will contribute towards the development of Myanmar tourism industry.

Japan provides assistance for construction of Monastic School

YANGON, 5 Dec — The Government of Japan, under the Japan's Grassroots Grant Assistance Scheme (GGA), will provide a grant aid of US\$ 78,895 to "Aung Zabu Monastic School Construction Committee" for construction of a schoolhouse for Aung Zabu Monastic School in Sinchan Village in Kawhmu Township, Yangon Division.

The assistance will benefit the students in their pursuit of formal learning and strengthen existing friendly relations between Japan and Myanmar. The Grant Contract was signed on 5 December at the Embassy of Japan in Yangon, between Mr Tetsuro Amano, Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan to the Union of Myanmar, and U Aung Thaung, Chairman of the Aung Zabu Monastic School Construction Committee. — H

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

Commander attends coord meeting for ensuring smooth and secure transport



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win makes a speech at coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport. — MNA

YANGON, 9 Dec — A work coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport was held at the meeting hall of Yangon Command Headquarters yesterday.

First, Chairman of Supervisory Committee Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win made a speech on the occasion, saying that as the passengers rely more on circular trains than previously, officials are to supervise the tasks for regular run of trains. Sanitation tasks are to be carried out at the stations and their environs. Coop-

erative measures are to be taken for supplying electricity. All pumps are to be capable of filling gas at CNG filling stations. Educative talks are to be held and action is to be taken against those who violated traffic rules.

Next, rectors, pro-rectors and principals of colleges and universities and responsible personnel reported on matters related to ensuring smooth and secure transport. In response to the reports, the commander attended to the needs and made concluding remarks.

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Functions of dry day inspection teams supervised

YANGON, 10 Dec — Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and members together with departmental officials supervised functions of dry day inspection teams at the main points here today.

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

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MTSF holds executive meeting

YANGON, 9 Dec — An executive meeting of Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation was held at the meeting hall of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry yesterday morning with an opening address by MTSF President U Win Myint.

Next, Vice-President U Thein Aung also gave an address. Executives submitted proposals and took part in discussion. MTSF consisted of technical subcommittee, referee subcommittee, information subcommittee, finance subcommittee and strategic studies subcommittee. — MNA

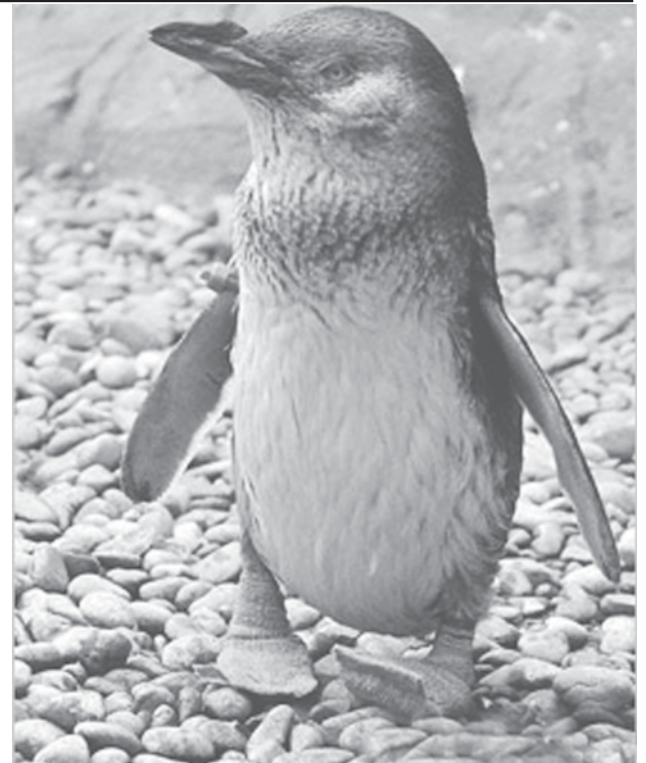
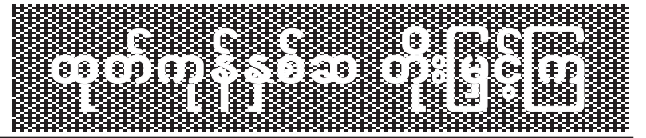
Special sales of Industry-1 in Meiktila on 15-24 Dec

YANGON, 10 Dec — Ministry of Industry-1 will hold special sales at Meiktila in Mandalay Division from 15 to 24 December. Everyone can buy various kind of foodstuffs and utensils produced by the ministry at the special sales at reasonable price. — MNA



President of MTSF U Win Myint addresses the MTSF executives' meeting. — MNA

UN chooses Vietnam as first UN reform pilot country



A penguin called Elvis wears a new pair of blue shoes at the Antarctic Centre's Penguin Encounter display in Christchurch, on 7 Nov, 2006 file photo.—XINHUA

HANOI, 9 Dec— The third ranked UN official joined a Vietnamese Vice Minister of Planning and Investment here Friday to announce Vietnam to be the first nation in the world to pilot United Nations reform at the country level.

The United Nations is implementing the reform in Vietnam not only because of the country's strong leadership and taking the lead in aid effectiveness, but also long-term relations and mutual trust between the two sides, Head of the UN Development Programme and Chair of the United Nations Development Group, Kemal Dervis, said

at a Press conference. "Vietnam is at the forefront of the UN move to 'deliver as one'. The UN family has to combine the diversity of skills and mandates present in its agencies to realize our tremendous potential as partners in development," he said.

The announcement of selecting Vietnam as first UN reform pilot country

came nearly a month after the UN High-Level Panel released its report, 'Delivering as One', which recommended among other things, "to deliver as one at country level, with one leader, one programme, one budget and, where appropriate, one office".

Vice Minister Cao Viet Sinh said at the Press conference that Vietnam

and UN would have first joint programmes on the reform in the country in January 2007, and that the UN will select 5-7 additional nations as reform pilot countries by late this month.

UN reform is the ongoing process of making improvements in the way the entire UN family of organizations works. The goal is to adapt to new conditions and provide for changing needs, in all of the areas in which the UN is active: development, peace and security, international law, social issues and more.

MNA/Xinhua



Winners of the 2007 Mrs India pageant pose for photographers in Mumbai on 9 Dec, 2006. Jimmy Nanda (C) won the crown while Carol Pinto (R) and Nandini Jajodia (L) were 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up respectively. — INTERNET

White House says Bush could change to Iraq strategy

WASHINGTON, 9 Dec— US President George W Bush will hold a wide range of consultations on Iraq next week and could announce changes to the Iraq strategy as early as before Christmas, the White House said on Friday.

Bush will meet with top-ranking State Department, Defence Department and military officials as well as US Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad and outside experts, said White House spokeswoman Dana Perino. Bush has said he would consider the recommendations put forward by the Iraq Study Group report, although he said he would not accept every recommendation. —MNA/Xinhua

France says 300,000 homes hit by blackout

PARIS, 9 Dec — The power was cut to some 300,000 households by the violent storms which went across western and central France on Friday, the state-owned French electricity group EDF said.

The trees, on which the electronic lines lied, had fallen and caused power outage to these families, EDF said in a statement. Strong winds and floods also caused several traffic accidents but no injuries, EDF said, adding that it had deployed 100 agents to restore power supply.— MNA/Xinhua



A Tibetan medicine human body point map. China will accelerate the development of traditional minority medicine, a top official with the Ministry of Health said on 8 Dec, 2006.—XINHUA

Iraq should comprehensively restore implementation of sovereignty

PARIS, 9 Dec— French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy said on Thursday that to solve the Iraqi problem, Iraq needs to comprehensively restore the implementation of its sovereignty.

He suggested relevant parties to push for the political process to unite all Iraqi people, and isolate terrorists and extremists so as to avoid chaos after a future phased withdrawal of US troops. Douste-Blazy thought that the Iraq Study Group's report that came out on Wednesday was "sobre-headed", and reflects Iraq's reality. There cannot be a military solution to Iraq's deep-rooted crisis, he declared.

The Foreign Minister agreed with the report's suggestion of a future phased withdrawal of US

troops from Iraq, and also of its recommendations to help Iraq restore the implementation of sovereignty on an all-round basis. To avoid a possible situation of chaos after the withdrawal of troops, the

United States should vigorously promote the political process in Iraq, Douste-Blazy suggested. He also agreed with the suggestion of the report that the US should get itself fully involved in the

Palestine-Israel conflict. He believed that it was the only way that concerned parties could possibly engage themselves once again to find a solution to the Middle East crisis.

MNA/Xinhua



Artist Robert Martin of Germany adjusts some bottles on his 'Robomoji', one of around 30 robots at Vienna's annual Roboexotica, on 7 Dec, 2006, which showcases how home-built machines deal with the modern pastime of hanging out in bars. —INTERNET



Zunjing Pavilion, the bibliotheca of the Shanghai Confucian Temple, also the city's first public library, has been restored to its original appearance and will reopen on 14 Dec, 2006.—XINHUA

China, Russia police bust transnational drug ring, 27 arrested

HARBIN, 9 Dec— Chinese and Russian anti-drug police have jointly broken up a transnational drug trafficking ring, arresting 27 people, including three Russians, police with northeast China's Heilongjiang Province said.

Police seized 1,112 grammes of methamphetamine, or "ice", as well as narcotics equipment and weapons, according to Heilongjiang Public Security Department.

This is the first successful transnational drug trafficking case involving joint efforts of Chinese and Russian

police since the two signed an agreement last year to crack down on drug crime in border areas, according to the department.

The ring was allegedly headed by 33-year-old Guan Hui, a former government driver of Heihe City in Heilongjiang, who is alleged to have plotted nine drug

trafficking cases since 2005 and trafficked about 4,300 grammes of "ice" and Ecstasy, also a narcotic.

Last November, drug enforcement authorities of Russia's Amur State informed Heilongjiang police that three Russians and two Chinese were trafficking drugs into Russia.

With the assistance of Russian agencies, Heilongjiang police identified the ring's trafficking route from south China's Guangdong Province, to Heihe City and finally to Amur State.

All the 27 suspects have been arrested after 11 months of efforts.

MNA/Xinhua

Four die in Mexican prison riot

MEXICO CITY, 9 Dec— Four people died, more than 20 injured and 100 prisoners escaped Friday in a jail riot in Cancun, in the eastern Mexican state of Quintana Roo.

Jail director Juvenal Reyes told the media that the rebellion began at 7 am local time (1300 GMT) when guards tried to transfer the most dangerous prisoners from Cancun to another jail in Chetumal, also in Quintana Roo.

Angry prisoners attacked the guards with bats and knives, Reyes said.

Some 50 of the escaped prisoners have been recaptured and jail order was restored hours after the jailbreak. The jail was designed for housing 500 prisoners, but it held some 1,000 when the riot broke out.—MNA/Xinhua

US soldier killed in bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 9 Dec— One US soldier was killed Thursday when a roadside bomb went off near his vehicle in Baghdad, the US military said on Friday.

"An improvised explosive device detonated near a MultiNational Division-Baghdad patrol, killing one soldier in the Iraqi capital Thursday," the military said in a statement. The latest death brought to 32 the number of US soldiers killed in Iraq since the beginning of December. Over 2,900 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led war broke out in March 2003, according to media count.—MNA/Xinhua



A Christmas tree is lit by Rome's ancient Colosseum on Thursday, 7 Dec, 2006. The tree, measuring 20m (67 feet), comes from Val di Fiemme in the Italian Alps. Due to construction work at the traditional location of the Christmas tree in Piazza Venezia Square, this year the tree stands next to the Colosseum for the first time.—INTERNET

Vietnam partially lifts rice export ban

HANOI, 8 Dec — The Vietnamese Government has approved the export of additional 53,000 tons

of rice under contracts signed before its 12 November decision to temporarily halt exports for food security, the local newspaper Vietnam News reported Thursday.

Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung has also permitted rice to be loaded on ships that docked at seaports before 12 November pursuant to contracts with Cuba and Indonesia. Under the contracts, 116,000 tons of rice had already been shipped, according to the Vietnam Food Association.

Dung said the decision to partially lift the ban on rice exports reflected a flexible response to actual conditions, and it would help rice exporters to minimize their costs of storing rice in

warehouses.

In the meantime, Dung allowed entrepreneurs to import rice from Cambodia without paying import tax to increase the rice supply and drive prices lower in southern region.

Dung also ordered the Ministry of Trade to continue coordinating with the Agriculture Ministry and the food association to closely monitor fluctuations in rice markets in order to develop a new appropriate export plan. Vietnam shipped abroad 4.6 million tons of rice worth nearly 1.3 billion US dollars in the first 11 months of this year, seeing respective year-on-year declines of 9.4 per cent and 7.1 per cent, according to the country's General Statistics Office.

MNA/Xinhua

Turnover on China railways up 5.9% in first 11 months

BEIJING, 8 Dec —

Turnover on China's railways reached 2.44 trillion ton-kilometres in the first 11 months, up 5.9 per cent on the same period last year, according to Wang Yongping, spokesman with the Ministry of Railways.

The country's railways carried 1.109 billion passengers in the first 11 months, up 8.3 per cent year on year, which was 98 per cent of the whole year's transportation target, Wang said.

Meanwhile, 2.24 billion tons of cargo were transported by rail, an increase of 5.9 per cent from the same period last year.

China's railway transportation had continued to grow quickly and this year's turnover would be a record, said Wang.

MNA/Xinhua



Officials prepare to destroy pirated CDs and DVDs in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province on 8 Dec, 2006. China will step up its fight against intellectual piracy but needs foreigners to understand better the challenges facing Beijing, a Ministry of Commerce official said.—INTERNET

Manmohan asks West to accept rise of India, China

NEW DELHI, 8 Dec— Asking the West to come to terms with the rise of India and China, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Thursday asked global institutions to evolve and change for accommodating the new reality in the multilateral framework.

Addressing the London School of Economics Asia Forum here, he said restructuring of United Nations and UN Security Council was as important as reforms in global trading regime.

"We need global institutions and global rules of game that can facilitate the peaceful rise of new nations. It also means global institutions and frameworks of cooperation must evolve and change to accommodate the new reality.

"This is as true for the reform and revitalization of the United Nations and the restructuring of

the UN Security Council, as it is true for the management of multilateral trading regime, for the protection of global environment and the security of energy supplies," he said.

Singh said the West should come to terms with the consequences of the rise of Asia. "Just as the world accommodated the rejuvenation of Europe in the post-War period, it must accommodate the rise of new Asian economies in the years ahead," he said.

Singh said both India and China were bound to regain a considerable part of their share of the

world GDP that they had lost during the two centuries of European colonialism. China has already trebled its share of world GDP over the past two decades while India has doubled it.

While Japan would

continue to be at the top in the foreseeable future, the newly industrializing economies of East and South East Asia would also grow, even if not at rates witnessed in the past two decades.

MNA/PTI

An Edison electric light bulb is displayed at Christie's auction house in London on 8 Dec, 2006. The bulb is one from a box of 23 bulbs that were found in an attic of a house in the United States and used in the 1890 court case where Thomas Edison defended his patent for the invention. —INTERNET



Japan, China agree to promote grassroots exchanges

TOKYO, 9 Dec — Japanese Prime Minister

Shinzo Abe and visiting chief of the China-Japan Friendship Association Song Jian agreed on Friday to further promote grassroots exchanges between the two countries.

Abe said Japan is willing to take the opportunity of the year 2007, the 35th anniversary of the normalization of Japan-China ties, to vigorously strengthen bilateral exchanges on culture,

sports and youth activities in order to further consolidate ties between the two countries.

Abe said during his visit to China in October, he reached an important consensus with Chinese leaders on building up mutually beneficial strategic relations and confirmed the direction of development of bilateral ties.

The Japanese leader underlined the

importance of constant contacts of the two countries' leaders, which he said could enhance mutual understanding and trust, and could promote bilateral cooperation and exchanges.

Abe met with Chinese President Hu Jintao on the sidelines of the 14th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting in Hanoi in November.

MNA/Xinhua



Huge waves crash onto Tapia de Casariego's seafront, in the northern Spanish region of Asturias, on 8 Dec, 2006. Northern Spain is on alert due to high winds, which in some areas are reaching 103km/h (64 miles per hour), and heavy rainfall. — INTERNET

Italian film icon Gina Lollobrigida poses near a wall of celebrity photos in her villa in southern Rome on 7 Dec, 2006. — INTERNET



Bus crash kills 18, injures 13 in North Bulgaria

SOFIA, 8 Dec— At least 18 people have been killed in a crash between a bus and a truck near Byala in North Bulgaria, the state-run BTA reported on Thursday.

The catastrophe happened at 17:00 local time (GMT 1500). A bus of Byala City transport fell from a bridge into the Yantra river after having been hit by a truck fully loaded with

wheat.

Police guessed the cause of the accident was the broken brake of the truck.

According to initial reports of the National Medical Coordination

Centre, 17 of the passengers were found dead at the spot, while 14 were injured. The injured passengers have already been sent to the hospitals in Byala and Ruse.—MNA/Xinhua

Robbers attack bank, kill 2 in S-W Nigeria

LAGOS, 8 Dec— Armed robbers have attacked a bank in Benin, southwestern Nigerian, killing two people before carting away 5.2 million naira (about 4,000 US dollars), local media reported on Thursday.

The robbers stormed the bank, located in Benin, the capital of southwestern Edo State, at midnight on Wednesday with weapons and shot sporadically for over 20 minutes, during which two passers-by

were killed, the report said.

Police commissioner of Edo State Bala Hassan confirmed the incident and said that there had been a fire exchange between police and the robbers, leaving two

policemen and two robbers wounded.

Investigation is underway, Hassan said, adding that they "cannot allow this to happen" again in the state.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese President stresses military science, technology research



Hu Jintao (F,R), General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), Chinese President and Chairman of the Central Military Commission, shakes hands with the delegates from the Academy of Military Sciences in Beijing, capital of China, on 8 Dec, 2006.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 9 Dec—Chinese President and Chairman of the Central Military Commission Hu Jintao has

urged the military to improve scientific and technological research to fulfil their mission in the

new era. Hu, also general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China

(CPC), made the remarks here on Friday when he met with delegates from the Academy of Military Sciences.

After briefings, Hu acknowledged the academy's contribution to military modernization and asked it to vigorously promote the development of military theory and national security strategies. Hu said building national defence capability was an onerous task in a complicated and changing international situation.

Hu said the Chinese military must pay close attention to the world's security situation and military development trend and develop a road of scientific innovation with its own characteristics.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore encourages original publications export

SINGAPORE, 9 Dec— The book publishing industry is an important component of the creative industries and the Singapore Government has encouraged local publishers to drive into the burgeoning market, according to a Singapore's senior minister on Friday.

Government agencies such as the Media Development Authority (MDA) have launched many initiatives to encourage the local publishing companies to go abroad, according to Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports, who launched a local flagship book shop here on Friday.

There are currently over 800 publishing companies in the state

including local ones and global publishers.

The publishing sector contributed 836 million Singapore dollars (about 540 million US dollars) to Singapore's gross domestic product (GDP) and employed more than 6,000 people in 2004.

One of MDA's key initiatives is to encourage the creation of exportable original content.

Under this scheme, the MDA partners local enterprises and co-invests in the development of new publications ranging from magazines to comic books for international markets.

The MDA has since supported four local publishers to develop new intellectual properties for export.

By encouraging the creation of homegrown content from a new pool of talents, the MDA hopes to ultimately create a pipeline of potential works that can be exported internationally, according to the minister.

MNA/Xinhua

Twenty injured in US school bus crash

WASHINGTON, 9 Dec— A school bus crashed into a sport utility vehicle (SUV) early Friday due to brake failure in Ham Lake, Minnesota, injuring some 20 people, Fox News reported.

All the injured have been hospitalized and four of them were in critical

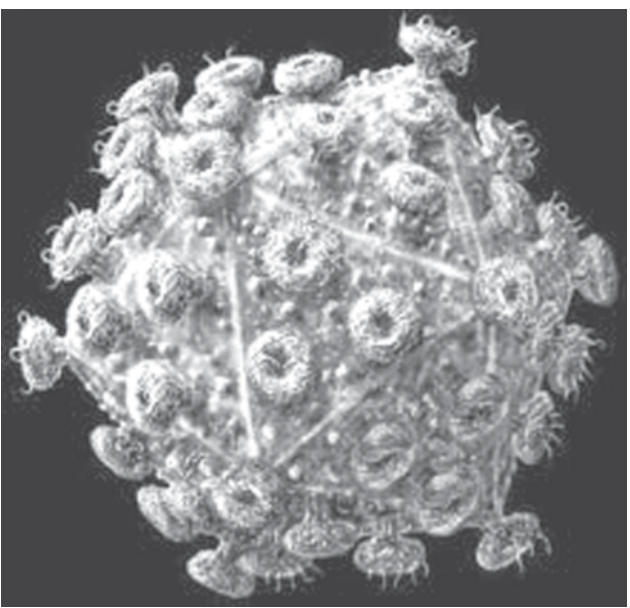
condition, including the drivers of both vehicles and two students,

according to the report.

Local authorities said the school bus driver was trying to stop at a red light but the brake failed and the bus crashed into the SUV.

There were roughly 40 people on the school bus when the accident took place.— MNA/Xinhua

An AIDS virus' model. A new study conducted in Africa suggests recently malaria makes people more likely to contract AIDS and vice versa. XINHUA



The photo taken on 26 Nov, 2006 shows a profile of human face at turning point of a mountain road in Shiquan county, Shaanxi Province. The profile was cut accidentally by road constructors in 2001.—XINHUA



A man strolls on a snow-covered road at the port of Pajares, in the northern Spanish region of Asturias, on 9 Dec, 2006. Northern Spain was hit by freezing weather, with strong wind and heavy rain and snowfalls. —INTERNET

Neo-Nazi crime double in Berlin

BERLIN, 9 Dec— The number of violent neo-Nazi crimes in the German capital more than doubled over the past year, local reports said Friday.

The number of neo-Nazi attacks in Berlin this year rose to 100 from 52 last year, Berlin's Police Chief Dieter Glietsch told Deutsche Presse-Agentur on Friday. Nation wide the rightist crime rose by 20 per cent during the first

nine months of 2006, said Glietsch.

"This is a new development which really fuels concern," he said.

The Police Chief attributed the rise of the crimes to Germany's failure to ban the rightist

National Democratic of Germany (NPD) in 2003.

"Ever since then, the right-wing extremists have become more aggressive and less restrained because they apparently feel safer," said Glietsch.

MNA/Xinhua

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- (e) The Pyidaungsu Election Commission shall, finding the accusation true and considering the Hluttaw member should no longer carry out duties, take action in accord with the law.
7. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall prescribe necessary laws on election and recall.
8. (a) The President shall form a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Election Commission. In the process, he may appoint at least five members including the chairman of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission in accord with the provisions on appointment of Union minister stated in the Constitution.
- (b) The chairman and members of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Election Commission shall be the ones who—
- (1) have turned 50 years of age.
 - (2) meet, except age limit, requirements set for Pyithu Hluttaw members.
 - (3) (aa) have served in the post of Union Chief Justice or Union Supreme Court judge; Region or State High Court judge or in a position equivalent to the post of Region or State High Court judge at least five years; (or)
 - (bb) have served in the post of judicial officer or law officer that is not lower than Region or State level for at least 10 years; (or)
 - (cc) have practised law as the advocate for at least 20 years; (or)
 - (dd) are deemed to be celebrities with prestige by the President.
 - (4) are well-experienced with good characters.
 - (5) comply with provisions, with which they have no right to stand for election as Pyithu Hluttaw members.
 - (6) are loyal to the State and the people.
 - (7) are not members of a political party.
 - (8) are not Hluttaw members.
 - (9) do not accept any other positions from which they can enjoy salaries and allowances.
9. Duties of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission are as follows:
- (a) holding Hluttaw elections;
 - (b) supervising Hluttaw elections, and forming and supervising sub-commissions at all levels;
 - (c) designating and arranging constituencies;
 - (d) making and arranging lists of voters;
 - (e) putting off elections that are not in a position to be held in a free and fair way in some constituencies due to natural disasters or local security;
 - (f) issuing necessary laws on elections and political parties in accord with the provisions of this Constitution and procedures and directives in accord with the laws concerned;
 - (g) forming electoral benches to resolve electoral disputes;
 - (h) discharging duties assigned under a law.
10. If the President has to impeach the chairman or a member of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission, he shall do so in accord with the provisions prescribed in this Constitution on impeachment of the Union Chief Justice or any of Union Supreme Court judges.
11. (a) If the chairman or a member of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission in service wishes to resign of his own accord due to his health condition or any of other reasons, he may submit his resignation to the President.
- (b) If the seat of the chairman or a member of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission is vacant

due to resignation, termination of responsibilities, death, or any of other reasons, the President may appoint a new chairman or a member of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission in accord with the provisions on appointment of a Union minister enumerated in the State Constitution.

- (c) If the chairman or a member of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission is a government employee, he shall be deemed to have resigned from civil service in accord with the existing civil service rules and regulations from the date he is appointed as the chairman or a member of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission.

12. The Pyidaungsu Election Commission's action and measures over the following matters shall be final—

- (a) electoral procedures;
- (b) appeals and amendments on electoral benches' decisions and orders;
- (c) matters taken under political party law.

13. Responsibilities, powers and rights of the chairman and members of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission shall be prescribed by law.

14. The role of the chairman of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission is designated to be equivalent to the position of a Vice-President, and a member, to the position of a Union minister in order to make reference to responsibilities, powers and rights of the chairman and members of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission in prescribing laws.

In addition, he called for suggestions to decide whether the point:

“The period of staying abroad with the permission of the government shall be deemed to have settled in the Union” should be adopted as the provision under the detailed basic principle:

“Having settled in the Union of Myanmar for at least 10 consecutive years up to the time of being elected as Pyithu Hluttaw representative.” should be adopted as a detailed basic principle.

The Work Committee chairman also explained the detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Political Parties”. I noticed that his explanation included six points. They are:

1. Political parties set the objective — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.
2. A political party shall:
 - (a) accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multi-party democracy.
 - (b) abide by the Constitution and the existing laws.
 - (c) be legally registered as a political party.
3. In accord with the law, a political party shall have the right to :
 - (a) organize freely;
 - (b) to stand for the elections.

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.

4. The continued existence of a political party shall not be permitted if —

- (a) it has been declared as an unlawful organization in accord with the existing law;
 - (b) it makes connections with or provides support and assistance to insurgent groups waging an armed rebellion against the State, organizations or persons the State has announced as the ones committing terrorist acts or organizations the State has declared unlawful;
 - (c) it directly or indirectly receives financial, material and other assistance from the government or a religious organization, or any other organization or an individual person of a foreign country;
 - (d) it abuses religion for political purpose.
5. If the body having the authority to register political parties finds that a political party is connected with any one of the points stated in the above-mentioned subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d), the party's registration shall be revoked.
6. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact necessary laws concerning the political parties.

Mr Chairman and delegates,

At the plenary session held on 31 November 2006, the Work Committee chairman explained the detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the Chapter “Provisions on State of Emergency”.

In that regard, he present a collection of 23 points. They are:

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.”
- “2. In the matters concerning the declaration of a state of emergency in accord with the paragraph 1, the President shall have the power to:
 - “(a) exercise the executive power of the Region or State or Self-Administered Area concerned. Moreover, he shall form a suitable organization and entrust the executive power to an organization concerned, or to a suitable person.
 - “(b) In doing so, out of the legislative matters of the respective Regions and States and the Self-Administered Areas, the President shall have the power to exercise the legislative power concerning the executive affairs. But the legislative power shall not be entrusted to any organization or any person.”
- “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.
- “(b) If not all the members of the National Defence and Security Council can attend the meeting in which the President consults with the National Defence and Security Council as prescribed in the above paragraph (a), the President, may after coordinating with the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Home Affairs who are the members, declare a state of emergency in time. The declaration shall be submitted to the National Defence and Security Council soonest for approval.”

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“4. In connection with the declaration of a state of emergency in accord with the paragraph 3, the President shall:

“(a) take the assistance of the Tatmadaw to ensure local administrative bodies and members, and civil bodies and members to effectively carry out their functions in accord with the existing laws in order to swiftly restore the situation of an area where a state of emergency has been declared.

“(b) issue martial law order. In doing so, the President shall prescribe in the martial law order the administrative powers and functions and judicial powers and functions concerning community peace and the rule of law entrusted to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services shall exercise the powers and functions or empower them to a suitable military administrative official.”

“5. The President when issues an ordinance having the force of law and declares a state of emergency, shall:

“(a) specify the area covered by the ordinance and the duration.

“(b) if necessary, restrict or revoke one or more provisions of the fundamental rights of the citizens residing in the area affected by a state of emergency declaration.”

“6. The President from the date of the promulgation shall present the measures taken in accord with the paragraphs 1 and 2 and the measures taken in accord with the paragraphs 3 and 4:

“(a) to the nearest Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session within 60 days for approval.

“(b) shall cause to convene a special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval, if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has not any schedule to hold a session within 60 days.”

“7. (a) If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session approves the submission of the President concerning the matters prescribed in the paragraph 6, the ordinance having the force of law shall be still in force till the fixed time and date.

“(b) In addition to the approval, if the period of the ordinance is extended, the ordinance having the force of law shall be still in force till the extended time and date.

“(c) The ordinance shall cease to have effect from the date on which it is disapproved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session.”

“8. When there arises or there is sufficient reason to arise a state of emergency that may cause disintegration of the Union, disintegration of national solidarity and loss of national sovereignty, due to take over of sovereign State power or attempts by wrongful forcible means such as insurgency or violence, the President after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council shall proclaim an ordinance and shall declare a state of emergency. The proclamation shall stipulate that the area that the ordinance is in force is the entire nation and that its duration is one year from the date it is proclaimed.”

“9. (a) In declaring a state of emergency under paragraph 8, the President shall declare the transfer of legislative, executive and judicial powers to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to enable the latter to take necessary measures in order to restore the nation to normalcy. It shall be deemed that all the Hluttaws and leading bodies beginning from the date of declaration shall cease all their legislative functions. It shall be also deemed that when the term of the respective Hluttaws ended they are automatically dissolved.

(b) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Constitution, all the members of the organizations and members of the leading bodies of the Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zones, except from the President

and Vice President, assigned with the approval of the Hluttaws in accord with the Constitution are terminated from their duties beginning from the date the State power is transferred to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services”.

“10. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services who has been transferred the State power shall have the power to exercise the legislative, executive and judicial powers. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services shall exercise the legislative power by himself or shall form an organization with his own participation to exercise the legislative power. He shall empower a suitable organization or a suitable person to exercise the executive and judicial powers”.

“11. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services during the declaration of a state of emergency shall restrict or terminate a provision or more than one provision of the fundamental rights of citizens, as necessary.”

“12. The President shall:

“(a) proclaim a state of emergency according to the paragraphs 8 and 9 and shall submit the matter concerning the transfer of State power to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is in session, and shall convene an emergency session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if not in session to submit the matter.

“(b) normally extend the period to six months at a time for two terms if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presents a submission giving reasonable fact to him to extend the period if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services has not yet accomplished his duties assigned to him. Concerning the matter, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw emergency session shall be called.”

“13. The President shall, after receiving the report of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services concerning the completion of the duties assigned to him, annul the order empowering the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with the paragraph 9 on the date of his submission after convening the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not ended yet, or on the date he receives it from the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is ended.”

“14. The President shall, after receiving the report of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with the paragraph 13, revoke the suspension of legislative functions of all the Hluttaws and leading bodies if the term of the Hluttaw has not ended yet. The President shall assign duties to the new Constitutional executive and judicial bodies in accord with the Constitution. The bodies shall discharge duties only for the remaining period of the term of the Hluttaw.”

“15. Even though the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has ended the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall remain in their positions till the new President, the new Vice-Presidents, the new Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the new Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw have been elected in accord with the Constitution.”

“16. The National Defence and Security Council shall normally extend the period to six months at a time for two terms if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presents a reasonable submission to extend the

period as the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services has not yet accomplished his duty assigned to him.”

“17. In connection with the matter of transferring the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services by the President after declaring a state of emergency, the National Defence and Security Council shall, after receiving the report on the completion of the functions of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services shall, declare to annul the order empowering the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to exercise State power in accord with the paragraph 9.”

18. The National Defence and Security Council shall:

“(a) exercise the legislative power, executive power and judicial power before the Hluttaws are formed in accord with the Constitution

“(b) have the right to exercise the State power till the time a new President has been elected and Union level organizations formed in accord with the provisions contained in the Constitution. In so doing, the National Defence and Security Council shall exercise the legislative power by itself. The National Defence and Security Council shall empower a suitable organization or a suitable person to exercise the executive and judicial powers at Union, Region, State, Self-Administered Division and Self-Administered Zone levels.”

“19. The National Defence and Security Council shall form the constitutional administrative bodies at different levels, leading bodies of Self-Administered Division and Self-Administered Zone and Union Election Commission with suitable persons whose qualifications meet the stipulations contained in the Constitution and assign duties to them.”

“20. The National Defence and Security Council shall hold a general election in accord with the provisions of the Constitution within a period of six months beginning from the date on which the order is annulled in accord with the paragraph 17.”

“21. The bodies formed according to the paragraph 19 shall continue to the paragraph shall continue to carry out their functions till legislative, executive and judicial bodies have been formed according to the Constitution after the general election.”

“22. The National Defence and Security Council shall exercise the State power in the name of the President.”

“23. 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 of Defence Services is exercising the State power or during the period the National Defence and Security Council is exercising the State power, shall be legitimate. No legal action shall be taken against them for those legitimate measures.”

Mr Chairman,

We found that the Work Committee chairman explained the points in an appropriate and reasonable way and in conformity with the six objectives of the National Convention to ensure stability and peace and development of the future nation and to uphold Our Three Main National Causes.

In conclusion, I would say we members of the delegate group of other invited persons wholeheartedly support the Work Committee chairman's explanation that includes 14 principles for the Chapter "Election", six points for the Chapter "Political Parties" and 23 points for the Chapter "Provisions on State of Emergency".

Now, Dr Chan Tha (a) U Nyi Nyi will read out the second part of our proposal.

Mr Chairman,

I am a National Convention delegate Dr Chan Tha (a) U Nyi Nyi of the delegate group of other invited persons. I am from Sittway in Rakhine State.

Mr Chairman,

I would like to read out the second part of our proposal regarding the detailed basic principles for the Chapter "Election", the Chapter "Political Parties" and the Chapter

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Members of the delegate group of other invited persons are attending the National Convention with the aim to give good advice and make positive suggestions. So, we made a thorough study on the explanation of the Work Committee chairman, then held discussions about the explanation and sought approval.

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“Provisions on State of Emergency” which are to be included in the State constitution.

In the first part of our proposal, it was expressed support for the Work Committee chairman’s explanation about the detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Election”, the Chapter “Political Parties” and the Chapter “Provisions on State of Emergency”.

We members of the delegate group of other invited persons are attending the National Convention with the aim to give good advice and make positive suggestions. So, we made a thorough study on the explanation of the Work Committee chairman, then held discussions about the explanation and sought approval.

So, we made two approvals on the Chapter “Election”, one proposal on the Chapter “Political Parties”, and five proposals for the Chapter “Provisions on State of Emergency” at the meeting of the delegate group of other invited persons held on 23 October 2006”.

Mr Chairman,

We would like to make two separate suggestions about the Chapter “Election”. They are:

- (a) There have been many events that in elections and casting votes in Hluttaw sessions of some other countries, voters, Hluttaw members and political parties were under the influence of money, muscle and gangs such as Mafia, and such countries suffered loss a lot. So, in order to avert such undesirable events, effective provisions and laws including anti-defection law should be prescribed.
- (b) A principle should be prescribed in the Pyidaungsu Election Commission Law that decisions of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission shall be made with unanimous vote or the vote of the majority to prevent the decisions the chairman or a member or two members of the commission make they wish at the meetings of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission.

Mr Chairman,

Now, I would like to present another suggestion about the Chapter “Political Parties”.

The major criteria to assess the political status of an independent country are preservation of independence and sovereignty, stability, peace and development of the nation, and high standard of living of the national races in that country.

There are certain requirements for the practice of the multi-party democracy system in a country. They are stability, peace and prevalence of law and order, strong economic infrastructures, and high intellectual power of the people. Now, the Tatmadaw Government is striving with might and main for fulfilling such requirements of the motherland.

Moreover, the legally-formed political parties are to play a leading role in the drive for the development of the nation and people.

Some countries practising the parliamentary democracy including Myanmar have faced incidents that the political parties concerned gave priority to the interests of certain regions rather than to national interests, and to personality cult rather than national interests. In consequence, the initial objectives of the political party concerned do not work and the parties are getting distant themselves from the people, and in the end, they met their end.

Having a glance at the historic events of our nation, we can find a lot of bitter experiences and unforgettable lessons. The people fell victim to the weak points of the political parties.

The Pha-Sa-Pa-La (AFPFL) headquarters that played the leading role in the independence struggles went through ideology, personality cult and conflicts among its members in the pre-independence period and in the post-independence period, and so did other political parties. Owing to the failure to effectively tackle such disputes in time, the nation faced assassination of State leaders and collapse of the nation. And the disputes grew into armed insurgency. Consequently, the situation of the nation was deteriorating and the people got into great troubles and adversities. So, the Tatmadaw had to sacrifice many lives and blood of its members to remedy the stresses and strains of the people.

The conflict based on personality cult between the two

factions of the ruling party—Thantshin (Clean) and Temye (Stable) went beyond the boundary of the party. It was the ruling party, so the nation had to stand all the stresses and strains of the political conflicts. Misuse of power, torture of neutral politicians and opposition party members, partiality and negligence for positions and economic opportunities, and attempts to harm the image of and break up the Tatmadaw for prolonging their power. These were followed by evil consequences such as disintegration of national races and backwardness of the nation.

The forthcoming State constitution will have to demonstrate genuine multi-party democracy system with flourishing discipline. So, it is required to take lessons through the historic events to prescribe necessary provisions in order to avert such bitter experiences in which the nation and the people stood for the evil consequences from the weak points of the political parties.

Political parties are responsible for serving the interests of the nation and the people steadfastly. However, by nature, a party faces disputes inside or outside the party concerned. So, it is needed to control and tackle such disputes in a democratic way under the law. Members of a political party should uphold the democratic ethics. At the same time, there should be effective measures to safeguard the nation and the people from any forms of dangers. Therefore, I would like to suggest that **political parties should not create a situation that brings disunity and disputes into the party or the parties which poses dangers to the political affairs, security and economy of the nation.**

Mr Chairman,

I will present separate suggestions concerning the chapter “Provisions on State of emergency”.

The para 1 of the chapter states, “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.”

Here the President will have to declare a state of emergency if he learns that the administrative functions cannot be carried out in accord with the Constitution. In our view there should be a precise definition to ascertain that the administrative functions cannot be carried out in accord with the Constitution.

It is necessary for the administrative body of the area concerned to submit that it no longer can carry out its functions in accord with the Constitution. If the President learns that the administrative functions cannot be carried out in accord with the Constitution during the period the body concerned failed to present the matter or during the time it is trying to solve it, he should declare a state of emergency.

Hence the para 1 should be amended as follows:

“If the administrative body concerned submits the matter or the President after learning the matter through other means, truly believes 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.”

Mr Chairman,

Para 9 (a) states the expression “**the President shall declare the transfer of legislative, executive and judicial powers to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services**”. The para 10 also states “**The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services who has been transferred the State power shall have the power to exercise the legislative, executive and judicial powers.**” The para 12 (a), the para 13 and the para 17 use the expression “**State power**”. To be in conformity with the said paras, the para 9 should use the expression “**State power**” instead of “**legislative, executive and judicial powers of the State**”.

The para 12 (b) states “**The President shall (b) normally extend the period to six months at a time for two terms**

if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presents a submission giving reasonable fact to him to extend the period if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services has not yet accomplished his duties assigned to him. Concerning the matter, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw emergency session shall be called.”

The President, if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presents a reasonable submission to extend the period as the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services has not yet accomplished his duty assigned to him, should consult the matter with the National Defence and Security Council.

Hence, we would like to suggest that the para 12 (b) should be stated “**The President after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council shall (b) normally extend the period to six months at a time for two terms if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presents a submission giving reasonable fact to him to extend the period if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services has not yet accomplished his duties assigned to him. Concerning the matter, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw emergency session shall be called.**”

Mr Chairman,

The para 13 states, “**The President shall, after receiving the report of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services concerning the completion of the duties assigned to him, annul the order empowering the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with the paragraph 9 on the date of his submission after convening the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not ended yet, or on the date he receives it from the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is ended.**” We would like to add the expression “**after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council**” to the para as follows:

“**The President shall, after receiving the report of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services concerning the completion of the duties assigned to him, after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council, annul the order empowering the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with the paragraph 9 on the date of his submission after convening the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not ended yet, or on the date he receives it from the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is ended.**”

Mr Chairman,

Apart from all the points explained by the Work Committee Chairman, we would like to suggest to add the following new point to the chapter.

“**The President shall submit the matter concerning the extension of period for the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to exercise the power he has empowered to the latter annul the ordinance empowering the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to exercise the State power to the first session of the new Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has ended.**”

Mr Chairman,

Now we have completed our second part. Concerning the chapter “Election” we presented our separate suggestions for burgeoning of the noblest and worthiest of the worldly values that are the essence of democracy.

A policy will be good only if the people who are realizing are good. Good policies will produce qualified parties that can form a government serving the interest of the nation, the people and the religion. We have made efforts to adopt detailed basic principles for the chapter “Political Parties”.

The provisions to deal with national instability and unrest and natural disaster while safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes are the detailed basic principles for the chapter “Provisions on State of Emergency”.

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A policy will be good only if the people who are realizing are good. Good policies will produce qualified parties that can form a government serving the interest of the nation, the people and the religion. We have made efforts to adopt detailed basic principles for the chapter “Political Parties”.

Project Pre-Show opens

YANGON, 10 Dec — A ceremony to open Project Pre-Show of actor Shar Nyo was held at National Museum on Pyay Road, Dagon Township this morning. Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor

Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and wife Dr Khin Hsan Nwe, Chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon U Kyi Soe Tun and the guests.

First, actor Shar Nyo explained the purpose of the show. Next, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin,

Chairman of MMPA U Kyi Soe Tun and Director of Original Group Daw Kyi Khin formally opened the show and viewed Shar Nyo's artistic works made with stainless steel.

The show keeps open from 9 am to 4 pm daily till 31 December. — MNA



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and guests view artistic works made with stainless steel created by actor Shar Nyo at National Museum. — MNA

NC delegates visit Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon), Shwedagon Pagoda, donate books on tripitika treatise



NC delegates pay homage to Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon). — MNA

YANGON, 10 Dec — Delegates of National Convention together with officials of Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee of the National Convention visited Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) yesterday morning and presented K 84,775 to the funds of the Pagoda through responsible persons.

Next, they attended a ceremony to donate books on tripitika treatise written

by Gon Shan language held at International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University and received five precepts from Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Dr Candavarabhivamsa. Later, U Haung Hkam and party of Delegate Group of National Races donated 45 books on tripitika treatise to the Sayadaw.

NC delegates also presented K 86,150 to Pro-

Rector (Admin) Dr Myint Kyi and shared the merits gained. Next, they viewed round the university.

On 10 December morning, NC delegates visited Shwedagon Pagoda and offered flowers, lights, joss sticks and water. Christian NC delegates attended the services at Myoma Baptist Church on Alanpya Pagoda Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township. — MNA

Script winners for 12 productions of four cleans project honoured



Representative of UNICEF Mr Waldemar Pickardt presents a prize to a winner at a ceremony for four cleans Script Writing. — MNA

YANGON, 10 Dec—A ceremony to honour script winners for 12 productions of four cleans project sponsored by Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and UNICEF (Yangon) was held at the hall of the association on Wingaba Road in Bahan Township here at 10 am today.

It was attended by officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information, Chairman of MMPA Director Academy U Kyi Soe Tun and executives, Representative

Mr Waldemar Pickardt of UNICEF (Yangon), chairmen of organizations under MMPA and members, participants of the contest and guests.

Chairman of MMPA Director Academy U Kyi Soe Tun extended greetings on the occasion.

Next, Representative Mr Waldemar Pickardt of UNICEF (Yangon) made a speech.

After that, "Thant Thant Lay" project manager Dr Khin Maung Lwin spoke words of thanks.

Later, Director U Thein Tun Aung of MMPE presented certificates of honour for members of the panel of judge through U

Chit Than Myint.

Next, Chairman of MMPA Director Academy U Kyi Soe Tun gave away prizes to winners of Animation Contest U Tin Win Hlaing (Cartoon Htet Moe), U Wunna Kyaw (Wunna Kyaw), U Maung Maung Htay (Cartoon Aung Min Min).

Afterwards, Representative Mr Waldemar Pickardt of UNICEF (Yangon) presented prizes to winners of TV-Spot Contest U Myo Thant (Cartoon Maung Nanda), U Thar Tun Khine (Nay Ye Ye), Daw Ame Than (Thwe-Maha Science) and U Maung Maung Zin (Gaw Zi Lar).

Next, Project manager

Dr Khin Maung Lwin presented prizes to winners of Short Clip Contest U Phone Wai (Phone Wai/Khin Phone Wai), Daw Aye Kayi Zay Ya (Yo Yo), U Thein Tun Oo (Soe Ya Naung) and U Aung Than

(Myae Nee Thitsar).

Later, Chairman of "Thant Thant Lay" Cooperation Committee U Myint Thein Pe presented certificates of honour to the participants.

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Commander inspects progress...

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tasks, dredging drains and spraying pesticide in Ward 2/A. In Hsinphon Village, the commander inspected progress in implementation of Hsinphon river water pumping project.

Next, the commander oversaw Malit river water pumping project near West Malit Village in Hlegu Township and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Afterwards, the commander viewed Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Poultry and Fish Farming Special Zone near Nyaunhnabin Village of Hmawby Township. He viewed thriving vegetable plantations of private entrepreneurs and raising of poultry at the special zone. — MNA



The fifth respect paying ceremony-2006 for teachers in progress in Insein No 1 BEHS on 10-12-2006. —H



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Egypt asks WHO for help to combat bird flu

CAIRO, 10 Dec — Egyptian Health Minister

Hatem el-Gabali on Saturday met with visiting newly-elected World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Margaret Chan and asked for both technical and financial assistance to Egypt to combat bird flu.

Three killed in US shooting

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec — Two people were killed by a gunman who was later shot dead by police in downtown Chicago, Ill. recently, CNN reported.

The incident took place in the Citigroup Centre, a downtown skyscraper, when a gunman armed with a snub-nose revolver, knife and hammer shot four people, killing two.

The gunman took a hostage before being shot dead in exchange of fire with the police, according to the report.

The two injured have been sent to hospital. There is no immediate information about the hostage. — MNA/Xinhua

Egypt needed the international organization's help in case the bird flu mutated into a pandemic disease, Egyptian news agency MENA quoted the ministry's media adviser Abdelrahman Shahin as saying. MNA/Xinhua

US pilots charged with risking airplane in disaster in Brazil

RIODEJANEIRO, 10 Dec — Brazil's Federal Police on Friday charged US pilots Joe Lepore and Jan Paladino of unintentionally risking the safety of the commercial airplane that crashed in the Brazilian rainforest, killing 154 passengers on 29 September.

The two pilots kept silent during a six-hour cross-examination held on Friday at the Federal Police headquarters in Sao Paulo. They were assisted by their attorneys and two employees of the US

Consulate, and refused to answer any of the questions asked.

The two men piloted the Legacy 600 executive jet that collided with a Boeing 737-800 travelling in the opposite direction over Mato Grosso State in Brazil's mid-west.

The Boeing, operated by Brazilian airline Gol, crashed into the Amazonian jungle killing all aboard in Brazil's biggest air disaster. The smaller executive jet made an emergency landing with no casualties.

Brazil's Court decided to give their passports back this week,

as they had been kept in Brazil since the accident. MNA/Xinhua

Argentine police seize 2.4 tons of marijuana, arrest 16

BUENOS AIRES, 10 Dec — Argentine police on Friday seized 2.4 tons of marijuana and arrested 16 people in an operation in the outskirts of the capital and in the northern region of Misiones.

The drugs were hidden in wood packages imported from Paraguay, authorities said.

Two trucks, three cars, 23 cellular phones, firearms and large sums of cash in Argentine pesos, US dollars and Paraguayan Guaranies were also seized in the raid. The authorities said they had planned the operation in April and it would continue.

MNA/Xinhua



Thailand's Siththi Charoenrith poses at the men's under-80kg bodybuilding event at the Asian Games in Doha on 9 Dec, 2006. Charoenrith won the gold medal. —INTERNET

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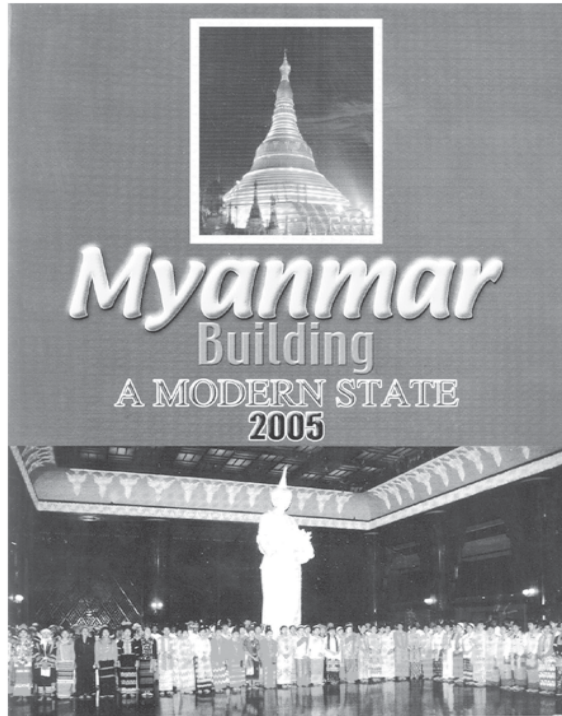
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China urges US to release export controls

BEIJING, 9 Dec— Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang on Thursday urged the United States to ease its export controls on China, saying it would help balance bilateral trade.

Qin made the remarks at a regular Press conference when commenting a possible

US policy change. Two dozen groups representing some of the biggest US companies, including Boeing and Microsoft, urged the Commerce Department on 1 December to scrap a proposal to tighten national security controls on exports to China.—MNA/Xinhua



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Zimbabwean President says "no" to West's defiant practices

HARARE, 9 Dec— Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe has said African, Caribbean and Pacific states should stand together in denouncing practices by powerful nations that are in defiance of international law, *The Herald* reported on Friday.

Addressing the sixth summit of the 79-member ACP trading bloc, which was opened in Khartoum, Sudan on Thursday, Mugabe challenged the ACP to further institutionalize a collective and unified approach in defending its vital interests

in the multilateral trading system.

Fostering more South-South cooperation in the economic arena, he said, would strengthen intra-ACP cooperation as each of the ACP's regions had unique strengths that could benefit other

regions.

"Intra-ACP cooperation also requires us to stand together in denouncing practices by the powerful ones that are in defiance of international law. Our international law system has recently suffered from arrogant defiance and violations by the USA and Britain in Iraq, for example," the President said.

"My own country is currently a victim of sanctions by Britain, the European Union and the USA based on falsehoods and fabrications

deliberately contrived. So is Cuba and others," he said.

Once the ACP was institutionalized in defending its vital interests in multilateral trade, Mugabe said, it would be easier to work in collaboration with other groups at the World Trade Organization and elsewhere.

The President said areas of cooperation had also been bolstered over the years and ACP ministers of trade meet several times a year to conduct ACP business.—MNA/Xinhua

UN seeks more int'l support for global emergency fund

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Dec— UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Thursday appealed to countries and other international donors to continue funding the world body's Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) next year so it reaches its goal of 500 million US dollars to provide rapid assistance to those most in need.

Addressing a high-level meeting at the UN Headquarters in New York on support for the CERF, which was launched in March this year, Annan praised its achievements so far, noting it has committed 230 million dollars to more than 320 projects in 30 countries, "from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, Lebanon to Liberia".

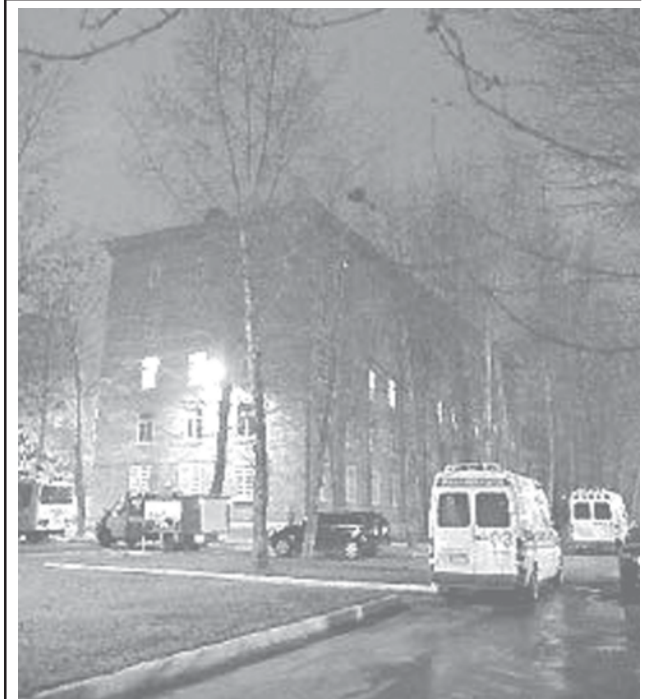
Currently, donors have

pledged almost 300 million dollars to the fund, the UN said.

"Clearly, CERF has shown that it will provide assistance anywhere, and save lives everywhere. It saves lives because it is innovative, and it is flexible. But above all, it succeeds because of strong support from you, its donors," Annan told the conference, which included ministers and representatives from at least 90 member states.

He said the fund enabled the UN to "do more, and to do it sooner. And by alleviating suffering before situations spin out of control, it facilitates faster transitions to recovery and rebuilding".

MNA/Xinhua



A fire broke out on early Saturday at a drug treatment hospital in southwestern Moscow, killing up to 45 people, the city's fire fighting service said. Ambulances and fire-engines wait outside a drug rehabilitation clinic in Moscow, on 9 Dec, 2006.—XINHUA

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Private aircraft JV to start mass production in E China

JINAN, 9 Dec — A Sino-Austrian joint venture in east China is to step up production of the DA-40 light aircraft in order to meet growing demand for training and private aircraft.

BinAo Aircraft Industries Co Ltd has received total orders for 200 DA-40s, each costing about 180,000 US dollars, mostly from pilot training schools, said BinAo manager Li Songlin.

The joint venture was established in April last year by Austria's Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH and Dagao General Aviation in Zhanhua City, Shandong Province.

It has an annual

production capacity of 500 aircraft, equal to the total number of private aircraft in China.

Diamond's DA-40 is a four-seater aircraft suitable for pilot training or personal transport. It can cruise at 200 kilometres per hour on a single engine.

The first Diamond aircraft rolled off the production line in October last year and the company has produced 16 to date.

"All DA-40 aircraft will be produced in Shandong in a few years," said Christian Dries, chief executive officer of Diamond Aircraft, adding the move would help meet demand for pilot training and personal transport in China and southeast Asia.

The company has estimated that China's demand for private aircraft would exceed 1,000 a year in five to ten years.

MNA/Xinhua



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (R) and Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo cut a ribbon to inaugurate Third Generation (3G) trains in Manila on 9 Dec, 2006. Arroyo and Abe later took a test ride after the inauguration ceremony for the Japan-made 3G trains of the Light Rail Transit Authority.—INTERNET

Launch of "Discovery" postponed

CAPE CANAVERAL (United States), 9 Dec—NASA postponed the launch of the space shuttle Discovery on Thursday night due to bad weather conditions, the US space agency announced.

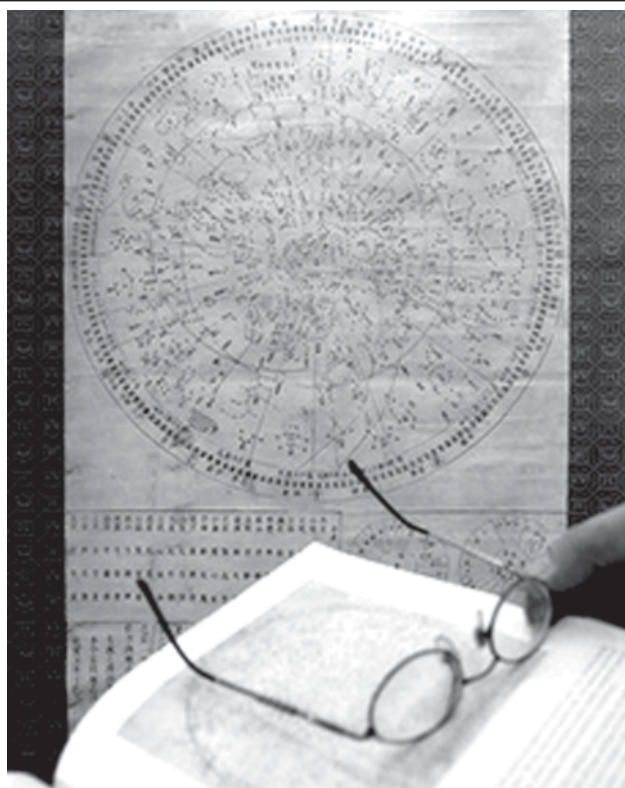
The decision was made minutes before a planned launch at 9:35 pm EST Thursday (0235 GMT on Friday). The postponement, which was due to low clouds and strong wind, could last at least 24 hours, said NASA.

It would have been the first nighttime launch of a US space shuttle in four years. "We gave it the best shot and didn't get clear and convincing evidence that the cloud ceiling had cleared for us," launch director Mike Leinbach said.

Earlier in the day, NASA

Administrator Michael Griffin said if the space shuttle did not get off the ground on Thursday night, NASA likely would wait until Saturday before trying again. The weather forecast for Friday was even worse than Thursday's, with only a 10-per-cent chance for launching.

NASA required daylight liftoffs for the three flights after the 2003 Columbia accident to make sure the agency could get good photos of the external fuel tank.—MNA/Xinhua



A 1677 'Tenmon Bun'ya no zu', a map showing divisions of the heavens and regions they govern by Harumi Shibukawa, on display at Christie's in London, on 8 Dec, 2006.—INTERNET

Australia to take tougher rules on carrying liquid on planes

CANBERRA, 9 Dec — New tougher rules on carrying liquids on planes leaving Australia will be effective from next March, according to a senior official Friday.

Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Transport Minister Mark Vaile outlined the tougher restrictions on hand luggage, saying that passengers will be prevented from carrying containers holding more than 100 millilitres of liquids, aerosols or gels.

The changes are in response to this year's foiled terrorism plot in London involving liquid explosives, Vaile said.

"We need to ensure that

our security measures remain relative to the current circumstances," he was quoted by Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio as saying in Sydney Airport.

"But also, and importantly, harmonize those with the major markets of the world — as I say in the United Kingdom, the European, in Canada and the United States — they have these measures in place," he said.—MNA/Xinhua



Poles watch fireworks as officials lit the city's largest Christmas tree in front of the Stalinist-era Palace of Culture in downtown Warsaw, Poland, on 9 Dec, 2006.—INTERNET

WHO says floods in Horn of Africa lead to health risks

GENEVA, 9 Dec — Major floods across the Horn of Africa are putting 1.5-1.8 million people at risk of cholera, measles, malaria and other infectious diseases, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday.

Unusually heavy rains have caused major flooding in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia since October, which damaged water and sanitation systems and forced people into crowded living spaces, the UN agency said in a statement.

The flooding is expected to continue until at least the end of

December if not into early next year, putting people's health at major risk, it added.

According to David Okello, WHO representative in Kenya, there is already a serious health situation in the region. "People are dying from diseases related to the water and sanitation situation. Malaria will become a very

serious problem in the weeks to come."

In Ethiopia, some 40,000 cases of acute watery diarrhoea have been reported, including 403 deaths, WHO said.

In Somalia, people are not only facing the disaster of floods, but also escalating insecurity caused by the ongoing conflict.—MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Bahrain earns second gold from women's 800m

DOHA, 10 Dec— Bahrain's Maryam Yusuf Jamal won the women's 800 meters race here on Saturday to added a second gold medal of the Asian Games for her country. The 24-year-old clocked two minutes and 1.79 seconds for the title, beating Santhi Soundarajan of India to the second with a time of 2:03.16.

Kazakhstan's Viktoriya, who led the race before Jamal broke away from the main group by the end of the first lap, settled for the bronze medal on 2:03.19.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran beat China in penalty shoot-out to reach men's soccer semis

DOHA, 10 Dec— China lost to Iran 8-7 in penalty shoot-out after the two sides drew 2-2 after extra time, in a men's soccer quarterfinal at the Doha Asian Games on Saturday.

Both China and Iran sent two attackers in a bid to score first, but the two sides played a dull and physical game during most part of the first half.

Iran broke the deadlock in the 39th minute. Borhani Arash got the ball from a long through cross, broke through Chinese defence and scored after bypassing Chinese goalkeeper Wang Dalei.

But before he sent the ball into net, Arash stopped the ball on the line, gesturing for his teammates to come up, which is a very humiliating act. Unfortunately, referee Alghafary Naser from Jordan, who had a clear view of all this, did nothing at all.

After the break, China quickly equalized when defender Feng Xiaoting shot the ball into the net in the 51st minute. But China was dealt a blow when their forward Zhu Ting received a red card for a tackle in the 62nd minute.

MNA/Xinhua



Arsenal's Francesc Fabregas, right and Chelsea's Ricardo Carvalho, left, jump for the ball during their English Premier League soccer match at the Stamford Bridge ground in London, on Sunday 10 Dec, 2006.—INTERNET

Champions Chelsea slipped eight points behind leaders Manchester United

LONDON, 10 Dec—Champions Chelsea slipped eight points behind leaders Manchester United as Arsenal came away with a draw.

Ashley Cole, facing his old club for the first time, picked up a booking in the opening half, while Frank Lampard hit the post for Chelsea with a shot.

Against the run of play it was Arsenal who took a 78th minute lead, Mathieu Flamini shooting past Henrique Hilario.

But Michael Essien's powerful shot made it 1-1 six minutes later, with Chelsea hitting the woodwork twice late on.

The draw leaves Chelsea eight points adrift of United, who have played a game more than the Premiership holders.—Internet



Bolton Wanderers' Nicolas Anelka, left, looks on as West Ham United's Jonathon Spector heads the ball during their English Premier League soccer match at The Reebok Stadium, Bolton, England, on 9 Dec, 2006. Bolton won the match 4-0.—INTERNET

Zhou Chunxiu wins women's marathon gold at Doha Asiad

DOHA, 10 Dec— Zhou Chunxiu of China won the women's marathon gold medal at the Asian Games on Saturday.

Zhou, who finished fifth in the 2005 world championships with a time of 2 hours, 24 minutes, 12 seconds, clocked 2:27:03 over the distance of 42 kilometres 195 metres.

Kiyoko Shimahara and Kayako Obata made a 2-3 finish for Japan, which was missing several of its top marathoners who decided to concentrate on the world championships qualifying events this year.—MNA/Xinhua



Kuwait's Alaa Al-Saffar runs past the finish line during the heats of the women's 100m race at the 15th Asian Games in Doha on 8 Dec, 2006.—INTERNET

Khubbieva wins women's 100m at Doha Asiad

DOHA, 10 Dec— Guzel Khubbieva of Uzbekistan clocked a season best of 11.27 seconds to claim the title of the women's 100 metres sprint at the Asian Games here on Saturday.

The 30-year-old veteran beat 31-year-old Susanthika J. Mannelage of Sri Lanka to the second by 0.07 seconds, while Bahrain's Ruqaya Al Ghasara took the bronze medal after timing 11.40 seconds.—MNA/Xinhua

Kazakh Rypakova wins women's heptathlon

DOHA, 10 Dec— Kazakhstan's Olga Rypakova piled up 5,955 points from seven categories to win the women's heptathlon gold medal at the Asian Games after the last sport, women's 800 meters, had finished Saturday evening.

Rypakova, 22, a member of the Team of Asia attending this year's IAAF World Cup as a long jump competitor, led the scores in both the women's high jump and long jump with results of 1.92 and 6.63 metres respectively.

Indian duo Soma Biswas and J J Shobha were the silver and bronze medalists respectively on 5,662 and 5,619 points.—MNA/Xinhua



China's 3-0 loss to Japan in hockey preliminaries at Doha, on 8 Dec, 2006.—XINHUA

Saudi Arabian Habeeb wins men's 100m

DOHA, 10 Dec— Saudi Arabian Yahya Hassan Habeeb clocked 10.32 seconds to win the men's 100m gold medal at the Asian Games on Saturday.

Japanese Naoki Tsukahara took silver in 10.34 and Thailand's Wachara Sondee got bronze in 10.39.

MNA/Xinhua

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Olympic champion Luo takes gold medal at Doha Asiad taekwondo

DOHA, 10 Dec— Olympic Champion Luo Wei claimed the gold medal in the women's 72kg taekwondo at the Doha Asiad on Saturday, beating Alaa Kutkut of Jordan 1-0 in the final.

Luo, gold medalist in women's 67kg in the Athens Games, challenged Kutkut in the first set but neither of them managed to score.—MNA/Xinhua

Feng Yong of China wins men's cycling 1km time trial

DOHA, 10 Dec— Feng Yong of China won the gold medal of men's cycling 1km time trial with a time of 1:04.607 at the 15th Asian Games here on Saturday.

The silver medal was won by Yusho Oikawa of Japan at 1:04.775, followed by Kang Dong Jin of South Korea in the third place at 1:04.786.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia's forest destruction downgrades int'l confidence

JAKARTA, 10 Dec — Indonesian Forestry Minister MS Ka'ban said Indonesia's continued forest destruction has downgraded the international confidence for the country.

"As the world's biggest tropical forest owner, Indonesia has been under the international spotlight because of its forest destruction, leading to a drop in the international confidence in Indonesia," Antara news agency on Friday quoted the minister as saying at a workshop on managing sustainable forests in Bogor, 60 kilometre south of Jakarta.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore Govt funds mobile game developers

SINGAPORE, 10 Dec — The Singapore Government has launched a new scheme to support the development of the mobile phone game.

Channel NewsAsia Authority (MDA), the reported Saturday that the Singapore Government Media Development agency to develop media

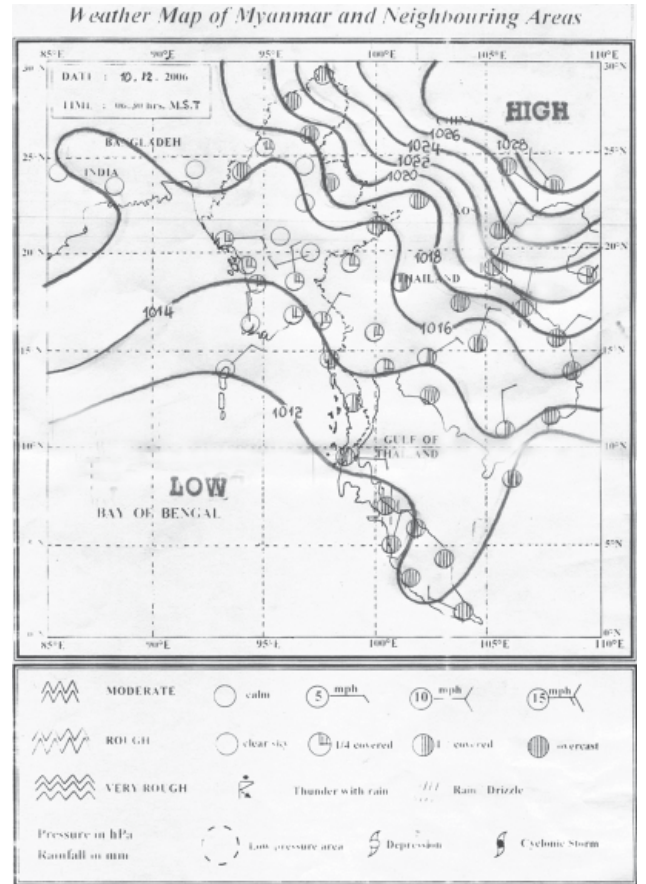
industry, has introduced a new initiative to fund and mentor mobile phone game developers.

Each selected Singapore-based team will be eligible for up to 25,000 Singapore dollars (more than 16,000 US dollars) mobile game prototype development funding and be mentored by local or global game studios and publishers.

Up to 10 teams will be selected. — MNA/Xinhua



Competitors race recently on a thin strip of snow during the IBU Biathlon World Cup's 7.5 km sprint in Hochfilzen, Austria.—INTERNET



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Sunday, 10 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) below normal in Kachin, and Shan States, Upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kayah and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and above normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature were Hakha (2°C), Putao and Moekok (5°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 9-12-2006 was 101°F. Minimum temperature on 10-12-2006 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 10-12-2006 was 73%. Total sunshine hours on 9-12-2006 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 10-12-2006 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 (7) mph from North at 14:30 hours MST on 9-12-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Southwest Bay persists. Weather is generally fair in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 11-12-2006: Possibility of isolated rain in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, Ayeyarwady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining states and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight increase of night temperature in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 11-12-2006: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 11-12-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 11-12-2006: Fair weather.



Monday, 11 December
View on today

- 7:00 am**
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ 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. Song of National Races.

- 8:10 am**
 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**
 7. Cute little of dancers.
- 8:30 am**
 8. International news
- 8:45 am**
 9. Grammer made easy.
- 4:00 pm**
 1. Martial song.
- 4:15 pm**
 2. Song for Uphold National Spirit.
- 4:30 pm**
 3. Paractice in reading
- 4:45 pm**
 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာတတ်ယူနစ်(ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု)(ရုက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm**
 5. Dance ariety.
- 5:15 pm**
 6. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:30 pm**
 7. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာတေးဂီတလှေကျေးလက်တေးသံ
- 5:40 pm**
 8. "တန်ဖိုး" (ညီညီနေနိုင်လှိုင်ဖြူဖြူထွန်းထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- သက်တင်)
- 5:45 pm**
 9. Musical programme. (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 6:00 pm**
 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၃၃)
- 6: 50 pm**
 13. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7: 10 pm**
 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မြင်းနှင့်အတူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 8:00 pm**
 15. News
- 16. International News.**
- 17. Weather Report.**
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တကယ်သဘောကျတယ်" (အပိုင်း-၇)**
- 19. The Next Day's Programme.**



Monday, 11 December
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music:
 - Mano
 - ...May Wood
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:
 - Come one, come on ... Gil
- 8:50 am** National news
- 9:00 am** Music:
 - At your side ... The Corrs
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music:
 - May be baby ... Emilia
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40pm** Lunch time music
 - Keep on walking ... Ronan Keating
 - Big Big world ... Emilia
 - Baby come back to me ... Human Nature
 - All by myself ... Celine Dion
- 9:00pm** Spotlight on the star
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Drug!
- 9:35 pm** Vocal gems
 - Two in a milion ... S Club 7
 - One boy, one girl ... Collin Raye
- 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

Commander inspects progress of Hsinphon river water pumping project



YANGON, 10 Dec — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspected activities on prevention against dengue hemorrhagic fever in Yangon City this morning.

In Tarmway Township, the commander heard reports on activities on prevention against DHF and health care services presented by Head of Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint and officials.

The commander instructed officials to organize local people to perform sanitation tasks for prevention against DHF and other infectious diseases in the township, and attended to the needs. Next, the commander inspected sanitation tasks and dredging the drains along the 165th street.

At Mingaladon Township Information and Public Relations Department, the commander inspected sanitation (See page 10)

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects Hsinphon river water pumping project in Yangon North District. — MNA

Tasks of departments under Ministry of Finance and Revenue inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun met with departmental officials under the ministry at the city hall in Loikaw on 9 December afternoon.

Also present at the meeting were Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Col Nyunt Tin, Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Managing Director U Myat Maw of Myanmar Economic Bank and Director-General U Hsan Tun of Internal Revenues Department.

Officials of IRD, MEB, Myanmar Insurance and Pension Department reported on their respective sectors.

Director-General U Hsan Tun and Managing Director U Myat Maw explained tasks of their service organizations.

The minister gave necessary instructions to officials.

Accompanied by Kayah State PDC Chairman Col Nyunt Tin, the minister inspected Myanmar Economic Bank in Loikaw. They also inspected Pension Department, Customs Department, MEB, Myanmar

Insurance and Myanmar Small Loans Enterprise.

In Pinlaung, they inspected the township MEB branch and the building for the office of Pinlaung Township Internal Revenues Department.

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F&R Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun meets with departmental personnel in the city hall of Loikaw. — MNA

Diamond Jubilee of National Kandawgyi Gardens scheduled for one month

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec — The ceremonies to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the National Kandawgyi Gardens (PyinOoLwin), the National Landmarks Gardens and the First Floral Show, to be organized by the Ministry of Forestry, will be held in PyinOoLwin from 14 to 18 December.

It was reported that the entertainments and funfairs of the ceremonies will last from 14 December 2006 to 13 January 2007. — MNA