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## State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Maung Aye send messages of sympathy to Indonesia

YANGON, 6 NOV — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, and Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar have sent messages of sympathy to Her Excellency Madame Megawati Soekarnoputri, President of the Republic of Indonesia and His Excellency Dr Hamzah Haz, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia for the loss of life and property caused by the devastating floods in North Sumatra of Indonesia. — MNA

## Prime Minister attends fourth Maha Kathina Robe-offering Ceremony of State Peace and Development Council in Mandalay

YANGON, 6 NOV — The State Peace and Development Council donated kathina robes to 2,778 members of the Sangha of Masoeyin Monastery in Mandalay at the fourth Maha Kathina Robe-offering Ceremony yesterday morning. The ceremony took place at the four-storey Dhamma Maheikkhi Building of Masoeyin Monastery in Mahaungmye Township in Mandalay, attended by Prime

Minister of the State General Khin Nyunt.

Present on the occasion were Presiding Sayadaw of the Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Rajadhammabhivamsa and member Sayadaws, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), deputy ministers, the deputy chief justice of the Mandalay Supreme Court, the deputy at-

torney-general, the deputy commander of Central Command, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, departmental officials, social organizations, wellwishers and guests.

On the occasion, the congregation together with Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt paid homage to the Sayadaws and offered "soon" to the Sayadaws and mem-

bers of the Sangha.

After opening the ceremony with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa*, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, together with the congregation, received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Rajadhammabhivamsa.

Next, Sayadaws and members of the Sangha recited *parittas*. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt (See page 8)

### Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

### Four economic objectives

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- \* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

### Four social objectives

- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt supplicates matters on religious affairs at the fourth Kathina robes offering ceremony of State Peace and Development Council. — MNA

## Prime Minister attends opening of Yadanatheinkha building of Sale Parahita monastic education school in Mandalay

YANGON, 6 NOV — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, left here by air and arrived at Mandalay International Airport in Tada U Township, Mandalay Division, yesterday morning.

They were welcomed there by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt and officials.

The Prime Minister and

party proceeded to Mandalay. They attended the State Peace and Development Council's fourth Kathina robes offering to 2,778 members of the Sangha at Masoeyin Monastery in Mandalay.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt also attended the opening of Yadanatheinkha two-storey building of Sale Parahita monastic education school of Maha Wizaya-yanthi Sale Monastery in Channayathazi Township, Mandalay.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Chairman of Mandalay Division Monastic Education

School Supervisory Committee Principal of Sale Parahita Monastic School Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vijaya. Also present were Lt-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, departmental officials, members of social organizations, wellwishers U Moe Zaw Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Daw Nwe Nwe San family (Myanmar Batik Land), teachers and students.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Division PDC Secretary Lt-Col Tin Ohn and wellwisher U Moe Zaw formally opened the building. Lt-Gen Ye Myint pressed the button to unveil the signboard of the building.

The wellwishers handed over the documents related to the building constructed at a cost of K 27,970,000 to Director of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Aung Thein Nyunt.

The General and party viewed the building. They paid obeisance to Taikoak Sayadaw Agga Maha

Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vijaya, and fulfilled requirements of the school.

The General attended the presentation of cash for the building of Chanthagyi Rice Offering Association Pwegan Ward, Aungmyethazan Township. Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, departmental officials, members of social organizations, the chairman

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Towards a genuine democracy through public participation

Since its assumption of State responsibilities, the Tatmadaw Government has committed itself to the task of national reconsolidation, which is one of the Government's missions that will go down into history. Not only that, the Government has placed a special emphasis on development work for border areas. As the development work can be carried out with greater momentum, national unity has become more consolidated.

The State Peace and Development Council, amidst all sorts of hardships and obstacles, has been trying with noble spirit and genuine goodwill for gradual improvement in living standard of the people. Moreover, it has laid down the definite policy programme for the emergence of a modern and developed democracy and in the long-term interest of the people. This seven-point policy programme is the future of the nation and what the people have longed for.

The people living in states and divisions across the Union expressed their enthusiastic support for the policy programme at the mass rallies held in their respective regions and representatives of the entire national people from states and divisions gathered at Bagan, the heart of cultural heritage in Myanmar and vowed that they would lend themselves to the task for successful realization of the policy programme.

At the mass rally held at Bagan, some 25,000 people's representatives unanimously approved the two resolutions, viz, the entire people's active and enthusiastic participation in any role with full sense of Union Spirit for the successful realization of the policy programme for the future State, and honouring the State Peace and Development Council for striving to the best of its ability for the development of the Union of Myanmar and safeguarding and preservation of the progress achieved. Moreover, the participants at the Bagan rally declared that the perpetuation of the Union, the unity of the national races, the emergence of a peaceful modern developed nation and the building of a new modern nation with discipline-flourishing democracy were their goals.

Emergence of the State Constitution is the sine qua non for the building of a new nation and it is the duty of all citizens living in the Union. Development, peace and prosperity of a nation largely depends on a sound and comprehensive constitution.

Therefore, we would like to call upon the entire national people to actively and unitedly participate in the task for the successful implementation of the policy programme that will surely result in the emergence of a genuine democracy.

### Heroin, stimulant tablets seized in Monywa

YANGON, 6 Nov — A combined team comprising members of Monywa Special Anti-drug Squad and Monywa Police Station, on 13 September, seized 143 grams of heroin packed in 10 soap boxes from Ma Lay Sabe. After follow-up investigation, the authorities searched the house of Ma Myint Myint Tun and found Daw Htar Htar (a) Daw May Htar Kyi and discovered 358 grams of heroin packed in 26 soap boxes and 4,972 stimulant tablets.

In connection with the case, No 1 Police Station, Monywa, filed Ma Lay Sabe and Ma Myint Myint Tun under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

MNA

### U Thein Lwin accredited to Mongolia

YANGON, 7 Nov — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Thein Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of China, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to Mongolia. — MNA

### U Nay Win accredited to ROK

YANGON, 7 Nov — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Nay Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Nepal, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Korea. — MNA

### U Myint Swe accredited to Nepal

YANGON, 7 Nov — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myint Swe as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Nepal. — MNA

### Appointment of ambassador agreed on

YANGON, 7 Nov — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Zeljko CIMBUR as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Croatia to the Union of Myanmar in succession to HE Mr Damir Perincic.

Mr Zeljko CIMBUR was born on 13 February 1950 and obtained Master degree in Political Science from Zagreb University in 1979. He worked as Lecturer at the Centre for International Studies of the Faculty of Political Science, Zagreb University from 1993 to 1998. Subsequently he became a Project Researcher on international economic relations and international studies from 1995 to 1999 at the Faculty of Political Science, Zagreb University. He is serving as Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to Malaysia and will be concurrently accredited to the Union of Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam and Brunei Darussalam with residence in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

MNA

### Cash donated to doyen literati

YANGON, 6 Nov — A ceremony to donate cash to the funds for the respect-paying ceremony for doyen literati (1365 ME) was held at Sarpay Beikman today.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Vice-Chairmen U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) and U Than Maung (Than Maung), Joint-Secretary U Myint Kywe (Maung Myint Kywe), executive committee members, joint-secretary of the fund-raising subcommittee U Soe Shein (Maung Soe Htaik-Thonze) and wellwishers.

The chairman and officials of MWJA accepted the cash donation of wellwishers including K 100,000 by Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and wife Daw Khin Khin Lay, K 100,000 by chief editor of Naingngan Gonye Magazine Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Retd) (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe) and wife Daw Khin Aye Mu, K 100,000 by U Ye Wai (Myanmarsar) and U Ye Win (Win Wai Naung), sons of Poet Budalin Chit Lay, K 300,000 by Dr Thar Tun

Oo of Today Publishing House, K 100,000 by U Win Swe and Thihathudhamma Theingi Dr Yi Yi Hla (Yuwati-Khin Oo) of WYZ Co, K 30,000 by U Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min Danubyu), K 10,000 by Vice-Chairman of WJA U Than Maung (Than Maung) and Daw Cho Cho, K 10,000 by U Kyi Aung (Kyi Aung-Ingapu) and Daw Sandi Malar (San Mya Aye), K 10,000 by Dagon Myothit (South) Township WJA, K 5,400 by Police Inspector Maung Than (Maung Thet Hnin-North Okkalapa), K 5,000 each by Sayamagyi Daw Kyan and Sayamagyi Prof Daw Aye Than, and K 3,000 each by Dawbon Township WJA and U Salai Khin Maung Win (Yawnaka-Bo Htaung) and presented certificates of honour to them.

Anybody wishing to contribute towards the funds for the respect-paying ceremony may contact the second floor of Sarpay Beikman Building at the corner of the 37th Street and Merchant Street (Ph-254173, 252417).

MNA

### Myanmar Gazette

YANGON, 6 Nov — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed U Myint Shwe, Deputy Director-General of the Agricultural Mechanization Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation as Managing Director of the Myanma Farms Enterprise of the same Ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties. — MNA

### Poem

#### Myanmar already enjoys reciprocal trade

- \* India, Myanmar has for long  
Since time immemorial till today  
Have lived alongside  
As neighbours.
- \* Looking back at history  
The two peoples crossed paths  
Travelling from each other's land  
Go back and forth, trading, exchanging goodwill  
In that status, from each domain  
The monarchs also  
Reciprocated goodwill in turn  
Enjoyed such relations since ancient times.
- \* Colonialists came and insulted us  
Pushed fellow humans into subjugation  
We were enslaved together.
- \* To free ourselves from subjugation  
While we thought and struggled  
We consulted on each other's position  
We tenderly dealt with one another.
- \* In this day and age  
The strength of goodwill that had existed  
Enhanced manifold by exchange of visits  
The leaders of our two nations  
What we've been doing for two States  
On the path of peace and progress  
We are traversing together  
People of two nations are overjoyed  
We will find equal status pleasantly together.

Po Wa (Tnrs)



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Tun offers Kathina robes and offertories to a Sayadaw. — MNA

### PBANRDA Ministry offers 'soon'

YANGON, 6 Nov — Families of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs this morning offered 'soon' (a day meal) to Monks in the State Pariyatti Sasana University at Mogok Sonsarsaung on Kaba Aye Hill here.

First, Deputy Minister for PBANRDA Brig-Gen Than Tun and officials presented offertories to the Sayadaw and monks.

Next, an official presented K 180,000 for offering 'soon' through Director of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Khaing Aung. — MNA



On behalf of wellwishers Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and wife Daw Khin Khin Lay, Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Retd) presents K 100,000 to Joint-Secretary U Myint Kywe of MWJA. — MNA

### Drive safely



# Syria calls on US to leave Iraq to end violence

DUBAI, 6 NOV—A Syrian official called in remarks published Wednesday for the United States to withdraw from Iraq, saying the problem of terror attacks had arisen only since US-led forces occupied the country.

Syrian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Bushra Kanfani told the London-based Asharq al-Awsat newspaper that Damascus was not optimistic about US-Syrian ties in the short term and urged Washington to engage in dialogue instead of making demands.

Last week, Washington demanded after a string of deadly suicide attacks that Syria—which it calls a sponsor of “terrorism”—should stop foreign militants from entering Iraq.

“The problem is America, not Syria. America must be more objective, because when it entered Iraq there was no terrorism and now there is the problem of terrorism and of al Qaeda and the matter has changed from one of weapons of mass destruction and toppling a regime to a new one of terrorism,” Kanfani said.

“America must accept the reality that it is no longer in its interest to continue this way in Iraq. They must hand over power to other parties whose behaviour is more acceptable to Iraqis and bring Iraq closer to regaining its sovereignty and holding free elections and then the problems will end,” she said.

“We are doing what we can (to stop militants crossing the border) and I think there are many claims which are incorrect and which serve as a political cover for the instability inside Iraq and lack of control. The occupation power has electronic devices and satellites which offer more than we have, so why don’t they guard their borders?”

Syrian-US ties are already strained over Syrian backing for Lebanese Hizbollah guerrillas and Palestinian

groups opposed to Israel. Last month, Israel bombed what it called a Palestinian “terrorist camp” in its first strike deep into Syria for nearly 30 years.

Kanfani said the short-term outlook for US-Syrian ties was not one for optimism, “especially during a (US) election year.”

“The problem is there is no objective and fruitful dialogue... The issue is not for America to come with a list of demands, but for us to sit and talk objectively far away from dictates to reach common grounds. This is what we ask for.”

Kanfani said Syria would defend itself if Israel launched a repeat attack, but did not elaborate.

“If the attack is repeated we have the right to legitimate self-defence by every means,” she said.—Internet

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## Guerillas attack US convoys in Iraq

MOSUL, 6 NOV—Guerillas attacked three American military convoys in this northern city with rocket-propelled grenades and roadside bombs Wednesday, killing three Iraqi civilians and wounding five Americans, the US military and hospital officials said.

The attacks occurred in a city long considered relatively safe for US troops, compared to Baghdad and the cities and towns in the “Sunni Triangle” to the south. Elsewhere, paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division captured two former Iraqi army generals in Fallujah, the military said. The generals were not identified, but the military said they were suspected of financing and organizing anti-coalition fighters in the volatile city west of Baghdad.

Guerillas near Fallujah shot down a US Army Chinook helicopter on Sunday, killing 15 soldiers in the bloodiest single strike against American forces since the war began March 20. No American soldiers were reported killed Wednesday by hostile fire. But one 1st Armored Division soldier died of wounds from a “non-hostile gunshot” at a checkpoint in Baghdad, the military said.

Internet



Locals walk past a US Army tank patrolling the centre of Baghdad, on Wednesday, 5 Nov, 2003. Mortars were fired into the city's Green Zone, late Tuesday, the highly guarded headquarters area of the US-led occupation, wounding at least three people and shaking downtown Baghdad with explosions.—INTERNET

## Two more coalition soldiers die in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 NOV—The deteriorating security situation in Iraq, which included a bombing attack on coalition offices, has prompted Spain to withdraw its officials from the region.

An unidentified soldier kneels as soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division's 501st Signal Battalion came together in Mosul on Monday to remember one of their troops, who was killed by an improvised explosive device.

A US soldier and a British Royal Marine were killed in Iraq and the Baghdad headquarters of the coalition authority came under barrage in another bold swipe at the US-led occupation that wounded three people.

A judge investigating members of Saddam Hussein's ousted regime was shot dead on Tuesday in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul—the second such killing in as many days—while Spain, a staunch US ally, announced it was pulling some of its diplo-

mats and experts out of the war-torn country.

The death of the US soldier pushed the US toll to 141 since May 1, when Washington declared major hostilities over.

During the main offensive in the six weeks before that, hostile fire cost 114 American lives.

The British marine was killed on Friday but the death was not revealed until Tuesday, bringing to 52 the number of British troops killed since the war started in March. Britain currently occupies the southern part of the country.

Meanwhile, three explosions in the compound housing the US-led coalition's headquarters wounded three people.

Internet

## Blasts shake central Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 6 NOV—Four Coalition Provisional Authority personnel were wounded Tuesday night when three large explosions shook central Baghdad, the Pentagon said.

Projectiles landed in the heavily secure “Green Zone” that includes a former palace of Saddam's, which U.S. authorities use as headquarters.

The projectiles did not land on palace grounds, officials said. Three rockets or mortar rounds hit in the same area Monday night, a coalition spokesman said. No damage or injuries were reported.

Early Wednesday, three US soldiers on patrol were wounded when they came under fire from rocket-propelled grenades near Ramadi, west of Baghdad, according to coalition officials.

The soldiers were from the 82nd Airborne Division, the officials said. The assailants are unknown. No word is available yet on the soldiers' condition.

### Other developments

The Iraqi National Museum has recovered two

more prominent items stolen during the battle for Baghdad, including a 660-pound (300-kilogramme) bronze statue found in a cesspool, museum and security officials said Wednesday. Three people were arrested in a sting operation to recover the second artifact, a 2,800-year-old, chariot-shaped charcoal heater believed to have been used by Assyrian kings.

The United Nations has put on leave two senior officials who were responsible for security at UN headquarters in Baghdad when a suicide bomber struck the building August 19.

Twenty-two people were killed, including Sergio Vieira de Mello, the top UN representative. Ramiro Lopes da Silva and Tun Myat “have asked to be relieved of their security responsibilities,” a spokesman said Tuesday.

Internet

## Chinook survivors recall crash

BAGHDAD, 6 NOV—Two US soldiers injured in this week's deadly helicopter crash in Iraq said Wednesday they did not see what hit the chopper but only heard a loud noise at the time.

“I heard a loud boom sound, and after I heard the sound, I closed my eyes and I prayed,” said Sgt Christopher Nelson from Landstuhl Regional Medical Centre in Germany, where he is receiving treatment for a fractured ankle and hip.

“After that, I don't know what happened ... ‘cause I blaked out, and when I woke up, I was on the ground, and there was a lot of debris around me,” said Nelson, who is with the 3rd Armoured Cavalry Regiment. “There were people trying

to rescue us out of the area.”

The Pentagon said 15 people were killed and 27 were wounded when the CH-47 Chinook helicopter went down Sunday near Fallujah, a hotbed of US resistance. Witnesses said it was hit by a missile. (Gallery: The

Chinook Fatalities) (Families react) The helicopter was carrying troops away for rest and recuperation.

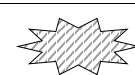
Another survivor, Sgt Raymond Mont-Littlefield of the 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armoured Cavalry Regiment, described a similar situation at the scene.

“I heard a loud explosion, and the airplane kind of shook a little bit. I thought it was falling, and after that I think I went unconscious,” said Mont-Littlefield, who was hit in the head during the crash.

He said the next thing he remembered was waking up in the hospital.

With abrasions to their faces, Nelson and Mont-Littlefield spoke at a news conference from their hospital beds in Germany. They said they didn't expect the helicopter to be a target of an apparent missile attack. However, they said they had felt no sense of relief on their way out of Iraq because they hadn't crossed the border yet.

Internet



Sgt Raymond Mont-Littlefield, left, and Sgt Christopher Nelson speak from their hospital beds in Germany on Wednesday about the downing of their Chinook helicopter.—INTERNET



## British expert warns against more attacks on coalition in Iraq

LONDON, 6 Nov — A British counterterrorism expert warned Tuesday that Iraq in the near future was likely to see intensified attacks against the occupying forces in the country, which has seen escalated violence during the past weeks.

"There appears to be more centralized command and control of the insurgency," Jonathan Stevenson, a senior fellow at the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), told the parliamentary Foreign Affairs Select Committee.

The coalition should develop a "new strategy and counterinsurgency effort" in fighting against the terrorists responsible for the attacks in Iraq, Stevenson told the lawmakers.

The IISS warned last month that the adoption of asymmetric tactics by Iraqi regime loyalists working closely with those "who have infiltrated the country" has challenged occupying forces who are still struggling with the right tech-

niques to counter this insurgency.

"The US-led invasion of Iraq brought about a collapse in the security structures of the country including the structures for guarding arms dumps, and the state's border regime. The coalition was unprepared for the scale of the problem, and had no way of securing the quantity of ammunition and weapons storage sites," John Chipman, the IISS director, said at a Press launch of The Military Balance, an annual IISS assessment of the military capabilities worldwide.

"Some five months on the situation has hardly improved and small arms and light weapons are readily available to criminals and insurgents

alike," Chipman told reporters.

Amid unrelenting violence in Iraq during recent days, there are growing concern that the US-led coalition forces in Iraq are facing a "guerilla war."

The British Government, which sent about 45,000 troops to Iraq, admitted that security situation in the country was still "unsatisfactory," months after the United States announced in May 1 that major military campaign in Iraq was over. "It is disappointing that in certain areas of the country, including critically in the capital and the area to the North East, it was very unsatisfactory," British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw told the British Channel 4 News on Monday. — MNA/Xinhua

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## Spain pulling staff out of Baghdad

MADRID, 6 Nov — Spain is pulling out part of its embassy staff from Baghdad, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Tuesday.

He said administrative and maintenance staff were being pulled out.

"There has been a partial withdrawal," the spokesman said. "Strictly diplomatic staff, of which there are two, will remain." The charge d'affaires, Spain's most senior diplomat in the country, would remain, he said.

"In a very difficult moment we have pulled people out of Baghdad temporarily," Foreign Minister Ana Palacio was earlier quoted as saying by Spanish news agency *Europa Press*. US troops face daily attacks in Baghdad and areas to the north and west of the city. The resistance has also forced most foreign aid workers to leave. — MNA/Reuters

## Gunmen kill two prominent judges in Iraq

MOSUL (Iraq), 6 Nov — Gunmen shot dead a prominent Iraqi judge outside his home in the northern city of Mosul on Tuesday, a day after another judge was kidnapped and killed in the south of the country, police said.

A witness said a car with tinted windows suddenly pulled up outside the home of Ismail Youssef, a judge in Mosul's appeals court, at about 7:45 am (0445 GMT) and men got out and shot him several times in the chest and side, police said.

The 60-year-old judge's family said they did not know why he had been attacked.

Some judges with links to ousted president Saddam Hussein's Baath Party were fired after the US-led war, but Youssef remained on the judge's bench.

"He was a good and honest man. He wasn't a member of any political party," his brother-in-law Tarik Moussa said. A lawyer who worked with Youssef said he had not been involved in

investigations into former Baath Party leaders.

On Monday, a senior judge in the southern city of Najaf was kidnapped and killed by what his deputy said were gunmen carrying out the orders of Saddam.

Aref Aziz said he was kidnapped along with Mohan Jaber al-Shou'eili on Monday and released after Shou'eili was shot dead.

"The gunmen said they were carrying out a judgement from Saddam," Aziz told Reuters.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi boy cycles past a burned-out US military vehicle on the outskirts of Baghdad, on 3 Nov, 2003. The vehicle was attacked Sunday evening by a rocket, Iraqi police said. There were no reports of casualties. — INTERNET

## Explosion rocks Turkish Embassy in The Hague

AMSTERDAM, 6 Nov — An explosion rocked the Turkish Embassy in The Hague on Tuesday, police and embassy officials said.

Nelly Ebbenhout, a secretary at the embassy, told Reuters no one had been injured. She could give no further details.

"Something has exploded at the Turkish Embassy, I have no more details right now," a spokesman for police in The Hague said.

He could not say whether the blast was an attack on the embassy or an accident. "There was a fire, we're gathering more details," he added later. Police cordoned off the area around the embassy and a fire engine was outside the building, according to a photographer at the scene. — MNA/Reuters



A US Marine of the 13th Expeditionary Unit carries medical supplies as an Iraqi policeman walks in front of him in Fao in southern Iraq. — INTERNET

## Minister says illegal logging causes Indonesian flash flood

JAKARTA, 6 Nov — Some 40,000 hectares of protected tropical forest in Bahorok of North Sumatra province, Indonesia, have been damaged by illegal logging which caused a recent flash flood, killing at least 170 people, a minister said Tuesday.

The damaged forest is part of the Lauser Mountain National Park which is also the Centre of Conservation for an extinct species, Orang Utan, said Yusuf Kalla, the Coordinating Minister for

People's Welfare and Poverty Alleviation.

Five foreign tourists from Singapore, Switzerland and Germany were among the dead in the flood, he said.

A German woman who is an orangutan expert and leads the conservation programme, has been missing since the natural disaster on Sunday night. The minister said that it was believed dozens of others were still missing. During the flash flood, many residuals stems of trees from the logging destroyed houses

in three villages, breaking down over 100 houses as well as the communication facilities. "It is difficult to communicate with the damaged areas," said the minister. Three ministers including Kalla, Minister of Social Welfare Bachtiar Chamzah and Minister of Health Ahmad Sujudi are scheduled to visit Bahorok on Wednesday to see the victims and provide some two billion rupiahs (some 222,000 US dollars) fund as assistance.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesian police arrest two Filipinos for woman trafficking

JAKARTA, 6 Nov — The national police arrested four people, including two Filipinos, for their alleged involvement in the woman trafficking from Indonesia to Malaysia, a police officer said here Tuesday.

The four suspects, Tay Meng Yew, Chai Shong Hin, Joni and Septiani, were arrested when they were trying to send their victims to Malaysia on Sunday, Aryanto Sutadi, a senior police officer, was quoted by Detikcom online news service as saying. Sutadi said the suspects have violated the Criminal Code, which bears the penalty of six-year jail sentence. — MNA/Xinhua

## S Korean legislators oppose troop dispatch to Iraq

SEOUL, 6 Nov — Legislators from South Korean major parties issued a joint statement on Tuesday opposing dispatch of combat troops to Iraq.

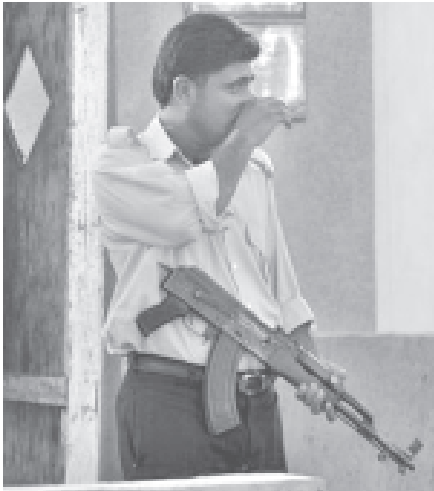
"There is no reason for only us to send combatants to an unjustified war that the international community has turned against and that is being criticized within the United States," the statement said. The statement was signed by 37 of the National Assembly's 272 legislators: two from the main opposition Grand National Party, 17 from the former ruling Millennium Democratic Party and 18 from Uri Party, a new political camp loyal to South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun.

The government decided last month to send more troops to help Iraq in its rehabilitation, but did not decide on how many and what type of the additional troops.

MNA/Xinhua



# US FACES RESISTANCE AND PROTESTS



An Iraqi policeman guards the entrance of the Spanish Embassy, on Tuesday, 4 November, 2003, after Spain announced that they will withdraw much of its diplomatic staff from Iraq for security reasons, the third coalition country to do so in recent weeks. The embassy will remain open but with minimal staffing and a significant number of its 29-member staff is being pulled out, a Foreign Ministry official said.—INTERNET



British soldiers on patrol in Iraq. The Ministry of Defence confirmed that a Royal Marine commando was killed in Iraq — raising to 52 the number of British troops killed since the invasion in March.—INTERNET



US soldiers foot patrol the city of Mosul in northern Iraq. An Iraqi judge tasked with investigating officials of the ousted regime of president Saddam Hussein was shot dead in the northern city of Mosul, in the second such killing in 24 hours, Iraqi police said.—INTERNET



Soldiers guard the front of the British Embassy in Baghdad. A British soldier was killed in Iraq last Friday, it was announced.—INTERNET



Protesters carrying a banner reading 'Colin Powell—You are the terrorists' 'Leave Iraq' in Managua, Nicaragua, on Tuesday, 4 November, 2003.  
INTERNET

## Iraq Council head to visit Turkey, Iran, Syria

**BAGHDAD, 6 Nov —** The head of Iraq's US-backed Governing Council said on Wednesday he would visit Turkey, Syria and Iran this month to try to improve strained relations with the country's neighbours.

Jalal Talabani, the current holder of the council's rotating chairmanship, said he would travel to Turkey on November 19 to discuss security and other issues but added the question of Turkey sending troops to occupied Iraq had been "closed".

"The Turkish President and Turkish Prime Minister have announced that the issue of sending forces has been closed," Kurdish leader Talabani told a news conference in Baghdad.

"I will head to Turkey to clear the air... We want excellent relations with our neighbour Turkey," he said,

adding that security would be one of the issues on the agenda.

Turkey's Parliament last month approved government plans to send troops to Iraq, where US-led occupying forces and Iraqis co-operating with them face daily attacks.

But the Governing Council, a body of Iraqi leaders set up by the occupying powers following the war that ousted Saddam Hussein in April, promptly voiced opposition to the plan.

Kurds in northern Iraq have tense relations with

Turkey, which has a large, restive Kurdish minority. But leaders from other parts of Iraq also oppose the troop plan, saying neighbours have too many interests in Iraq to stay neutral.

Talabani did not give dates for the visits to Iran and Syria.

Tensions with other neighbours rose after ministers from the six states around Iraq met in Syria last weekend to discuss security in the country but did not initially invite their Iraqi counterpart. He declined to take up a last-minute invitation.—MNA/Reuters



## No chemical agents found in Iraq shells

**AMSTERDAM, 6 Nov —** Dutch marines said Wednesday that several dozen artillery shells discovered last month in Iraq contain no biological or chemical agents.

The 130-mm artillery shells, which dated back to the 1991 Gulf War, were found just north of the town of Samawah in the Dutch-monitored al-Muthana province on 8 Oct. The shells were initially considered suspect because they showed signs of discolouring. They will undergo more tests by British and American experts.

Marines spokesman Albert Markus said "testing until now has shown no signs of chemical or biological weapons."

Around 1,100 Dutch marines have been in the region since August under the British-led stabilization force. They have been clearing munitions in throughout parts of southern Iraq. The Netherlands was not involved in combat operations during the Iraqi war, but gave political support to the United States and provided Turkey with Patriot anti-missile systems.—Internet

## France exhumes remains of executed German soldiers

**SAINT-JULIEN-DE-CREMPSE (France), 6 Nov —** French authorities on Tuesday exhumed the remains of 17 German soldiers believed taken prisoner and shot by French Resistance fighters during World War II in order to give them a proper burial.

They were executed in 1944 in a field on the outskirts of the village of Saint-Julien-de-Crempe in the southwestern Dordogne region, in retaliation for the killing of 17 residents by German troops, according to a resistance veteran who has fought a long campaign to honour their remains.

The bodies of the soldiers were to be blessed and taken to a nearby church before their planned transfer on Wednesday to the German military cemetery in nearby Berneuil,

which oversaw the exhumation.

A team of six people unearthed the bodies from their unmarked grave and found metal "dog tags" which may enable French authorities to identify some of the soldiers and notify surviving family members.

Watching the operation was former resistance fighter Emile Guet, 82. The soldiers were part of a group of 82 who surrendered to a resistance unit led by Guet during the liberation of Bergerac.

Guet said the men were promised

by his superiors that they would be considered prisoners of war and their lives spared. However, on September 9, 1944, 17 of the group were killed by resistance fighters, acting against orders.

Guet tracked down the only surviving witness of the massacre, who was a child at the time, to unravel the murky circumstances of the execution. The witness indicated the location of the bodies, although it is unclear who buried them.

MNA/Reuters

## Senator says US copters in Iraq lack proper gear

**WASHINGTON, 6 Nov —** Many US helicopters in Iraq lack standard anti-missile equipment that might have prevented last weekend's attack on a Chinook helicopter that killed 15 US troops, a Democratic senator said on Wednesday.

Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin said he had received e-mails from "reliable military sources" who told him they had been battling for the past six months to get anti-missile equipment for helicopters being used in Iraq.

"They've even had to take them off other helicopters leaving for Iraq. It's (anti-

missile equipment) the most basic equipment they need to protect themselves," Durbin told ABC's "Good Morning America" programme. An American military CH-47 Chinook helicopter, whose pilot came from Durbin's state, was downed by a shoulder-guided missile last Sunday, killing 15

US troops and injuring 27, two of whom were aboard another helicopter that landed nearby in a rescue effort.

"What we've learned from communications is that for months they've been flying without the protective equipment, and the crews and pilots have tried to secure

the equipment from every source imaginable. That's unacceptable to me, to put them in harm's way with less than the best equipment," Durbin said.

He released an e-mail he said was from a pilot who backed his claim that helicopters were not properly equipped.—Internet

## BIMSTEC meeting opens in Bangladesh

**DHAKA, 6 Nov —** Trade and investment experts from five South-East Asian Nations began a two-day dialogue here on Tuesday to identify areas of joint action for economic development, reported the official Bangladesh News Agency.

On the first day of the meeting, the experts of the Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) focused on expansion and development of several sub-sectors through mutual and bilateral cooperation.

These sub-sectors include textiles and clothing, drugs and pharmaceuticals, gems and jewellery, horticulture and floriculture, processed food, automotive industry and parts, coconut as well as tea and coffee. Bangladesh has taken the lead on textile and clothing sector, while Thailand on horticulture and floriculture. Sri Lanka came up with its gems and jewellery sector, and India with automobile and pharmaceuticals, said the meeting sources.

Bangladeshi Commerce Secretary Suhel Ahmed said that the BIMSTEC would help remove trade barriers among the member states and boost

investments in different sub-sectors.

Suhel Ahmed also said if BIMSTEC progresses properly, the trade volumes of regional countries would be increased substantially with per capita income going up and poverty reduced.

The Bangladeshi Commerce Secretary said that the member states will create business and investment opportunities for both domestic and foreign investors in their respective sub sectors through the regional cooperation. He urged the entrepreneurs to fetch benefits out of this opportunity. Of the total imports of Bangladesh, 12 per cent is from India, Myanmar, Thailand and Sri Lanka, but exports to these countries account for only a little over 2 per cent annually, said Suhel Ahmed, adding there were plenty of potentials to increase the export volume of Bangladesh.

MNA/Xinhua

## CBS cancels Reagan TV mini-series

**LOS ANGELES, 6 Nov —** In a move that generated immediate political controversy, CBS on Tuesday dropped plans to air its mini-series "The Reagans" after coming under fire from Republicans who condemned the film as biased and unfair. The network, which earlier this year sparked an uproar for broadcasting a docudrama on Adolf Hitler, denied that it was bowing to pressure, but rebuked the producers of the Ronald Reagan biography for not producing a balanced portrayal of the 40th president.—MNA/Reuters



Iraqis converge on a train, derailed by saboteurs at dawn, during an effort to reopen the blocked railway line 20 km south of the town of Tikrit on 5 November, 2003.—INTERNET



# Let's guard against the threat of human trafficking

*Khin Myanmar*

(Continued from yesterday)

Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs has been carrying out tasks for prevention of trafficking in persons and development of women mass. Under the MNCWA are the work group for prevention of trafficking in persons, Myanmar National Working Committee for Women's Affairs, State/Division work groups for prevention of trafficking in persons, State/Division Working Committees for Women's Affairs, District/Township work group for prevention of trafficking in persons, District/Township Working Committee for Women's Affairs, Ward/Village work group for prevention of trafficking in persons and Ward/Village Work Committee for Women's Affairs.

The MNCWA undertakes its functions under the following organizational set-up:

- respective ministries of the State
- committees for women's affairs at different levels
- NGOs such as the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association, the association for prevention of violence against women and rehabilitation, women cooperative societies, women religious organizations and women social organizations.

The committee for fighting against trafficking in women and children, formed in cooperation with UNIAP, are disseminating strategies on fight against trafficking in persons to governmental officials in States and Divisions. The MNCWA in cooperation with the UNIAP and the Save the Children (UK), held a national level seminar on prevention of trafficking in persons in May 2003. The meeting focused on seeking the root cause of the problem, exchanging information, laying down strategies, making a review on the internal laws on human trafficking and strengthening cooperation with international organizations. The Minister for Foreign Affairs attended the ministerial meeting on prevention of human trafficking in Bali, the Republic of Indonesia, in 2002. The deputy minister for Home Affairs attended the similar meeting in Bali, Indonesia, in 2003. Myanmar also actively attended the meetings of experts under the Bali work programme. Myanmar and Thailand signed the MoU on labour appointment between the two nations. The MoU translated into action starting from June 2003 plays a valuable role in tackling the problem. According to the instructions given by the government on 18 February 2002 for ensuring safe return of Myanmar citizens

overseas including Thailand, reception camps are opened in Myanmar near the border with Thailand. The camps are systematically accepting Myanmar returnees.

With a view to ensuring effective prevention of human trafficking, the team of the MNCWA is making field tours of all regions across the nation. At focus group discussions with local people, the team holds talks on seeking ways and means to expose human traffickers and gives advice and makes suggestions to solve their difficulties and problems on social affairs, education, economy and health for development of women's sector. The team fulfils their requirements through coordination with respective bodies. At the central level, measures are being taken for prevention of human trafficking, such as airing educative video plays and circulating addresses to be contacted if necessary and making laws and penalties known to the people, distribution of booklets, conducting courses and dissemination of consoling and comforting methods and knowledge in the States and Divisions, broadcasting radio talks and holding educative talks at schools. Regarding the reports on human trafficking cases, the MNCWA and the work group for prevention of human trafficking made careful investigations and took severe actions against the human traffickers.

In accordance with the sections from 359 to 374 under "Myanmar Penal Code" enacted in 1861, the offences of kidnapping, abduction, slavery and forced labour carry a penalty ranging from fine to life imprisonment. During one-year period from 17 July 2002 to 16 July 2003, a total of 206 cases on human trafficking were exposed and severe actions were taken against 390 human traffickers.

The society today can no longer tolerate the exploitation of the naive and needy. Therefore, the UN and other international organizations, governmental and non-governmental organizations have been actively cooperating with one another to cope with the problem of human trafficking. The Union of Myanmar, on its part, is determined to deal with the ugly problem seriously. The MNCWA, in cooperation with the Government to prevent the trafficking in persons, is making field trips to every part of the nation, trying to realize its objectives. Finally, I would like to call upon the entire people to lend themselves to the task of wiping out the danger of human trafficking in cooperation with the Government and the MNCWA.

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Translation: NN + MS  
(Myanma Alin: 27-10-2003)

## Construction of Patheingyi Bridge inspected

YANGON, 6 NOV — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, together with officials, inspected the works being carried for the improvement of Yangon-Patheingyi Road by Yangon North District Road Special Group-16, group-4 and Patheingyi District of Ayeyawady Division yesterday.

The minister and party arrived at the project site for construction of Patheingyi Bridge. Officials reported to the minister on work done and tasks being carried out.

The minister gave necessary instructions and inspected round the project site. — MNA



The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry held its fourth Kathina robe-offering ceremony at the Mingalarama Pali University in Botataung Township on 6 November. On the occasion UMCCI Chairman U Win Myint offered kathina robes and provisions to members of the Sangha. — NLM

## 18th Myanmar Orthopaedic ...

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paramedical sciences courses and health care courses to have the standard of those in the developed nation in the ASEAN region.

As regards the orthopaedic field, post-graduate Master's Degree course and Ph.D courses have been opened. In addition, orthopaedic surgeons have been appointed in over 40 townships. It is heartening to record the conference as the 18th one. And foreign orthopaedic surgeons can exchange views, share experience, learn advanced medical methods.

In conclusion, he said at a time when all departments are striving for development of the State, orthopaedic surgeons are to actively take part in the whatever role assigned to them. Afterwards, Chairman Prof U Myo Myint of MMA (Central) and Chairman Prof U Kyaw Myint Naing of MOSA made speeches. After the ceremony, the minister and officials viewed the booths. The conference will be held up to 8 November and resource persons will present 48 papers sector-wise.—MNA



A member of the panel of leading patrons of the MWSF presents a gold medal to Ms Choi, Mi Yeon of Korea. (News on page 16) — MNA

## People's 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

## Efficient use of electricity

- \* Use daylight as the main source of light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- \* Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

## Efficient use of fuel

- \* Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- \* Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- \* The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

## All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased

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## Thutapadetha Journal comes out



The cover of the Thutapadetha Journal.—MNA

YANGON, 6 Nov — Thutapadetha Journal Vol 30 No 11 published by Sarpay Beikman of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information has come out today.

It is available at the Sarpay Beikman book shop on Merchant Street and agents of Sarpay Beikman in Yangon and districts.

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## Work coordinated for manufacturing buses and trucks

YANGON, 6 Nov — Work coordination meeting for manufacturing buses and trucks organized by Myanma Industrial Development Work Committee was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Industry-2 on yesterday afternoon. Chairman of the work committee Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, members of the work committee and representatives of industrial zones to manufacture buses and trucks.

The minister spoke on the occasion. In his speech, he said industrial zones, based on their experience in manufacturing small vehicles, were required to strive for manufacturing 10-ton and above buses and trucks. Plans for manufacturing the vehicles using local materials were also to be worked out in respective industrial zones

and the government would render necessary assistance, the minister said.

The deputy minister, Director-General U Khin Maung of the Directorate of Myanma Industrial Planning and Managing Director U Soe Thein of Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries also took part in the discussion.

Afterwards, Director U Myint Than of MADEI, General Manager U Hlaing Than of No-1 Automobile Plant (Yangon) and Director U Win Tint of Myanma Machine Tool and Electrical Industries explained the requirements for manufacturing buses and trucks and application of CNC lathe machine.

Representatives from industrial zones reported on technical, financial and material requirements.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt offers Kathina robes to Maha Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Rajadhamabhivamsa at the Fourth Kathina robes offering ceremony of SPDC Office. —MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt offers 'soon' to a Sayadaw of Masoeysin Taikthit and Masoeysin monastery at the Fourth Kathina robes offering ceremony of SPDC Office. —MNA

## Prime Minister attends...

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supplanted on religious matters to Sayadaws. He said that he is very delighted to have an opportunity to pay homage to venerable Sayadaws led by Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Rajadhamabhivamsa. The Tatmadaw Government constantly plays a leading role in efforts to ensure the convenience of members of the Sangha who are promoting and propagating the Sasana initiated by the Buddha. In doing so, the Government also urges the wellwishers to follow suit.

Moreover, the Government also takes measures for the flourishing and propagation of the Buddha Sasana by repairing or refurbishing ancient pagodas; constructing new pagodas, monasteries and religious edifices and designating religious precincts. As a result, resplendent religious edifices and white-washed pagodas now stand to witness. It is due to economic boost of devotees of the Buddhism, under the leadership of the Government.

The donation of over

K 500 million by a wellwisher alone and that of 35 viss of pure gold by a wellwisher alone to the Htidad-hoisting ceremony of Shwedagon Pagoda, and also that of K 100 million by a wellwisher alone to the construction of religious edifices may be cited. The principal factor of making such unprecedented and amazing donations reveals that the people are enjoying the fruitful results of economic progress as peace and prosperity prevail all over the nation and trade can be conducted all day and night.

To ensure the smooth flow of commodity nationwide, the Government built roads linking Putao, the northernmost city, with Kawthoung, the southernmost city; and Tachilek, the easternmost city, with Sittway, the westernmost city. Therefore, cargo trucks and passenger buses can travel safely to their destinations, regardless of time.

Myanmar being an agro-based country, more than 150 dams have been constructed and over 260 river water

pumping projects implemented for adequate supply of irrigation water. As a result, farmers are enjoying the benefits of adequate supply of water and are also contributing to the effort to promote the Sasana.

The fact that nation-building endeavours are making historical as well as unheard-of progress is due to relentless measures for national unity and development undertakings being carried out in all parts of the country including remote border areas. As the country is undergoing stability and prosperity, posh buildings, crop fields, factories and economic infrastructure are now mushrooming even in hilly regions of border areas.

The absence of insurgency and robbery in the country is the principal factor contributing to the economic growth of the people. For the tranquillity and prosperity of the country, peace and unity is built with the strength of patience, tolerance, resolve and perseverance of the national brethren.

Without bearing grudge, the Government takes great pains to restore peace and build national solidarity with

the weapon of tolerance as taught by successive Buddhas. In consequence of this attitude, there now prevails tranquillity and prosperity all over the country.

With these noble deeds, may all of us work for our speedy realization of Nivarna, the end of all sufferings, or these good deeds intensify the efforts to turn the country into a modern and developed democracy that can stand tall and proud amidst the world nations.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt offered Kathina robes and provisions to the Sayadaw. And Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also donated robes and offerings to member Sayadaws.

Later, the Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by the sharing of merits gained from good deeds.

After the ceremony, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt performed a ritual of gold and silver shower to mark the success of the ceremony. Afterwards, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party offered "soon" to the Sayadaw and members the Sangha.

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Maung Pyae Wai Phyo (YCDC) seizes a silver medal at Kyansu (double-blade sword) contest of the Seventh World Wushu Championship. (News on page 16)—MNA

## WHO Regional Director visits Anti-AIDS Exhibition

YANGON, 6 Nov — The first Anti-AIDS Exhibition continued at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here today. Dr Uton Muchtar Rafei, Director of WHO to South East Asian Region, and party vis-

ited the exhibition today.

Members of social organization, students and people totalling 10,000 today visited the exhibition which will go on till 9 November.

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## Prime Minister attends opening...

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and members of Chanthagyi Rice Offering Association and wellwishers.

The Prime Minister and party viewed the building. Vice-Chairman of the association U Thant Zin reported to the Prime Minister on background history of the association, saying that according to Mingun Tipitakadhara Dhamma Bandagarika Sayadaw, starting from 1332 Myanmar Era, the rice, donated by those who observed the Precepts on Full Moon Day of Kason, was offered to the two Chanthagyi monasteries. In 1339 ME, the rice was offered to over 12,400 members of the Sangha in four Mandalay townships, he added.

In 1340 ME, the executive committee of Chanthagyi Rice Offering Association was formed following the Ovada of successive Sayadaws in Mandalay.

Now, thanks to the assistance rendered by the State leaders and donations

of the people, the association is contributing towards promotion and propagation of the Sasana, he noted.

Secretary of the association U Sein Nyunt presented K 8,803,795 for the building including K 1 million donated by Chairman of the association U Dwe-Daw Tok and family; and K 1 million by U Mya Maung-Daw Khin Khin Kyu (Mya Brokerage House) family, K 500,000 each by U Kaung-Daw Aung Kyi (Thantaya Oil Mill and Sanpya Ice Factory owner) of Pwgeon Road (26th Street), U Thaug Nyan-Daw Khin Hla (Aungchantha family) of Pwgeon Ward, Daw Amaygyan (Amaygyan Brokerage House) and family, Daw Khin Su family, U Ba Than-Daw Thet Kyin and family, and Daw Khin Than Win and U Chit Swe Win (ELSC) and family. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and the minister accepted the donations.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented 500 bags of rice donated by the State Peace and Development Council



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspect the scale model of the Bagan Golden Palace at the Bagan Archaeological Museum. — MNA

to the association through the minister and members of the executive committee.

The General and party headed for Bagan-NyaungU Airport via Mandalay International Airport. They were welcomed there by Brig-Gen Than Tun of Kyaukpadaung Station, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Develop-

ment Council Col Zaw Min and officials. The Prime Minister inspected cultural heritages of Bagan Archaeological Zone and tasks for upgrading of Bagan region.

The Prime Minister and party went to Bagan Archaeological Museum and inspected the statues of kings Anawrahta, Kyansittha, Alaungsithu and Kyaswa and Bagan heroes Kyansittha, Ngahtwey, Ngalonlethe

and NyaungU Phee, scale models of Bagan Shwenandaw, Thiripissaya Bagan village (11th Century) and Kinta Dam constructed in the time of king Anawrahta, and gave instructions on preservation of ancient cultural heritage.

The General inspected the endeavours for upgrading of Bagan region and left necessary instructions.

This morning, the General inspected the check-in

counter, departure lounge and requirements for extended construction of the airport building. Officials concerned conducted the General and party round the airport.

The General also inspected renovation of the runway and left instructions.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party arrived back here later in the morning.

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Deputy Minister U Pe Than inspects the river water pumping projects situated in Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions. — TRANSPORT

## River water pumping projects inspected

YANGON, 6 NOV — Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than, together with departmental officials, inspected the repair of Lawkananda waterway and water supply of Twinywa river water pump in NyaungU and gave necessary instructions to the officials on 3 November morning.

In the afternoon, the

deputy minister and party inspected the water supply of Latpanchepaw, Ngathayauk, Shwetantic and Kyawzi river water pumps and waterway of River Ayeyawaddy.

On 4 November morning, the deputy minister inspected Tatywa river water pump Watlet Township, Sagaing Division and ful-

filled the requirements.

In the evening, the deputy minister and party inspected the dockyard of the Marine Administration Department in Mandalay. The deputy minister met with service personnel of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (Upper Myanmar) and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

## Commander inspects upgrading of environs of Kandawgyi Garden and Zoological Gardens

YANGON, 6 NOV — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected the upgrading of the environs of Kandawgyi Garden and Yangon Zoological Gardens and gave necessary instructions to the officials today.

The commander arrived at the construction site of Relaxation Zone of Kandawgyi Garden at 3 pm. He was welcomed there by Deputy Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung

Pa, Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tint Hsan, departmental heads and officials.

The commander inspected car parking, construction of a concrete bridge, landscaping and construction of timber trellis, walkway, wooden bridge and elephant statue. The vice-mayor and officials reported on completion of upgrading works and future tasks. The commander gave instructions on timely completion.

Next, the commander inspected round the construction of shops and horticultural site in the Education Zone. Officials reported on

works being carried out.

The commander then inspected round the Central Symbol Zone. The deputy minister and Managing Director U Nay Soe Naing of Public Works reported on work done and tasks to be carried out. The commander gave necessary instructions. Afterwards, the commander arrived at Yangon Zoological Gardens. He inspected the landscaping and upgrading of animal cages. The deputy minister, Director-General U Shwe Kyaw of Forest Department and officials conducted the command round the gardens. The commander gave necessary instructions. — MNA



The newly-opened two-story Yadana Theinkha Monastic Education School in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division. — MNA

# Coffee: a promising export item

Article by Kayan Soe Myint; Photos by Yay Chan Myint

Coffee is grown on 23,000 acres of land in Myanmar, and 12,000 acres of them produces 2,418 tons of coffee yearly.

Under the guidance of the Head of State, Myanmar Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Enterprise of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation reclaimed 5,457 acres of land in PyinOoLwin Township for growing coffee. The reclaimed land was allotted to private entrepreneurs, and 4859.20 acres of them have been put under coffee.

Similarly, 2915.3 acres of land was reclaimed in Banbwe region in Naungkhio Township and allotted to coffee growers beginning 1999-2000. Now, coffee plants have been grown on 1975.41 acres of them.

The Head of State gave guidance on cultivation of 100,000 acres of coffee in PyinOoLwin and Naungkhio Townships. In accord with the guidance, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung and party made field tours of the townships to reclaim 114,242 acres of land including 59,242 acres in PyinOoLwin Township and 55,000 acres in Naungkhio Township. Arrangements have also been made to grow 10,000 acres of coffee in 2003-2004, 20,000 acres in 2004-2005 and 20,000 acres in 2005-2006 totalling 50,000 acres in PyinOoLwin Township and 50,000 acres in Naungkhio Township.

The ministry has invited private entrepreneurs who take interest in coffee cultivation in the dailies and on MRTV. A total of 485 entrepreneurs and four organiza-

tions applied for cultivation of coffee on 24,708.25 acres of land in the townships.

The staff of the Kyemon Daily visited coffee plantations in PyinOoLwin together with Deputy Director U Hla Myint of the coffee section of Myanmar Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Enterprise in July this year.

Managing Director of Green Land Coffee Plantation U Sai Aik Paung explained that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation allotted the land and granted 30-year permission for coffee cultivation in 1998. A total of 272 acres of land was put under coffee in May 1999. Now, about 300,000 coffee plants are thriving in the plantation. Coffee plants bear fruits three years after they have been grown. Therefore, the plantation produced 40,000 viss of coffee seed in 2001, and 70,000 in 2002. Coffee seed was sold to companies for K 200 per viss and exported. The managing director hoped to produce 100,000 viss of coffee seed this year. Coffee plants bear fruit up to 30 years. Coffee Section of MALBE has provided cultivation methods.

Deputy Director U Hla Myint also explained that fruit trees can be planted among coffee plants and cash can also be earned from the mix cropping. Land for coffee cultivation has already been reclaimed. Those who are interested in coffee cultivation can apply for 5 acres of land and above. Coffee plants are to be grown on the allotted land within 3 years. The enterprise is rendering assistance such as quality strains, cultivation methods, fertilizer, loans and water supply. Those who take interest in coffee cultivation may contact MALBE (HQ) in Yangon (Ph 01-665493, 01-666027) and coffee section (085-22135) in PyinOoLwin, he explained.

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Translation: MWT  
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Thriving coffee plantation cultivated with the assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in PyinOoLwin.

## US deadliest killer admits 48

### Seattle-area women killings

LOS ANGELES, 6 Nov — The deadliest woman killer in the United States pleaded guilty in a Seattle court Wednesday to 48 accounts of murdering of women, most of whom were prostitutes and runaways.

Gary Ridgway, the 54-year-old former truck painter long suspected of being the Green River Killer, said the word "guilty" 48 times in a plea bargain that will save him from execution but will face a life sentence.

"I killed so many women, I have a hard time keeping them straight," he said in a confession read aloud in court.

"I wanted to kill as many women as I thought were prostitutes as I possibly could," he said in the statement.

Ridgway said he killed all the women in King County, mostly near his home or in his truck not far from where he picked them up. He said he enjoyed driving by the sites afterward, thinking about what he had done.

"In most cases, when I killed these women, I did not know their names," Ridgway said. "Most of the time I killed them the first time I met them, and I do not have a good memory of their faces."

By admitting these murders, Ridgway set a record of committing the highest number of killings by a single serial killer in the US history.

Ridgway has worked with investigators to recover still-missing remains of some victims after signing a plea bargain deal.

The Green River Killer's murderous frenzy began in 1982, targeting women in the Seattle area, mainly runaways and prostitutes. He confessed that he targeted prostitutes just because their disappearances would not be reported missing to the police.

The first victims turned up in the Green River, giving the killer his name. Other bodies were found near ravines, airports and freeways.

The killing seemed to stop as suddenly as prosecutors believed the last victim had disappeared in 1984. But one of the killings Ridgway admitted to occurred in 1990 and another in 1998.

Ridgway, of the Seattle suburb of Auburn, was arrested in 2001 as he left his longtime job as a painter at a truck company. — MNA/Xinhua

## Ugandan President urges drivers to curb road accidents

KAMPALA, 6 Nov — Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has asked road users, especially the passenger service vehicle drivers, to curb accidents on the roads.

"Road accidents have continued to rob us of many innocent lives. We should stop turning roads into competition tracks," Museveni was quoted Wednesday by the *New Vision* newspaper as saying. Museveni's message was contained in a speech read on Tuesday by Minister in charge of the Presidency Kirunda Kivejinja at the funeral service of Shula Atamba,

daughter to Joan Kakwenzize, presidential adviser on poverty alleviation.

Atamba, 20, a second-year student of Mass Communications at Makerere University, died in a car ac-

cident at Nabbingo on the Kampala-Masaka Road on Sunday.

Museveni said the police should assist in reducing road accidents, but it was the primary responsibility of drivers and other road users to stop the carnage.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cuba demands US end embargo to promote trade

HAVANA, 6 Nov — The Cuban authorities said Tuesday that if Washington lifts its embargo on the island, it would become an important market for agricultural products from the United States, particularly rice.

With the end of the embargo, Cuba would increase its rice imports from the United States to over 300,000 tons every year, Pedro Alvarez, director of Cuban state-run company Alimport said.

Alvarez made the remarks at a Press conference with US rice producers participating in the 21st International Fair of Havana. "Should there be no restrictions imposed by Washington over four decades ago, the United States could have become our second or third most important supplier of rice," Alvarez said.

Alimport's executive said the island needs to import half a million tons of rice annually. He revealed that over the last two years, business between both sides totalled 554 million US dollars and the amount is expected to increase to over 620 million dollars this year.

Marvin Lehrer, president of the US Federation of Rice Producers, said he was pleased with the business with the Cuban company and demanded an end to the blockade led by Washington against Cuba.

The businessman, who headed a US delegation to an expo Havana, said his presence in the island is a new demonstration of the interest of US agricultural producers to do business with Cuba.

A blockade imposed by the United States on Cuba in 1962 has barred normal trade between the two countries, which have maintained a four-decade political conflict.

Cuban officials have said the Caribbean country is ready to import up to 60 per cent of agricultural and food products from the United States if these restrictions are removed.

After Hurricane Michelle ripped through Cuba in November 2001, Washington offered humanitarian assistance to Cuba. Cuba thanked the United States for its goodwill gesture, but opted to purchase what it needed directly from the US market.

The granting of licences by the US Departments of State and Treasury led to unprecedented commercial exchanges between the two countries which do not have formal diplomatic relations. — MNA/Xinhua

## 3 armed robbers shot dead in Uganda

KAMPALA, 6 Nov — Ugandan policemen shot dead three armed robbers who were suspected car-jackers in Kampala on Monday night.

Security sources were quoted on Wednesday by local daily the *New Vision* as saying that the armed gang had broken into Sogea construction company offices and attempted to drive off the firm's two double-cabin pick-up trucks.

However, the Violent Crimes Crack Unit (VCCU) officers of Uganda Police arrived immediately and cornered the robbers as they drove one of the vehicles out of the gate.

The second truck had failed to start due to lack of a battery.

MNA/Xinhua

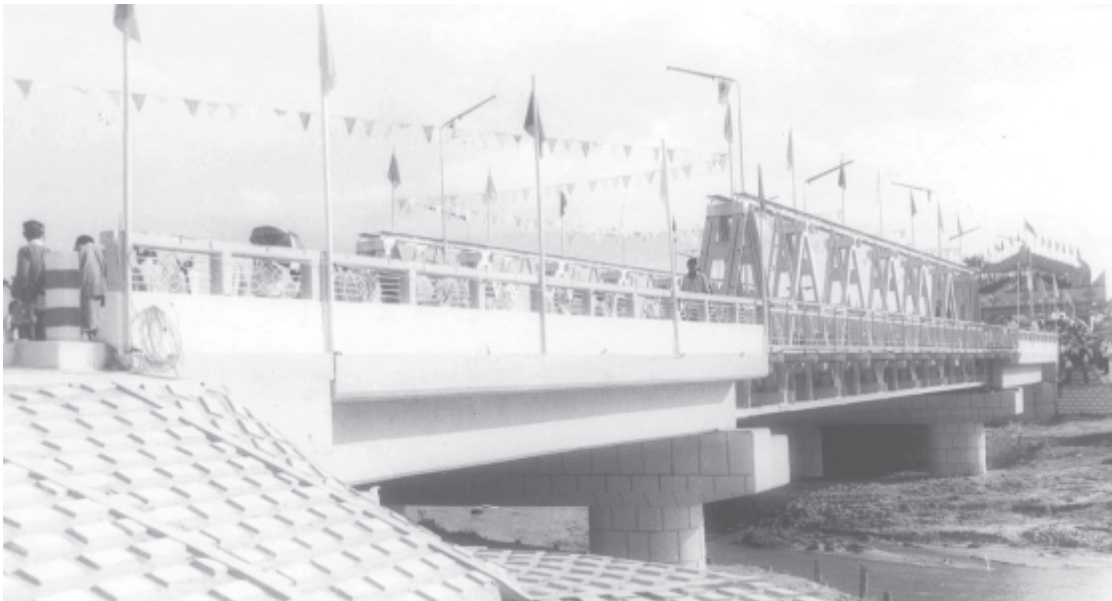


## Implementation of projects for socio-economic development of all regions in the country

In order to effectively utilize the rich human and natural resources of Kachin State for the benefit of the local national races as well as the whole Union, the government has been building the required infrastructures in all sectors. The photo

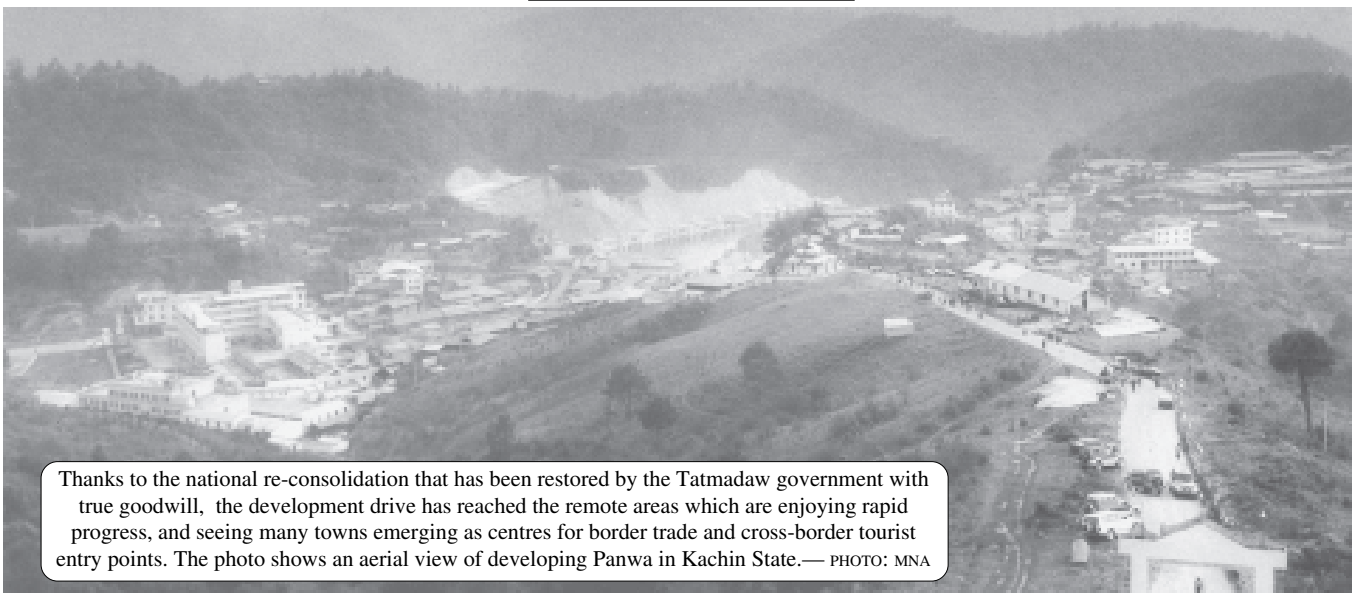
shows the Kandawyan Thit-khet Diversion Weir in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, which benefits 12,000 acres of farmland.

PHOTO: MNA



Hopin Bridge was built on Thayet creek on Shwebo-Myitkyina road in Hopin, Mohnyin Township, Kachin State. The bridge with 200 feet in length was opened on 17 June 2003.

PHOTO: MNA



Thanks to the national re-consolidation that has been restored by the Tatmadaw government with true goodwill, the development drive has reached the remote areas which are enjoying rapid progress, and seeing many towns emerging as centres for border trade and cross-border tourist entry points. The photo shows an aerial view of developing Panwa in Kachin State.— PHOTO: MNA

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"China, which has provided assurance and a safety net to the Southeast Asian economies when these were shaken by the financial crises of 1997 and 1998, could help accelerate development and bring about economic integration within Asia," he said. "China's rise has an important bearing on issues of international peace and security," President Musharraf reviewed the long-standing friendship, saying, "We will be able to carry forward this time-tested friendship to future generations." —MNA/Xinhua

BEIJING, 6 Nov — China has offered a preferential loan of 500 million US dollars to Pakistan for bilateral

"Pakistan and China are cooperating in the economic field since the inception of our friendship," Musharraf said at the forum. "There are numerous monuments of this friendship all across Pakistan, such as Karakoram Highway, Heavy Mechanical and Electrical complexes, Saindak copper and gold mines project and more recently the Gwadar Deep Sea Port."—*MNA/Xinhua*



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## Hundreds of China's space experts funded by Macao tycoon

BEIJING, 6 Nov— More than 500 young space professionals have benefitted tremendously from funding support from a foundation named after Macao business tycoon Stanley Ho Hung-sun since 1990, space programme officials said on Tuesday.

Wang Liheng, director of the Science and Technology Commission under the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation, said the Hong Kong-based foundation offered funding support totalling nearly 30 million Hong Kong dollars to about 100 training and exchange programmes for bright young space professionals.

The funding support was crucial for the young space professionals who benefitted from the programmes and the corporation, the manufacturer of China's carrier rockets, spacecraft and strategic missiles, since Chinese space professionals had been paid insufficiently until recently.

The exchange or training programmes involved carrier rockets, manned space programmes, rocket engines with liquid propellant, international trade and economic law, project and human resources management, said Wang, the former deputy head of the China National Space Administration.

Some of the space personnel who benefitted from the support had become managers of related companies or

leading officials of space institutes.

Four hundred and seventy young professionals, 83 teachers and 23 postgraduates from four prestigious space universities on the Chinese Mainland were awarded bonuses or scholarships for their outstanding performance over the past decade.

More than 50 technical workers selected by the corporation have received short-term training in Germany thanks to funding support from the foundation.

Meanwhile, Tsang Hin Chi, chairman of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, has announced his decision to donate 12.88 million US dollars to set up the Tsang Hin Chi Space Development Fund.

He was speaking at a dinner Saturday night in Hong Kong in honour of China's first astronaut Yang Liwei and the delegation of China's first manned space mission.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam identifies key exports, markets for next year

HANOI, 6 Nov— Vietnam has chosen 16 groups of goods and seven countries and regions as national key exports and markets for trade promotion in 2004, a Trade Ministry official told Xinhua on Tuesday.

The key export items include seafood, rice, tea, processed coffee, processed pepper, fruits, vegetables, garments to non-quotas markets, footwear, plastic products, pork and construction materials, said Ngo Van Thoan, head of the ministry's Trade Promotion Department.

Meanwhile, key export markets are China, the United States, the European Union, Japan, Russia, Eastern European countries and South Korea.

"Some 0.25 per cent of this year's total export turnover of Vietnam will be spent on trade promotion activities next year," Thoan said.

The country is expected to record export turnovers of 19.5 billion US dollars this year, a year-on-year rise of 16.7 per cent. It has targeted an increase of 11-12 per cent next year. — MNA/Xinhua

## China's first astronaut Yang Liwei arrives in Macao

MACAO, 6 Nov— The delegation of China's First Manned Space Mission, including China's first astronaut Yang Liwei, arrived in Macao Wednesday noon for a two-day visit.

Yang disembarked the ferry jetboat at the Macao Ferry Terminal still carrying the gentle and humble demeanor, which has been familiar with the whole world, after he travelled over 600,000 kilometres in the spacecraft *Shenzhou-V* on October 15-16.

He walked out the terminal building accompanied by Bai Zhijian, director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Govern-

ment in the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and Ao Man Long, Secretary for Transportation and Public Works.

A large crowd waving China's national flags and Macao SAR flags welcomed the heroes.

Yang shook hands with the people and surprised a group of middle school students by autographing a horizontal scroll they held high.

MNA/Xinhua



The multihull 'La Trinitaine' skippered by France's Marc Guillemot and Yann Guichard sails past a container ship as it takes the start, on Wednesday, 5 Nov, 2003, of the 6th edition of the Transat Jacques Vabre, a double-handed oceanic race across the Atlantic, from Le Havre, Normandy, heading towards Salvador de Bahia in northeastern Brazil. — INTERNET

## Pakistani President concludes China visit

BEIJING, 6 Nov— Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf left here Wednesday, concluding his three-day state visit to China.

During his stay in Beijing, Chinese President Hu Jintao held talks with him. Jiang Zemin, chairman of the Central Military Commission, Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, met him separately.

MNA/Xinhua

## Megawati expresses sympathy to flash flood victims

JAKARTA, 6 Nov— Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri on Wednesday expressed her sympathy to the victims of a deadly flash flood in North Sumatra Province over the weekend, from which at least 92 people were found dead.



At least 101 confirmed dead in Indonesian flood, 117 missing. — INTERNET

"On behalf of the Indonesian people and government, my deepest condolence goes to those who lost their loved ones in the tragic disaster," Megawati said at the state palace.

"I have sent the coordinating minister for people's welfare to meet our brothers and sisters who are now suffering and to take any necessary measure to ease their suffering," she said.

The government blamed illegal logging and deforestation as the main causes of the flash flood.

MNA/Xinhua

## China to boost gas pipeline construction

BEIJING, 6 Nov— China will concentrate on constructing gas pipelines in the next 10 to 20 years, hoping to meet domestic growing demands for natural gas, said experts at a national workshop here.

The rapid economic development, pressure of environmental protection and the imperative need to improve energy resources infrastructure would prompt an increasing demand for natural gas, said Liu Lei, general manager of PetroChina pipeline company, at a national workshop on pipeline development and technologies.

It is predicted that gas consumption will rise at an annual rate of 7.5 per cent by 2020, and the total volume will reach 55 billion cubic metres in 2005 and amount to 100 billion cubic metres in 2010. Petroleum takes up 39.7 per cent and natural gas accounts for 23.2 per cent of the world's consumption of energy resources.

However, in China, gas consumption takes up only 2.5

per cent in its energy structure, far less than the world average and less even than the Asian average proportion of 10.1 per cent, statistics show.

As the petroleum shortage and environmental problem loom large in China, governments at various levels, oil and gas field enterprises as well as many consumers have begun to focus more on the utilization of natural gas, which is cleaner. According to Liu, China's natural gas is mainly distributed in the central and western areas, while the annual demand in the country's eastern areas will reach 44 to 100 billion cubic metres in the next five to 10 years. The wide distance between sources of production and sales centres has impelled the acceleration of pipeline construction. — MNA/Xinhua

## Heroin hidden in spare tyre seized on Chinese border

KUNMING, 6 Nov— Four suspects have been caught after 41 kilos of heroin was found hidden in a truck's spare tyre at the city of Ruili, in southwest China's Yunnan Province.

Border police were tipped off on October 2 that a gang was planning to traffic drugs into the province through Ruili, so they set up a special panel to prevent the traffickers.

On the evening of October 31, the police pinpointed the location of the traffickers who had carried the drugs into Yunnan, and swooped on them. The heroin was spotted hidden in the spare wheel of a truck, and further investigations are underway, according to police sources. — MNA/Xinhua

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## SPORTS

## Athens Olympic organizers present "floating hotel" cruise ship

ATHENS, 6 Nov — Organizers of the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens presented the first of 11 cruise ships recently in southwestern Greece they wished to serve as "floating hotels" during the Games and to help make up for Athens' accommodation shortage for the event.

The cruise ships will house 13,000 people, including members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), national sports federations, sponsors, broadcasters and visitors.

The *MS Oosterdam*, based in Rotterdam, is the first ship presented by the Athens Organizing Committee that can host up to 1,848 passengers in five-star luxury surroundings.

"It is the first time that 11 of the best cruise ships in the world will serve as hotels for the Olympic Games," said Basile Niadas, the general manager for games services.

The *Oosterdam* will host members of the Russian and South African Olympic delegations, as well as officials from 15 other countries during the August 13-29 games.

A third of the ship is reserved for members of the Olympic family. The rest will go to broadcasters and visitors. Most of the ships rooms are already booked, Niadas said. — MNA/Xinhua



Arsenal's Ashley Cole, second left, celebrates his goal with teammates Kanu, left, and Kolo Toure, right, against Dynamo Kiev at Highbury, London, on Wednesday, 5 Nov, 2003, during their Champions League Stage 1, Group B soccer match. —INTERNET

## Cole leaves it late for Arsenal

LONDON, 6 Nov — Arsenal snatched a Champions League lifeline on Wednesday when their England defender Ashley Cole headed a late goal to seal a dramatic 1-0 Group B victory over Dynamo Kiev at Highbury.

The English Premier League leaders, beaten 2-1 in Kiev a fortnight ago, looked destined for a humiliating European exit until Cole nodded home in the 88th minute.

Arsenal stayed bottom of the group with four points but now have a better chance of catching Inter Milan, who have seven after drawing 1-1 with Lokomotiv Moscow at the San Siro, and second-placed Dynamo who have six points.

Though it was only their second win in 13 Champions League games, Arsenal were ultimately rewarded for their unrelenting, though often clumsy, pressure on the Dynamo goal.

The Ukrainians defended well and could easily have scored during a bright start and again in the second half as Arsenal pressed remorselessly forward.

But for Arsene Wenger's side, a draw at least will now be the objective when they visit Inter, while Dynamo travel to Moscow to get their campaign back on track.

In a frantic start, Arsenal needed a crucial interception by defender Sol Campbell to deny first-leg scorer Maxim Shatskiikh, while only the flailing boot of Dynamo keeper Olexander Shovkovsky kept out a Fredrik Ljungberg effort.

Arsenal then rode their luck as the skilful Ukrainians cut swathes through the hosts' defence but failed to find the clinical finish.

The match began to swing Arsenal's way, though, when Shovkovsky caught Gilberto's header from a Dennis Bergkamp free kick and courageously dived at the feet of Ljungberg as the Swede prepared to hammer Henry's cross from the right.

Ljungberg had an effort cleared off the line, while Robert Pires and Henry failed to

find the target before Arsenal went in frustrated at the break. They nearly made the breakthrough right after the restart when Henry headed a long ball into the path of Bergkamp but the Dutchman's volley flew straight at the Dynamo keeper. —MNA/Reuters

## Quiroz happy with hard-fought point in Belgrade

BELGRADE, 6 Nov — Real Madrid coach Carlos Quiroz paid tribute to Partizan Belgrade after his side qualified for the last 16 of the Champions League with a hard-fought 0-0 draw on Tuesday.

Madrid lived dangerously at times against an inspired home side, and Quiroz said he was happy to go home with a point. "I think we had the best chances but I am happy with the outcome as we were a bit fortunate at the end not to concede a goal," he said.

"We have qualified for the last 16 but we also want to win the group and there is still work to be done in that sense. "It was a fantastic atmosphere and their fans clearly lifted them to an outstanding performance. We have done well to take four points from two matches against a team of their quality."

Partizan coach Lothar Matthaeus believes his side can still qualify for the knockout stage, although he admits their chances are slim. "By my calculation, we can finish runners up if we win both our remaining matches and Porto lose at Madrid in their final match," he told a news conference after watching his players squander a handful of chances to beat Real. "It's still not over and we will fight till the bitter end. —MNA/Reuters

## Celta beat Ajax to revive Champions League hopes

VIGO (Spain), 6 Nov — Celta Vigo revived their hopes of making the knockout phase of the Champions League with a breathless 3-2 victory over Ajax Amsterdam in Group H on Tuesday.

Celta, bottom of the group following their defeat away to Ajax two weeks ago, went two goals up in the first half with a Peter Luccin penalty and a brilliant Savo Milosevic header.

Ajax, bidding to hold on to top spot in the group, pulled a goal back eight minutes after the restart when Wesley Sonck headed in from Maxwell's cross but midfielder Vagner struck after 63 minutes to restore Celta's two-goal advantage.

Rafael van der Vaart set up a frantic finale when his first-time shot beat Jose Manuel Pinto at his near post with eight minutes to go but Ajax, who had Zdenek Grygera sent off in the final minute, could not find an equalizer.

The result, coupled with AC Milan's 1-0 win away at Club Bruges, left everything to play for in Group H with two games left to play.

Milan took over at the top of the group with seven points, one ahead of Ajax. Celta moved up to third on five points, one ahead of Bruges.

MNA/Reuters

## Beckham praises Matthaeus, hard-working Partizan

BELGRADE, 6 Nov — Real Madrid midfielder David Beckham praised manager Lothar Matthaeus and his Partizan Belgrade players after the two teams drew 0-0 in a Champions League Group F match on Tuesday.

"Lothar Matthaeus has got a good team that works hard for their manager and for each other," the England captain told Belgrade's B 92 television channel.

Beckham said Real Madrid were happy to come away with the draw, which left the Spanish champions top of the group with 10 points and secured a berth in the knockout stages of the competition.

"You never go into a game expecting a goalless draw but the pitch was hard, they (Partizan) worked hard and we are happy in the end."

Asked to compare Partizan with Olympic Marseille and Porto, the other two teams in the group, Beckham said: "They've got a great manager and he is a great person as well."

Partizan prop up the group with two points from four matches, one point behind Marseille and five adrift of second-placed Porto.

The Serbia and Montenegro champions must win their remaining two fixtures and hope other results go their way to progress to the last 16. — MNA/Reuters

## Ten-man Milan snatch famous win in Bruges

BRUGES (Belgium), 6 Nov — AC Milan, reduced to 10 men and without both main central defenders, snatched a famous 1-0 win at Club Bruges in a fiercely-fought Champions League clash on Tuesday.

The result, courtesy of a majestic winning goal from Brazilian midfielder Kaka four minutes from time, lifted Milan to the top of Group H and avenged their defeat by the Belgian champions in Italy two weeks ago.

But this determined and well merited victory for the European champions came at a high cost with the loss of both veteran captain Paolo Maldini and his central defensive partner Alessandro Nesta. Maldini went off injured after 33 minutes and was followed soon afterwards by Nesta, who was sent off by German referee Herbert Fandel after receiving his second yellow card.

Milan, playing fluently, had the best of the first half but struggled to keep a spirited Bruges out in the second when striker Andres Mendoza headed against the bar and substitute Alin Stoica forced a superb save from Dida. Milan had dominated possession and produced flowing football the first half but must have gone in at the interval wondering what went wrong.

Nesta collected his first yellow card for dissent after bouncing the ball in anger when a free kick went against him after he had been fouled by midfielder Ivan Gvozdenovic.

He received his second yellow when he fouled Andres Mendoza in midfield, realizing immediately what

this meant for Milan who were already without captain Paolo Maldini.

Maldini limped off after stretching in a tackle and was replaced by Alessandro Costacurta who became the only recognized central defender when Dario Simic partnered him after replacing striker Jon Dahl Tomasson following Nesta's

dismissal.

The Italians collected another yellow when Giuseppe Pancaro was cautioned for a foul shortly before the interval, his actions betraying the frustration of a side that dominated without reward until Kaka swept in a magnificent 20-metre volley to seal victory.

MNA/Reuters



AC Milan's Ricardo Kaka of Brazil moves the ball down the field unchallenged during a Champions League match against Club Bruges at the Jan Breydel Stadium in Bruges, Belgium, on Tuesday, 4 Nov, 2003. —INTERNET





## Northern Command holds Kathina ceremony

YANGON, 6 Nov — The 31st Kathina Robes Offering Ceremony of Northern Command was held at the Dhammayon of the command on 31 October morning. It was attended by 20 members of Sangha led by Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Wuntho Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Silavamsa, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Commander of Myitkyina Air

Base Brig-Gen Bo Kyi, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun and senior military officers, local authorities, officers, other ranks and families of battalions and unit in Myitkyina Station.

First, the congregation received the Eight Precepts from the vice-chairman Sayadaw. The commander and wellwishers presented Kathina robes and offertories to members of the Sangha. The Sayadaw delivered a sermon at the ceremony. After the ceremony, the commander and wellwisher offered soon to members of the Sangha.

MNA



General Khin Nyunt and members inspect upgrading tasks for Bagan-Nyaung U Airport. (News Page-1) — MNA

## Launching ceremony of Shweli Hydel-power Project held

YANGON, 6 Nov — Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, together with Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, attended the launching ceremony of Shweli Hydel-power Project held in Namhkam Township, Muse District, on 2 November

morning.

The commander and the minister spoke on the occasion.

President Mr Feng Ke of YMEC of the People's Republic of China reported on the cooperation tasks for the project. Afterwards, the commander, the minister and the president formally opened the ceremony.

The commander and the

minister and party viewed round the project site and posed for a documentary photo together with those present. In-charge of the construction project Director U Win Kyi and Deputy Director U Aung Hlaing reported on arrangements and sites for the projects. The commander and the minister fulfilled the requirements.

In the afternoon, the com-

mander arrived at the work-site to upgrade the Union Sports Ground in Muse. Muse District Chairman Lt-Col Soe Win and managing director U Sai Aye of So So Pyi Pyi Co Ltd reported to the commander on works being carried out and future tasks. Afterwards, the commander inspected round the work-site and gave necessary instructions. — MNA



Khaing Khaing Maw (YCDC) wins a silver at the Taijichun contest of the Seventh World Wushu Championship. — NLM

## Myanmar Wushu team bags two silver

YANGON, 6 Nov — Myanmar Wushu team bagged two silver in today's match of the seventh World Wushu Championship which is being held in Macao.

Maung Pyi Wa (YCDC) of Myanmar won silver medal at Jianzu contest. The athletes from China and Malaysia bagged gold and bronze medals respectively.

Ma Khaing Khaing Maw (YCDC) of Myanmar won silver medal at Taijichun contest. China won gold medal and Japan bronze.

In Hsanzo contest (women, 48 kilo division), Ma Thinza Soe (YCDC) of Myanmar beat the athlete of host Macao. She will compete against the athlete from the Philippines.

Myanmar wushu team has bagged one gold and two silver to date. — NLM

## 13th Asian Archery Championship, Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier for 2004 continue

YANGON, 6 Nov — The 13th Asian Archery Championship, Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier for 2004, hosted by Myanmar continued this morning at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) here. Archers from Myanmar, the Republic of Korea, Bhutan, the Philippines, China (Taipei), Malaysia, India, Kirgystan, China, Indonesia and Japan took part in Women Recurve (70 metre) and Compound Event.

In Women Compound, Ms Chen Liyu (China, Taipei), Ms Yap Chow Kam (Hong Kong) and Ms Choi Mi Yeon received bronze, silver and gold medals respectively.

In women's Recurve, Ms

S Lin (China), Ms S Jan (ROK) and Ms S Y Lee (Korea) stood first, second and third respectively. Thin Thin Khaing of Myanmar stood 10th position among 50 archers in Women's Recurve (70 metre). — MNA

YANGON, 6 Nov — The opening of the 18th Myanmar Orthopaedic Surgeons' Conference was held at the hall of Myanmar Medical Association on Theinbyu Road here this morning, with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, the directors-

general and deputy directors-general and directors of the ministry, the rectors of institutes of medicine, medical superintendents, professors, orthopaedic surgeons from abroad, Lt-Col Tun Tun of Defence Services Orthopaedic Hospital (500 bed), Chairman of MMA (Central) Prof U Myo Myint and CEC members, Chairman of

Myanmar Orthopaedic Surgeons Association U Kyaw Myint Naing and CEC members, representatives of general hospitals from states and divisions and interested doctors.

In the address the minister, said according to the guidance of the Head of State, the ministry is making efforts to upgrade the health

standard of the country and to give best health care services to the public. In implementing the projects, development of human resources is a major task. In so doing, altogether four institutes of medicine, two institutes of dental medicine, two institutes of nursing, two institutes of pharmacy, two institutes of paramedical sciences, one community health university, 43 nursing training schools and one dental institute of nursing have been opened under the Medical Science Department.

At present, the number of doctors is 16,570, up from 12,268 in 1988-1989. So also the number of hospitals amounted to 775 up from 631 in 1988-1989. Nowadays, 29 post-doctorate courses, seven Ph.D courses, 25 Master's Degree course and six Diploma courses have been conducted. The main objective of national education development (health sector) is to upgrade (See page 7)



Contestants taking part in the Women's Individual Knock-out Contest of 13th Asian Archery Championship on 6 November. — NLM



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint makes an address at the opening of 18th Myanmar Orthopaedic Surgeons' Conference. — MNA

