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## Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of newly-accredited Ambassador of Republic of Indonesia

YANGON, Nov 7 — Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito, newly accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta at 10 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win and Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.—MNA

*Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito, newly accredited Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar, presents his credentials to State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall. — MNA*



*State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe receives Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito, newly-accredited Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar, at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall. — MNA*



## Secretary-1 and Secretary-2 meet officials of the Ministry of Energy

YANGON, 7 Nov — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein met with officials of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Energy at the meeting hall of the ministry this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, officials of the ministry, directors-general and managing directors of the Energy Planning Department, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise,

Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, and Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise, officials concerned.

First, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported to the Secretary-1 and Secretary-2 on set-ups of the ministry and departments and enterprises under the ministry, responsibilities of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, yearly production of crude oil and natural gas, off-shore and inland gas fields, new inland oil and gas fields, cooperation with local and foreign companies in production of oil and gas, income earned from sale of off-shore oil and gas, production of fertilizer,

tar, liquidified gas and candle, import and distribution, distribution of gasoline, diesel, fuel for aircraft, income of the ministry for respective years and future tasks.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 said he was pleased to know the salient points concerning the ministry and expressed his belief that the points would contribute much towards fulfilling the requirements of the ministry and implementing the national development tasks jointly carried out by the ministry and departments concerned. For the development of political, economic and social sectors of the State, economy plays a vital role.

Being able to build infrastructures essential for the development of the State employing the available investment and resources of the country on self-reliance basis, major economic sectors such as the manufacturing sector, service sector and trade sector have developed gradually. As the country is abundant in natural resources, it is required to systematically utilize the natural resources in the national interest. In production of oil and gas, appropriate measures must be taken not only for boosting production and minimizing loss and wastage but also for improvement of oil and gas production tech-

nologies. Not relying only on the old oil and gas fields, prospective new fields must be explored and oil and gas must be produced in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. As the ministry can earn foreign exchange income for the country, efforts must be exerted for the meeting of the set targets of the ministry. The government has set up correct policies and has been implementing them to strengthen the economy of the State, to promote the living standards of the people, and to develop the human resources of the country. At the same time, the government has laid down seven-point (See page 8)

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## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 8 November, 2003

### Do meritorious deeds on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon

Today is the Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon, 1365 ME. The Union of Myanmar is a country which is festooned with the symbols of Theravada Buddhism. Among many a religious festival in Myanmar, the Kahtein Gala, which is held mainly in the month of Tazaungmon, is prominent.

Kathina robes are offered to members of the Sangha in the month of Tazaungmon.

As now is the time for the Kahtein Gala, departments, wards, markets, schools and organizations are holding Kathina robe-offering ceremonies on a grand scale.

Kathina robes can only be offered during a span of one-month time starting from the day after the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut to the Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon.

The word Kahtein derives from the Pali word Kathina, which means permanence, and it is believed that not only the members of the Sangha but also wellwishers can have five rewards from offering Kathina robes.

The five rewards that favour the monk are: the right to go to the house where he is invited for "soon" without needing to ask for permission of another monk; the right to travel without the consecrated robe; the right to enjoy the "soon" offered by the laity in improper speech; the right to keep robes offered to him; and the right to obtain an equal share of robes donated to his monastery.

Likewise, the five rewards that favour laity who offer Kathina robes are: safe and convenient travel; being resolute in doing things during many existences of life before the realization of Nivarna; living in great wealth with peace of mind; sufficiency of sustenance free from being poisoned; and possession of substance and property indestructible by the five natural dangers.

The Kahtein Gala, a traditional and cultural festival of Myanmar Buddhists, is based on religion. The Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana under the Ministry of Religious Affairs holds ceremonies for the Kahtein Gala as well as for the observance of Thamanyaphala Day on the Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon every year on a grand scale.

Administered in the Thamanyaphala Desana (Discourse) are peace free from defilement, peace free from blemishes, peace with extraterrestrial power and peace with omniscience. Therefore, kind-hearted Buddhists should enthusiastically continue to try to make as much donation as possible in order to enjoy the rewards of the meritorious deeds.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses the opening of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Judo/Acrobatism Tournament 2003. — MNA

### C-in-C's Shield Judo/Acrobatism commences

YANGON, 7 Nov — The Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) Judo / Acrobatics Tournament 2003 for the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield

was opened at the National Stadium-1 of Thuwunna this morning.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander of

Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the ceremony and spoke on the occasion. Present on the occasion were senior military officers, responsible personnel

of the Ministry of Sports, and officials.

A total of 20 teams join the competition, which will be held till 14 November. — MNA

### Shwephonpint Pagoda holds Matho Thingan weaving competition

YANGON, 7 Nov — The opening ceremony of the 13th Matho Thingan weaving competition and Shwekya robes offering was held at the

Dhammayon in the precinct of the Shwephonpint pagoda this evening. Patron of holding the ceremony Minister for Information Brig-Gen

Kyaw Hsan and wife attended the ceremony and the minister formally opened the ceremony.

It was also attended by

Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, directors-general, managing directors, deputy directors-general of the departments under the ministry, local authorities, the chairman of the pagoda board of trustees and members, USDA members, social organizations, religious associations, wellwishers and guests. Chariman of the central supervisory committee for holding the ceremony Chairman of the pagoda board of trustees U Ko Ko Gyi explained the purpose of holding the competition.

The contestants started to weave the Matho Thingan when the minister formally opened the ceremony. Later, the minister and those in attendance viewed round the competitions. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan formally opens the 13th Matho Thingan Weaving Contest and the offering of Shwekya Thingan to the Shwephonpint Pagoda. — MNA

### Advanced Diplomatic Skills Course No (1/2003) concludes

YANGON, 7 Nov — The closing ceremony of Advanced Diplomatic Skills Course No (1/2003), organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at Wunziminmyaza hall of the ministry on Pyay Road this morning, attended by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung. The minister presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers U Khin Maung Win and U Kyaw Thu, directors-general of the departments under the

ministry, departmental heads, Myanmar ambassadors, diplomats, a rector and professors of the universities, officials of the Attorney-General's Office and Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, course instructors and trainees.

The 8-week course included International Law, International Trade, Rules and Regulations of World Trade Organization. Altogether 80 trainees attended the 8-week course. — MNA



Minister U Win Aung presents a completion certificate to a trainee. — MNA

### La Pyay Wun Plaza opened

YANGON, 7 Nov — The opening of La Pyay Wun Plaza was held at the plaza on Signals Pagoda Road in Dagon Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, departmental heads, officials of La Pyay Wun Co Ltd and guests.

Managing Director U Thein Shwe of the company explained facts about the plaza. Director-General of the Development Affairs Department Col Myo Myint and the managing director formally opened the building. Next, Minister Col Thein Nyunt unveiled the signboard of the plaza.

The ministers and guests viewed round the plaza. The nine-storey La Pyay Wun Plaza consists of shopping malls, executive offices, Full Moon Roof Top restaurant and a wedding hall. — MNA



Minister Col Thein Nyunt and guests view shops of La Pyay Wun Plaza. — MNA

### Kathina robes offering ceremony held

YANGON, 7 Nov — The 16th Kathina robes offering ceremony of the Auditor-General's Office was held at the meeting hall of the office this morning.

At the ceremony, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and the congregation received the Five Precepts from Taikoak Sayadaw Bhaddanta Aggadhamma of Singapore Kyaungtaik in Pazuntaung Township.

Next, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung offered Kathina robes and provisions to the Jabuyadana Kyaung Sayadaw of Pazuntaung Township.

Afterwards, Deputy Auditor-General U Khin Win, Director-General of the Auditor-General's Office Daw Thin Thin and staff families offered Kathina robes and provisions to members of the Sangha. — MNA



## UN pulls out last of foreign staff from Baghdad

UNITED NATIONS, 7 Nov — The United Nations announced on Thursday it had withdrawn the last of its 20 foreign staff in Baghdad but about 40 international employees still remained in northern Iraq.

"As of today, all UN international staff have been temporarily relocated out of Baghdad," UN spokesman Farhan Haq said. The group has gone to Larnaca, Cyprus, where they will begin talks next week with UN security officials about whether or when they would return to the Iraqi capital.

The move by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to pull out staff was prompted by last week's suicide bombings against the International Committee of the Red Cross office and four Iraqi police stations in Baghdad. At least 34 people died, 12 of them from the Red Cross, and 200 were wounded.

The attack against the Red Cross was the bloodiest on an international organization since a truck bomb devastated UN headquarters in Baghdad on August 19, killing 22 people.

The bombings have shocked the foreign aid community and stirred concerns

about whether US-led coalition forces could bring order to the country. Medecins Sans Frontieres, or Doctors Without Borders, has also withdrawn its staff.

The August 19 attack against UN headquarters resulted in a sharp reduction of UN foreign staff, estimated at 350 to 550 in Baghdad. On Tuesday, Annan put on leave two senior security officials while the bombing continues to be investigated.

Annan had come under heavy pressure from senior officials as well as the UN staff union, representing some 5,000 employees around the world, to pull everyone out.

But he has had to balance safety concerns with the need to keep a UN presence at a time when countries are pressing for the world body to play a political role in Iraq. An October 15 Security Council resolution gave the United Nations a role in the country's transition, although not a central one. — MNA/Rruters

## US soldier killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Nov — A US soldier was killed on Thursday when his vehicle hit a land mine in western Iraq near the border with Syria, the US military said.

The incident took place at 8:00 am (0500 GMT) Thursday near Husaybah, 320 kilometres west of Baghdad, and the dead soldier was from the 3rd Armoured Division, said the military.

Earlier, the US military reported that another soldier was killed and two were wounded in an ambush south of Baghdad on Wednesday.

The soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division came under attack when fighters fired rocket-propelled grenades and small arms on their convoy near Mahmudiya, some 40 kilometres south of Baghdad, at 8:00 pm (1700 GMT).

MNA/Xinhua

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## Two GIs killed in separate attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Nov — Two American soldiers were killed near Baghdad and along the Syrian border, the US military said Thursday, and Polish forces suffered their first combat death — a major ambush south of the capital.

The number of daily attacks on coalition forces dropped to 29 last week from a spike of 37 the week before, a US military spokesman said.

However, a senior figure from the US-led coalition warned that the Americans and their allies face a "rough winter" of attacks by insurgents.

One soldier from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment was killed about 8 am Thursday when his truck hit a land mine near the Husaybah border crossing point with Syria 195 miles northwest of Baghdad, the military said.

A paratrooper from the 82nd Airborne Division was killed and two others wounded when their patrol came under rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire near Mahmudiya, 15 miles south of Baghdad, about 8 pm Wednesday, the military said.

Their deaths brought to 140 the number of US soldiers killed in Iraq by hostile fire since President Bush declared an end to major combat May 1. A total of 114 US soldiers were killed in action before Bush's declaration. — Internet

## Kidney-related diseases common among Vietnamese

HANOI, 7 Nov — Nearly 20 per cent of the Vietnamese population of 80.7 million suffer from renal calculus, local newspaper *Pioneer* reported on Tuesday.

The number of local people suffering from chronic kidney decadence and associated diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure is increasing. However, Vietnam has few hospitals with blood filtering departments to offer sufficient treatment.

For these reasons, kidney machine departments are always overloaded with kidney patients. — MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia to close tourist resort following flash flood

JAKARTA, 7 Nov — A tourist resort in Indonesia's North Sumatra Province will be closed for six months after flash flood swept through and killed at least 92 people including six foreigners, an official said Tuesday.

The Bukit Lawang resort in the Langkat Regency is among the North Sumatra's largest tourist resort, which contributes to the foreign tourist arrival in the province.

"During six months, this area will be closed for tourists. (The government) will conduct an evaluation to prevent similar disaster in the future," Langkat Regent Syamsul Arifin was quoted by Detikcom online news service as saying. — MNA/Xinhua



A US Army vehicle pass by an Iraqi truck in the outskirts of Fallujah, on Thursday, 6 November, 2003. —INTERNET

## Iran says willing to accept IAEA inspections

VIENNA, 7 Nov — Iran will submit a letter within days to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) formally accepting tougher and short-notice inspections by the UN nuclear watchdog, Iran's representative to the IAEA, Ali Akbar Salehi, said Wednesday.

Salehi said there was no question over Iran's intention to sign an additional protocol to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). He said he could not specify exactly the date, but it is certainly going to be before the IAEA board of governors meeting on November 20, so that they could be informed beforehand and put it on the agenda.

The main dispute in the nuclear tension affecting Iran is over traces of highly enriched uranium inspectors found at two Iranian sites, which the United States regarded as evidence of Iran's secret development of nuclear weapons.

However, the Iranian side insisted that the pieces of equipment which inspectors checked had been contaminated before they were purchased. Salehi told reporters Iran had submitted original drawings of the components of centrifuges used in uranium enrichment to the IAEA, and said this was evidence of Iran's continued cooperation with the IAEA.

The Iranian official also praised the role Britain, Germany and France had played in easing the nuclear tensions of Iran. Iran promised visiting foreign ministers of the three countries in October that it would suspend uranium enrichment, and in return, Iran could get technical aid for the peaceful use of nuclear energy from the three countries. — MNA/Xinhua

## Iran calls for strategic cooperation with India

TEHERAN, 7 Nov — Iran on Wednesday called for strategic cooperation between Teheran and New Delhi at regional and international levels.

Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, chairman of Iran's powerful Expediency Council and former president, told visiting Speaker of Indian Lower House of the Parliament Manohar Joshi that Iran attaches great significance to the Indian people as vanguards of seeking independence and campaign against colonialism.

He hoped that Iran and India would benefit from their high potential in the fields of energy, information technology and transit and attain their economic objectives. — MNA/Xinhua



US Army soldiers guard an area while curious children look on in the outskirts of Fallujah, outside of Baghdad, Iraq, on Thursday, 6 Nov, 2003. —INTERNET

## Iraqi extradited to Australia over people smuggling

CANBERRA, 7 Nov — An Iraqi man accused of people-smuggling was extradited to Australia from Sweden on Friday to face charges over the voyage of a boatload of asylum seekers that sank in 2001, killing 353 people.

Justice Minister Chris Ellison said Khaleed Shnayf Daeed arrived in Brisbane in the state of Queensland early on Friday and would face court later in the day on 12 charges relating to people smuggling which carry jail sentences of up to 20 years.

Daeed also faces one charge of money laundering arising from suspected people smuggling activities.

Ellison said Daeed was believed to have been involved in organizing the passage of two illegal vessels to Australia, including the overcrowded vessel *SIEV-X* which sank in the Indian Ocean in October 2001 as it headed to Australia from Indonesia. — MNA/Reuters

## Middle man reveals negotiations between Iraq, US before invasion

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov — A middle man between Saddam Hussein's intelligence chief and Pentagon advisors said he laid out a possible peace deal in the run up to the war in Iraq but the offer was spurned by Washington, ABC News reported on Wednesday.

Imad Hage, a prominent Lebanese-American businessman, recounted for ABC the contacts he said he made that conveyed an Iraqi offer to open negotiations to prevent an invasion.

Hage told ABC that he met in February with Saddam Hussein's former chief of intelligence, General Tahir Habbush, and in March with Richard Perle, former chairman of the Defence Policy Advisory Board and an influential advisor to top Pentagon officials.

Hage said to avert war, Habbush offered "disarmament" to be validated by US agents and to turn over a top al-Qaeda operative who was in custody in Iraq, according to ABC.

The network quoted Hage as saying that he sent the offer on to officials in the office of US Deputy Secretary of Defence Paul Wolfowitz.

Hage met in early March with Perle in London, a meeting that Perle confirmed, ABC reported. Perle was quoted

as saying that he was prepared to meet with Iraqi officials to discuss their offer, but said he was told by the CIA not to do so.

US officials played down the reports, saying that the contact was one of any number of efforts that were undertaken to avert a war.

"During the run up to the war there were a wide variety of people sending signals that some Iraqis might have interest in negotiation. These signals came from a broad range of foreign intelligence services, other governments, third parties, charlatans, and independent actors," a US official said.

"Every lead that was at all possible and some that weren't plausible were followed up. In the end we are aware of no one in a position to make any deal anywhere near acceptable to the US government who offered such a deal," the official

said.

Asked about the report, a White House spokeswoman said the ousted Iraqi president had ample opportunity to avoid war.

"It was Saddam Hussein's unwillingness to comply after 12 years and some 17 UN Security Council resolutions, including one final opportunity, that forced the coalition to act to ensure compliance," the spokeswoman said.

Separately, *Newsweek* reported that a secret Bush Administration intelligence unit had arranged a meeting earlier this year between Hage and a top Pentagon official.

But the report said the overture never went anywhere, in part, because immediately after the meeting the businessman was detained at Washington's Dulles International Airport on suspicions that he was trying to smuggle weapons out of the country.

MNA/Reuters

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## Britain warns of rough months ahead in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Nov — Britain's special representative in Iraq warned Thursday US-led forces faced rough months ahead due to guerrilla attacks, and US officials said thousands of fresh troops would be ordered to prepare for duty.

"I believe we are in for a rough winter," Sir Jeremy Greenstock said in an interview with the Times newspaper in London, adding British troops could still be in Iraq in 2005.

"(The guerillas) want to try and close Baghdad down and make it look as though Iraq can't work with coalition forces," said Greenstock, British Prime Minister Tony Blair's envoy to Iraq.

Guerillas launched a series of attacks on US troops in Iraq Wednesday, killing three Iraqis and wounding at least 12 people — including five American soldiers. In a raid in the volatile town of Falluja, west of Baghdad, US troops captured two former generals in Saddam Hussein's army, the U.S. military said. It said they were seized in a raid Tuesday that also netted a large weapons cache.

"The two generals were suspected of being key financiers and organizers of anti-coalition fighters operating in and around the city of Falluja," the US Army said in a statement. — Internet

## Another British soldier dies in Iraq

LONDON, 7 Nov — The British Ministry of Defence announced that another British soldier was killed on Thursday in a road traffic accident in the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

The serviceman's family was still being informed and no further details about the incident was immediately available, the ministry said. The soldier was the 20th member of the British Armed Forces to die in Iraq since the United States announced on May 1 that major military campaign against the country was over.

The news of his death came after Royal Marine Corporal Ian Plank, 31, was killed during a coalition operation by hostile fire on October 31.

So far, 53 British servicemen have lost their lives in Iraq since the coalition forces launched war against the country on March 20. — MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi women pass near US humvees at the mainly Shiite Muslim Sadr city neighborhood in Baghdad. Two US soldiers were killed and two wounded in separate incidents in Iraq Thursday. — INTERNET

## Where the wounded go

LANDSTUHL (Germany), 7 Nov — The US effort in Iraq is costing lives, but there's another price being paid, too — in the increasingly high numbers of those being severely injured and disabled. Lives are not only being lost, others are being broken and turned into long-term battles with pain and disability, CBS News Correspondent Mark Phillips reports.

When the 21 injured survivors of Sunday's helicopter attack were flown to the Army hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, they followed a well-worn trail. The facility here has been stretched to its limits.

"We've seen a lot of folks, yes sir," said the hospital's commander, Col. Rhonda Cornum. And the combat casualty rates haven't been falling off as had been hoped — they keep coming.

"Since the 23rd of March up to the 2nd of November we had 912" patients, said Cornum, and that doesn't include the 21 casualties from the helicopter attack.

The attack on the helicopter may have been the biggest single caseload from one incident that this hospital has had to cope with, but it wouldn't have come as a shock.

They're used to big numbers here. Since the combat in Iraq began, including combat casualties, serious non-combat injuries and disease, this hospital has had to treat more than 7,700 US personnel.

One reason for the high numbers of injured is that the troops' flack jackets are keeping many alive who would otherwise be dead. — Internet

## Microsoft puts \$500,000 on virus writers' heads

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov — Microsoft Corp, beset by widespread criticism of security flaws in its software, on Wednesday put up a bounty to track down the authors of two computer bugs that choked the Internet earlier this year.

Microsoft offered two \$250,000 US dollars rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the Blaster worm and the SoBig.F e-mail virus, which infected more than half a million computers, crashed thousands of systems, and snarled Internet traffic across the globe in August and September.

The world's largest software company — which last month admitted that security concerns have begun to affect its bottom line — also said it had earmarked an additional 4.5 million US dollars for future rewards.

Security headaches for Microsoft and its customers are likely to continue at least for the short term. The Federal Trade Commission

has scheduled a news conference on Thursday to talk about a security hole in its Windows operating system.

The Wild West-style bounty underscored the threat posed by viruses and worms in an interconnected world, as well as the problems associated with catching those who originate them.

While SoBig.F and Blaster have caused little lasting damage, other cyberattacks have paralyzed automatic-teller machines, frustrated police dispatchers, and knocked nearly the entire country of South Korea offline. Security experts say future attacks could disable power plants, hospitals or other "critical infrastructure."

MNA/Reuters

## Poland suffers first combat death in Iraq

WARSAW, 7 Nov — A Polish soldier was shot dead in Iraq on Thursday, becoming the country's first fatality since it sent troops to assist its close ally, the United States.

The death of Major Hieronim Kupezyk, 44, is likely to reinforce growing scepticism among the public about Poland's military presence in Iraq. The government vowed no retreat.

"The death of a Polish soldier is a great tragedy," spokesman Marcin Kaszuba said.

"But Poland's forces will remain in Iraq as long as it takes to form a democratic government — and not a day longer."

The soldier was shot in the neck when unknown assailants fired on his convoy near Al Mussayib, a town south of Baghdad.

MNA/Reuters



A soldier of US Army's 4th Infantry Division (Task Force Ironhorse) detains a barefoot Iraqi man during a night raid in Baquba, on November 6, 2003. As deadly guerilla attacks against American forces have been increasing in parts of Iraq, US troops raided several houses in Baquba looking for members of a suspected guerilla. — INTERNET



# Iraqi tribal revenge fuels Fallujah's anti-US rage

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 7 Nov—In the epicentre of anti-American fury in Iraq, US troops with machineguns comb alleyways for Saddam Hussein loyalists, hoping to prevent deadly new attacks on their units.

But people in Fallujah, 32 miles west of Baghdad, say the men firing rocket-propelled grenades at occupation forces are just ordinary taxi drivers, labourers and professionals avenging the deaths of relatives.

With all its high-tech weapons, the US military has overlooked what rules the gritty streets of this town where it has faced many of the most deadly attacks against its troops—the tribal code of revenge.

"Saddam's people have nothing to do with Americans killed in Fallujah. If you

want to know why we hate the Americans so much in Fallujah, look at this," said Muthanna Salih, pulling up the flowing robe covering his stump as he balanced on crutches.

"I was in my house when the Americans started shooting. They hit my leg, they killed my brother and they left me jobless with eight children."

Sixteen other people were also killed in that incident in April, when US troops fired into crowds of protesters just outside Salih's house. American soldiers have

been entangled in Fallujah's tribal quest for revenge ever since. Every time they kill someone in the crackdown on suspected Saddam supporters, they invite the wrath of tribes who can spend decades seeking revenge.

"The Americans hit a roadside bomb and then instead of catching the culprits they just open fire on everyone in sight," said policeman Haitham Abdel Wahab. "That's why Fallujah is boiling."

It's a vicious cycle that is never mentioned by politicians in Washington, who al-

ways blame remnants of Saddam's Baath Party or foreign Islamic militants for killing American troops.

On the ground, Fallujah's hard-nosed people describe the bloodshed in simple terms.

"The Americans killed innocent people. Remember this is a place where two people who get in a little argument over a plant in a field that lies between them, they pull out the guns and shoot each other," said Abu Taha. "If I see an American I will definitely kill him if I can."

MNA/Reuters



A US soldier guards an area near a burning factory in Baghdad Thursday.

INTERNET

## Iraqi ancient treasures found in Baghdad cesspool

BAGHDAD, 7 Nov—Two priceless pieces of Iraq's ancient heritage, looted from Baghdad's main museum in the chaotic days after Saddam Hussein's fall, have been recovered from a Baghdad cesspool, US officials said on Thursday.

The Akkadian Bassetki, a copper statue of a seated man dating from 2300 BC, and an Assyrian brazier carved in wood and bronze dated from 850 BC, were recovered by police investigators, the authorities said.

The Bassetki statue is considered the most important of Iraq's ancient artworks after the so-called Warka Mask of a Sumerian goddess, recovered earlier this year. "I would describe this as a spectacular find and we're extremely pleased," John Russell, an art expert who is helping to restore recovered artefacts, told Reuters. "As far as I can tell their condition is OK, although they still need a bit of cleaning up," Russell said.

No further details were given as to how the pieces were found or who was involved in the investigation. Investigators believe

the Bassetki statue, a 330 pound (150 kilos) cast depicting a man sitting with his legs crossed on the ground, was stolen to order like other highly prized works.

When it was taken it was dragged across the display hall and down the Iraqi National Museum's main staircase, leaving deep gouges in the floor.

The Assyrian brazier, a mobile firebox that a king would have used to keep himself warm, was also highly regarded in the art world and ranked 28 on the list of 30 most important items stolen in Iraq, US authorities said.

While it was initially feared that thousands of ancient pieces of art were stolen during a days-long orgy of looting shortly after Saddam's regime was overthrown in April, experts believe the actual number was much lower.—MNA/Reuters

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## US open to new Iraqi force but seeks assurances

BAGHDAD, 7 Nov—Iraq's US governor is open to the creation of a new Iraqi security force to help hunt down insurgents but is not yet sure local political leaders are prepared to accept his conditions, a spokesman said.

The spokesman said a report in Wednesday's *Washington Post* was wrong in stating that Paul Bremer, the head of Iraq's US-led postwar administration, had opposed the establishment of a new paramilitary force but had now changed his mind.

He said Bremer had never had any objection to setting up new security elements but wanted to ensure they were not controlled by political factions, were integrated into existing command structures and worked in coordination with US-led troops.

"If these concerns can be met, Ambassador Bremer is prepared to engage on the subject," spokesman Dan Senor said in a statement issued late on Wednesday.

"To date, however, we are still learning whether the advocates of a new policy are prepared to work within this framework."

Iraq's US-appointed Governing Council has repeatedly urged the creation of a paramilitary force to tackle the car bombings, gun attacks and other daily violence against US-led forces, Iraqis working with them and international organizations. They argue Iraq's police force is not sophisticated enough for the task, while occupying troops lack the local intelligence to find supporters of ousted president Saddam Hussein or foreign Islamic fighters believed to be responsible for most attacks.

But occupation officials have been particularly worried that political factions—including Kurds and Shiite Muslims—would wield control over the new force by packing it with members of their militias and could use it to fight rivals.

Senor said members of any new force would have to be recruited as individuals, rather than as members of entire groups, and have to undergo thorough training in respecting human rights and carrying out investigations.—MNA/Reuters

## Powell says China playing constructive role in world affairs

COLLEGE STATION (Texas), 7 Nov—US Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday that China is playing a constructive role in regional and world affairs and the United States is seeking a more enduring relationship with China.

"The China-US relationship is growing not just in bilateral sense. Increasingly, our relationship is of global nature," Powell said at a conference on US-China relations sponsored by former President George Bush at Texas A&M University.

Powell praised China for hosting and fully participating in the Six-Party Talks over the nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula, saying China "continues to play an important role" on that issue. "This is just illustrative of the leadership role China is taking regionally and on

the world stage," he said.

Powell also said China and the United States are cooperating in the global campaign against terrorism, describing China as "a responsible permanent member of the United Nations Security Council."

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi police bus blocks the road in Baghdad's suburb of Abu Ghraib, on 6 Nov, 2003 as smoke rises after an explosion in the area. They were no immediate reports on casualties.—INTERNET

## Britain tightens fireworks regulations

LONDON, 7 Nov—The British Government introduced new regulations to combat the nuisance caused by fireworks across the country on Wednesday, which is called the Bonfire Night in Britain. Under the regulations announced by British Trade and Industry Secretary Patricia Hewitt, any firework louder than 120 decibels, the equivalent of a jet taking off, will be banned.

Meanwhile, the sale of fireworks will only be allowed in the three weeks up to November 5 and over New Year, and operators of public firework displays will be required to undergo training.

The government will also impose a new licensing system for the sale of fireworks and allow local councils to revoke the licences of retailers who act inappropriately.—MNA/Xinhua

## British Airways sees passenger traffic rise in October

LONDON, 7 Nov—British Airways said Wednesday its passenger traffic in October rose 4 per cent from last year and is expecting a more stable outlook in its revenues. Europe's biggest airliner announced the result in a statement, saying that "in total, market conditions seen over the last few months point to a more stable outlook for revenue."

In recent years, the world's full-service network airlines have been buffeted by economic slowdown, the SARS virus, corporate travel budget cuts and competition from low-cost carriers.

MNA/Xinhua

## Syria says ties with US most negative in years

DSMASCUS, 7 Nov— Syria, facing pressure over US accusations that it is turning a blind eye to militants crossing its border into Iraq, said on Wednesday its relations with Washington were at their most negative point in years.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Bushra Kanafani, in an interview with *Reuters*, blamed US policy in the Middle East for the deterioration in ties and called for an open and objective dialogue.

"We consider the Syrian-American relationship at the present time is one that is governed by a level of negativity unsurpassed for many years," Kanafani said.

"The reason for this, we believe, is that the American Administration is pursuing a policy in the region

that serves neither American interests nor the interests of the region. It is mainly a policy that is affected by Israeli influences."

US President George W. Bush last week blamed Syria and Iran to enforce border controls to stop infiltrators. "We say, and we repeat, that the border between Syria and Iraq is long, desert and difficult to control,"

Kanafani said.

"We are doing what we can but we call on the Americans, who possess more electronic and other monitoring, to act to control the borders from the Iraqi side."

Syria-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 camp for Palestinian militants in its first strike deep into Syria in 30 years.—MNA/Reuters

## Nepal to form industrial security forces

KATHMANDU, 7 Nov — The Nepali Government is planning to form an Industrial Security Forces to secure major installations and infrastructure against anti-government guerrillas' attack, an Army official said.

"The Industrial Security Forces will be formed under the Army's command as soon as the government sanctions funds for it," *The Himalayan Times* newspaper on Thursday quoted an official at the Directorate General of Military Operations of the Royal Nepal Army as saying.

"At the moment, security bodies are not equipped enough to secure infrastructure related to telecommunication, radio, television, electricity and industries in the private sector, thus the Industrial Security Forces is necessary to secure them from the rebels' attack," said the official, on condition of anonymity.

The government is expected to implement the plan within this fiscal year, beginning from July 16.

MNA/Xinhua



Turkish Islamist protesters set fire to US flags during a demonstration in Istanbul against sending troops to Iraq, on 27 September, 2003. Turkey has decided against deploying troops to help its NATO partner the United States secure postwar Iraq, a government source said on 7 November.—INTERNET

## China begins massive desertification monitoring campaign

BEIJING, 7 Nov— The Chinese Government has launched its third and largest ever campaign to monitor desertification.

Zhu Lieke, deputy director of the State Forestry Administration, told a national meeting on the launch of China's third campaign to monitor land desertification

that the event was expected to last for 18 months and cover 851 counties in 30 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities, confronting the problem of desertification.

More than 10,000 experts, scholars and technicians would take part in the campaign, a record number of personnel.—MNA/Xinhua

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## Iraqi electricity ministry to set up office in Jordan

AMMAN, 7 Nov— The interim Iraqi Electricity Ministry is to establish an office in Jordan to cooperate with the kingdom's National Electricity Company (NEC), the official *Petra* news agency reported on Wednesday.

Under an agreement reached by the two sides, the office will "provide local and international companies with the necessary data on the projects related to reconstructing Iraq and developing the Iraqi electricity sector," NEC Director General Ahmad Hiasat was quoted as saying.

The office will also be in charge of issuing tenders in the field of Iraq's electrical rebuilding, and the tenders will be published in Jordan's newspapers and website of the NEC.

It is expected that the branch will officially open before the end of 2003.

The Jordanian Government has been stressing that it is ready to cooperate with Iraq in a regional electric grid project, which will be completed by the end of 2004.

Jordan hopes that Iraq will soon join the regional electricity grid that is expected to group Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt and Iraq. Four of these countries have been linked in the grid.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iraq to pay Arab League's budget share

CAIRO, 7 Nov— Iraq will pay its share of the Arab League's budget in 2003 before the end of the year, Hamid Ali Abdoun, Iraq's acting delegate to the League, said on Wednesday.

Abdoun made the remark during a meeting with Amr Moussa, chief of the 22-member pan-Arab forum, Egypt's official *MENA* news agency reported. The Iraqi diplomat also voiced his country's desire to work out a mechanism for repaying dues in arrears to the League.

In early September, Arab foreign ministers decided to allow the Iraqi Interim Gov-

erning Council to represent Iraq at the League until an elected legitimate government is formed.

Such an agreement could be seen as the League's official recognition of the council, which was appointed by the US-led coalition forces in July following the ouster of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein three months earlier.—MNA/Xinhua

## Thai PM to reshuffle Cabinet before next week

BANGKOK, 7 Nov — Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said Wednesday that he would work out on a new Cabinet reshuffle, the *Thai News Agency* reported.

Asked by local reporters when he would announce the new Cabinet reshuffle, the Prime Minister said that he had planned to finish forming the new Cabinet by the weekend.

Thaksin also said that he would take qualifications, abilities, performances and appropriateness of targeted Cabinet members into account when making the new change.

The Thai leader, however, did not reveal whether it would be a minor, or a big reshuffle.

Thaksin has reshuffled the Cabinet for three times after he became Prime Minister in the general election in 2001.—MNA/Xinhua

## Cuban press highlights victory in UN over US-imposed blockade

HAVANA, 7 Nov — The Cuban Press highlighted on Wednesday the approval of a resolution by the United Nations General Assembly urging the United States to end its 42-year-old trade embargo against Cuba.

In the state-run daily *Granma*, half the first page was dedicated to three headings: "17th Yankee Defeat," "Victory in the UN Against Blockade," "179 Countries Voted for Cuba, 2 Abstained and 3 Voted Against."

Tuesday's voting was the most important international condemnation of the trade embargo expressed in the

United Nations in the 12 years this resolution has been presented, said *Granma* in an article on the first page with the heading: "The Nations Have Spoken, Let Their Voice be Respected." Similar resolutions had been adopted by increasing majorities since 1992. Though not mandatory, they expressed the will of the international community.

Besides an article "So long, blockade," the daily *Juventud Rebelde* also published pictures of the Cuban diplomats in the UN General Assembly, led by Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque. It carried Perez's speech.—MNA/Xinhua

## Water level at Three Gorges Reservoir rises to 139 metres

YICHANG (Hubei), 7 Nov— As of 3 pm Wednesday, the water level at the Three Gorges Reservoir had risen to 139 metres from 135 metres in June, which will benefit flood control, electricity generation and navigation on the dam.

According to the project design, the water level of the Three Gorges Reservoir will reach 175 metres when the whole Three Gorges Project is completed in 2009.

On June 1, 2003, the Three Gorges reservoir started to fill, and 10 days later, the water level rose to 135 metres, creating the primary condition for the Three Gorges plant to play a role in electricity generation.

Since the reservoir started filling, five electricity generation units have begun operation.

MNA/Xinhua



US Army soldiers set up a checkpoint in the center of Baghdad, on Thursday, 6 Nov, 2003. Two American soldiers were killed in separate attacks near Baghdad and along the Syrian border, the US military said Thursday.—INTERNET



# Positive thinking — key to success

*Yebaw Soe Lwin*

Thoughts come out from mind. And thoughts are the start of a work. In this regard, if a thought is correct, the words, deeds and the mind will be correct too. Thus, the positive thinking is the key to all the positive work.

We will have to think carefully, before starting a work. Practical and positive thinking brings success to us. In this modern age, the art of thinking has been studied and taught as a separate branch of a subject. The oriental countries call the art of thinking — the Abhidhamma; and in the west it is called the philosophy.

Man has the habit of thinking. And thinking is an endless job for man throughout his entire life until death. But the way of thinking is different from one another among human beings. But in general, there can be similarities in the thoughts. Thoughts have an enormous scope. The level of thinking can be divided into different classes based on intuition. Success, developments and failures depend on the high and low level of thinking power. Physical ability and work efficiency differ between one person and another because of the thoughts.

Those of higher thinking become great persons in the highest positions. Philosophers become persons having the power to dominate and manipulate the world. But one must be aware of the fact that great man has high and correct thoughts. Nowadays, mankind is demanding to have a higher world outlook and to widen it. The world is now advancing towards the age of knowledge with greater acceleration. Thus, the development in thinking has become the decisive role in all matters.

In the course of history, great philosophers thought deeply to discover many unknown things and laws of the nature. Thales is the person who first thought about the beginning of all the matters of the universe. He also held the thought — water is the main element of the universe. But Pathagorus, a Greek philosopher born in BC 528 opposed his opinion.

After the great philosophers battled against each other for a diversity of ideologies, there emerged a philosopher called Heraclitus, who said that fire was the start of the universe. Later, another philosopher, Anaximenes, presented an ideology, which said that the air is the thing that moves the whole world. One-hundred-fifty years later, Empedocles said that the four main elements — water, earth, air and fire — play a key role in all the changes of the world.

In the history of early philosophers, we can find that only the great philosophers started to think about the world and find the answers to the problems. The Buddha was born in BC 563. The thoughts of Buddha have reached beyond the boundaries of the world. The Buddha discovered the world of living beings, the world of the nature, the phenomenal world of formation and change and the infinite world of the universe. As the Buddha is omniscience, He taught the mankind that the world was formed with the four elements — the earth, the fire, air and the water. His correct Dhamma or philosophy shows the way to free oneself from the endless circle of life and death. A French philosopher Voltaire once said, "The discovery

of what is true and the practice of which is good are the two important objectives of philosophy."

Every work starts with the thought of a doer. Positive thinking is much important for a successful work. The effects of the work of a person depends on positive thinking or negative thinking. The mind or in other words, the will is the source of all thoughts of a man. Thus, a person's acts whether good or bad will be considered based on his deeds, words and mind of the past and present.

Napoleon Hill, the author of the book "Keys to positive thinking", once said, "positive mental attitude is the confident, honest and constructive state of mind, which an individual creates and maintains".

The outlook will be correct only if the thoughts are positive. Goodwill includes the positive ability. And the ability includes sincerity, confidence, the placing of the loving kindness in the fore, dignity, farsightedness, courage, the will to take responsibility, zeal, leadership ability, the understanding of the time and situation, and sympathy. The person who has the ability can overcome difficulties to achieve success. Although all men have the ability, even the wisest cannot fully use their ability. However the outstanding persons, the great persons and the famous persons can use their ability correctly. But the positive thinking does not always bring positive work. Sometimes, the goodwill cannot bring good results. One must keep in his heart the belief — forgive and forget — to nurture the positive mind. In this way, we can take lessons of the past, as what had happened in the past cannot be amended. After knowing the errors of the past, one will have to amend oneself. And there goes a saying — To err is human, to forgive divine.

We must know our advantages, and must try to find the weak points in time. The main driving force behind progress and continued existence of every individual is to continue to work with better thoughts, if one finds his achievements unsatisfactory. The driving force will change the weak points into advantages and raise the spirit to overcome all difficulties. Then the goal will be reached without fail. The Niti — One must sacrifice himself in the interest of majority. He must sacrifice all for the community and national interest — is a directive for all who have the positive outlook and thinking.

The prosperous and famous persons have never been misled by the negative thinking. And they never achieve the positive thinking within a day or two. The positive thinking comes out from experiences and knowledge. Man accepts the experience which he has encountered. But, in my thought, experience is what one has done according to the situation. But sometimes things go wrong. Not one can reap much without sowing anything. We must understand the ups and downs of life.

In addition, history of mankind serves as the proof to the undeniable fact — only the positive thinking will produce the positive work.

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## Yangon Command Commander inspects jetty upgrading tasks

YANGON, 7 NOV— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe this afternoon inspected tasks for upgrading the jetty carried out by the Working Committee for Upgrading the Jetty.

First, the commander arrived at the briefing hall upgrading tasks for the road on the river bank in Botahtaung Township, Yangon East District. He was welcomed there by Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Managing Director of Myanma Port Authority U Thein Htay, Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tint

Hsan and local authorities.

The deputy minister reported to the commander on situation of pontoon bridges at Botahtaung jetty, measures to be taken for upgrading tasks, laying concrete at the car park, building platforms, installing guard rails, building embankment and constructing base for the High Mast lamp.

The commander gave instruction saying that as parking lot for lorries have been built in Botahtaung jetty area, measures are to be taken to keep the area neat and tidy along the rail road situated between the car park and Strand Road in the township. He also urged the officials for timely completion of tasks

for building the car park and finishing touches for extension of six-lane Strand Road.

Next, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa reported on tasks being carried out by Yangon City Development Committee.

The commander and party inspected tasks for laying concrete at the car park, building platforms, installing guard rails, building embankment and constructing base for the High Mast lamp, growing coconut trees and constructing benches.

The commander and party proceeded Sintodan jetty in Seikkan Township and inspected tarring of roads from the jetty to Wadan jetty, progress of work in building

platform, erecting benches, installing guard rail and other upgrading tasks. He gave instructions to the officials on measures to keep the area green and pleasant along the jetty and tidiness in Yangon river.

They next arrived at Vakara jetty in Kyimyindine Township and inspected construction of the embankment.

Chief Engineer U Nay Lin of Asia World Co reported to the commander on building of embankment at the jetty. Deputy Minister U Pe Than and Col Maung Pa made supplementary reports.

After giving necessary instruction, the commander inspected work being carried out there. — 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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## Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives ASEAN Regional Director of WHO

YANGON, 7 Nov.—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received visiting Southeast Asian Regional Director of the World Health Organization Dr U Ton Mughtar Rafei at 4 pm today at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall on Konmynintha.

Present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and Resident Representative of WHO Dr Agostino Borra.—MNA

## Military attaches and their families visit Northern Command

YANGON, 7 Nov — The study group comprising military attaches and their families led by Head of the Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Thein Swe and Dean of the Military Attaches Malaysian Military Attache Col Harun Bin Hitam, together with senior military officers and their families of the Ministry of Defence, left here by air on 5 November morning and arrived at Myitkyina Airport at 9 am.

They were welcomed there with song and dances by Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun and wife, senior military officers and their wives of Myitkyina Station, departmental personnel and national people.

At the Malikha Hall, the commander briefed on measures being undertaken for the development of the state.

In the afternoon, the study group left for Putao where they were welcomed at the airport by Col Khaing Soe and senior military officers of Putao Station, departmental officials and national races.

The study group visited Mulashedi suspension bridge in Mulashedi Village. Local people presented entertainment with national songs and dances. They were also served with locally fruits and briefed on local products and traditional clothes.

At the dinner held at Khakaborazi Guest House in Putao, the military attaches and their families were entertained with traditional

songs and dances by local national races. The dean of the military attaches and the deputy commander presented flower baskets to entertainers.

The study group paid homage to Myinthaaye Pagoda in Putao yesterday morning. They visited the educative booth on environmental conservation at Khakaborazi National Garden. Officials conducted them round the booth. The study group left Putao by air for Myitkyina in the afternoon.

In Myitkyina, the study group visited Malikha and Maykha confluence and took documentary photos there. Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife hosted a dinner in honour of the study group at Malikha guest house in the evening and presented gifts to them.

The families of Kachin State Peace and Development Council and the Northern Command and local na-

tional races presented the entertainment with traditional songs and dances. The commander and the dean of military attaches presented flower baskets to entertainers. The study group members also took part in the Kachin traditional Manaw dance together with local nationals.

The study group left Myitkyina for Yangon by air in the afternoon. They were seen off at Myitkyina Airport by Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, Myitkyina Air Base Commander Brig-Gen Bo Kyi and senior military officers and their families of Myitkyina Station, departmental personnel and national races.

The study group arrived back here at 2 pm. They were welcomed back at Yangon Airport by Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win and senior military officers. — MNA

Dean of Military attaches and their wives visit the Khakaborazi National Gardens in Putao. — MNA



Dignitaries at the meeting between Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and officials of the Ministry of Energy. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Director U Ton Mughtar Rafei. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win delivers an address at the meeting with officials of the Ministry of Energy. — MNA

## Secretary-1 and Secretary-2 meet officials...

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future policy and programme and implementing it. All the responsible personnel are required to actively participate in the efforts for the all-round development and progress of the State. In conclusion, the Secretary-1 urged those present to strive for the strengthening of the economy of the State and for the realization of the objectives of the ministry under the leadership of the minister.

Next, the Secretary-2 made a speech. In his speech,

he said development level of a country is known by production and utilization of energy of that country. In Myanmar, the energy sector is developing into an economic sector that earns the largest amount of foreign exchange.

It can be seen that the energy sector has the greatest effect and influence on the development of the State. In addition to human labour, machinery is needed to take measures for extended cultivation, boosting the yield of crops and double cropping to ensure the food sufficiency of the State.

And chemical fertilizers become a prerequisite for boosting the yield of crops. Staff of the Ministry of Energy, which provide fuel oil for farm machinery and fertilizers to boost the yield, are required to take innovative measures.

In conclusion, the Secretary-2 urged those present to conscientiously discharge duties with patriotism for the development of the State.

MNA







Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives South East Asian Regional Director of WHO Dr Uton Muchtar Rafei at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta. — MNA

## Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee office opened

YANGON, 7 NOV —The opening of the newly-constructed office of Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee took place at the corner of Bayintnaung and Zawgyun Streets in Thida Ward, Myitkyina, this morning.

It was attended by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, MMCWA Vice-Presidents Dr Kyi Soe and Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, Kachin State MCWA Supervisory Committee Patron Daw Tin Tin Nwe, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, Brig-Gen

Bo Kyi of Myitkyina Station departmental officials, members of various organizations, guests and national races people.

MMCWA Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and Kachin State MCWA Supervisory Committee Patron Daw Tin Tin Nwe formally opened the building. Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe pressed the button to unveil the signboard of the office. Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and guests viewed round the building.

Next, the cash presentation ceremony followed at the same venue, with an address by Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Patron Daw Tin Tin Nwe delivered speeches on the oc-

casion. Afterwards, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented clothes donated by MMCWA to Daw Tin Tin Nwe. Altogether 19 well-wishers including the Northern Command presented the donations of K 8 million to Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Dr Kyi Soe and Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe held talks with members of Putao Township MCWA at Phonkanrazi Hall in the township yesterday morning. At the meeting, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe delivered a speech and presented cash assistance to the association.

Township MCWA President Daw Yam Htu expressed words of thanks. Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe cordially greeted those present. — MNA



MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe cordially greets Putao Township MCWA members. — MNA



MMCWA Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and Kachin State MCWA Supervisory Committee Patron Daw Tin Tin Nwe formally open the Kachin State MCWA SC building. — MNA

## Children's quiz

YANGON, 7 NOV —A quiz for primary students, jointly broadcast by Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information and No 3 Basic Education Department of the Ministry of Education was held at the studio-C of MRTV on Pyay Road this morning.

In the quiz, Ma Hnin Ei San of Sangyoung BEPS-9, Maung Ko Zin Thet of Kyimyindyne BEPS-6 and Maung Myo Zaw Aung of Mingala Taungyunt BEPS-2 stood first, second and third respectively, while the consolation award went to Ma Kay Zin Aung of Kamayut BEPS-2. Officials of MRTV presented awards to winners and parents of contestant students and school boards of trustees gave away gifts to them. — MNA



Foreign Affairs Minister U Win Aung and wife being welcomed by Cambodian Ambassador Mr Hul Phany and wife at the reception to mark the 50th Anniversary Independence Day of Cambodia. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, military attaches and their families take part in the Kachin traditional Manaw dance. — MNA

## Paper reading session of orthopaedic surgeon's conference held

YANGON, 7 NOV — Paper reading session of the 18th Myanmar Orthopaedic Surgeons' Conference was held at the hall of Myanmar Medical Association this morning. It was attended by rectors of universities under the Ministry of Health, medical superintendents, professors, foreign orthopaedic surgeons, the commandant of the Defence Services Orthopaedic Hospital (500-bed), the chairman and executives of Myanmar Orthopaedic Surgeons Association and others.

First, the new executive committee of MOSA for 2004-2005 led by Chairman Prof U Kyaw Myint Naing of Orthopaedic Department of Institute of Medicine-1, was elected.

Lt-Col Tun Tun, Prof U Thit Lwin, Prof U Kyaw Myint Naing, Prof Dr K S Sivananthan of Malaysia, Associate Professor U Myint Thaung of IM-1, Lt-Col Hla Aung of DSOH, Associate Professor Dr Nyi Nyi of IM-2 and Dr Myint Myint Lwin of Orthopaedic Hospital submitted papers at the morning session and Dr Lewis G Zirkle of the United States, Prof U Thit Lwin, Dr Zaw Wai Soe, Dr Christopher, Prof Dr Khin Maung Han of MGH, Prof U Kyaw Myint Naing, Associate Professor U Myint Thaung and Prof Htawee of Thailand in the afternoon session.

The paper reading session will continue tomorrow. — MNA



**PRIZES PRESENTED:** Today Companies Group held the prize-presentation ceremony for the photo contest under the title of "Myanmar Beauty" to mark the 10th anniversary of its establishment at the Traders Hotel on 4-11-2003. The first prize (K 500,000) went to Artist Sein Myint (Meiktila), the second (K 300,000) to Kyaw Win Hlaing and the third (K 200,000) to Nyan Win Aung. — MNA



# RBT coaches being assembled in Myanmar, second step of Myanmar Railways

Article by Kayan Soe Myint (Kyemon) Photos by Ye Chan Myint (Kyemon)



Rail Bus Trailers (RBT) seen on trial at Insein Station.

The Myanmar Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation has four Rail Bus Trailers (RBT) on trial assembled by the RBT Factory (Myitnge) during second

week of October, 2003. The test run reveals the second step of MR to extend rail service in Yangon ring road section.

The Myanmar Rail-

ways launched second generation of DMU 303 and 304 on 6 September, 2003, at Yangon Station.

It is learnt that the four trailers will be pulled by a powerful locomotive with a 250 horse power.

Since 1877, maintenance and assembling of coaches have been carried out at the Locomotive Shed (Insein). Later, rail services was extended and Coaches Factory (Myitnge) was constructed aiming at manufacturing the new coaches.

The RBT Factory (Myitnge) is carrying out the tasks to assemble the new coaches at a low cost, to share the techniques and experiences on building the coaches with foreign countries. Moreover, Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) Machine will be used at the factory to produce more new

coaches.

The present four trailers were constructed in June, 2003, and completed on 5, October. Afterwards, officials had the trailers on trial pulled by Locomotive DR 2033 at 35 miles per hour from Myitnge to Kyaukse.

At present, there are a total of 1,254 coaches including 238 upper-class coaches, 705 ordinary coaches, 28 post coaches and 5,5509 carriages for cargo.

A new trailer has been assembled at a cost of over K 38.7 million. When

imported, a new coach will cost over K 200 million. Therefore, over K 160 million per trailer is saved. The factory will continue to assemble similar six trailers.

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Inner decoration of a new coach assembled by the Myitnge Coach Factory.

## Film Production course opens

YANGON, 7 Nov — The opening of Film Production Course No 3/2003 of the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise of the Ministry of Information was held at MMPE this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, departmental officials, course instructors, guests and trainees.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that film production means combination technology and art. The Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise itself shoots pictures as well as carries out services for production of films. The experienced course instructors will share their invaluable and priceless knowledge with the

trainees who will be able to develop qualitatively and mentally. Thus, the trainees can strengthen their patriotism and will be more skilful in their work. With high qualifications of the trainees, the ministry can produce better results, he noted.

In conclusion, the minister called on the trainees to make endeavours to raise the standard of Myanmar's motion picture, employing the knowledge gained from the course and experience obtained from the work site. He also urged them again to produce more pictures featuring Myanmar traditions and culture and national characters in the interest of the State, and to do their best in order to become competent staff on whom the State can relies.

A total of 33 trainees are attending the six-week course.

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## Drug dealers sentenced

YANGON, 7 Nov — A combined team comprising members of Local Intelligence Unit and members of Tachilek Special Anti-Drug Squad, acting on information, searched suspect Thai citizen Sophon at 5th Street, Hsan Sine (Kha) Ward in Tachilek on 27 March, 2003 and seized him with 950 stimulant tablets. According to further investigation, Daw Nan Aung was also seized.

In connection with the case, action was taken against Sophon, 45, son of U Naing Payshoon of Hosaty Ward,

Palaing Young Township, Chasint Young District, Thailand and Daw Nan Aung, 55, daughter of U Aik Saw, Hsan Sine (Kha) Ward in Tachilek, under Section of 15/19(a)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Tachilek District Court on 24 September, 2003 handed down on Sophon to five years' imprisonment under Section 15 and 20 years' imprisonment under Section 19 (a) and Daw Nan Aung to 20 years' imprisonment under Section 19 (a).

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## Refresher course for doctors (2/2003) opened

YANGON, 7 Nov — The opening ceremony of the Refresher Course for Doctors (2/2003) was held at the health staff training school in Dagon Township this morning. Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint spoke on the occasion. In his speech he quoted the Head of State as saying human resources are the most fundamental for the development of science and arts including medical science, and without the development of human resources, there would be no progress in other fields of learning. Now the government was taking necessary measures in all sectors for enabling the country to be a peaceful, modern and developed one, the minister said. Rural health promotion five-year plan (2001-2006) had been laid down and was being implemented for the improvement of the living standards of rural areas where major-

ity of the country's population resided, he added. The course was designed to enable township doctors to contribute towards the successful implementation of rural development tasks in regions where they were assigned duties. The government, with a view to enhancing the health care services, had provided modern technologies, modern diagnosis systems, modern treatments and medical equipment not only to general hospitals but also to state/division, district, township and station hospitals. Increasing numbers of Myanmar doctors were sent to post-graduate courses in medical sciences such as MSc, DrPH, PhD every year.

In conclusion he urged the trainees to try to promote the health conditions of the people and enhance the efficiency in prevention and control of diseases and resettlement tasks



Khaing Khaing Maw who takes the second gold medal for Myanmar Wushu Team. — MNA

employing the advanced treatments, health policies, management systems, health economy, and social science to be learned at the course, and to lead the health staff to the success of health care services.

A total of 33 town-

ship medical officers are attending the 6-week course.

Also present on the occasion were departmental heads of the Ministry of Health, rectors, medical superintendents, professors and heads of departments.

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Military attaches and their families led by Dean of the Military Attaches Malaysian Military Attache Col Hj Harun Bin Hitam visit the confluence in Myintkyina. — MNA



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



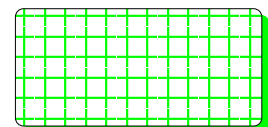
The scenic view of downtown Loikaw, Kayah State, shows the development of the state.

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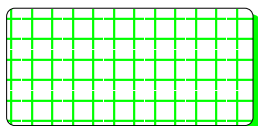


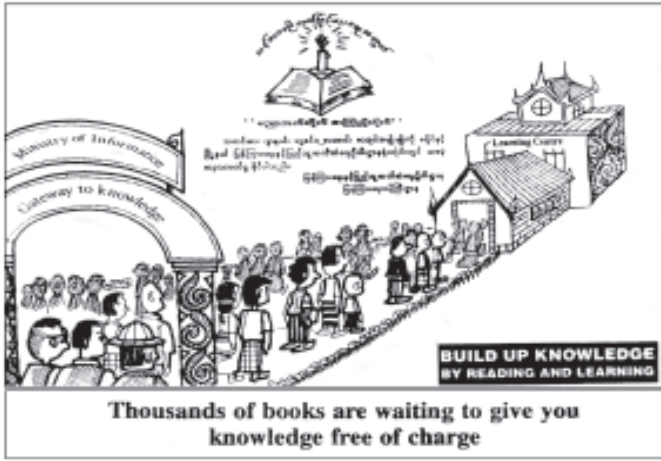
Microwave Station in Loikaw, the capital of Kayah State, serves the people living in the state for their convenience in communication.

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Loinanpha Dam, built on Tikellya Creek near Loinanpha village, Dimawhso Township, Kayah State, benefits 2,150 acres of land. It was commissioned into service on 6 March 2002. — PHOTO: MNA





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## မြည်တွင်းပြန်ကိုအားပေးပါ

### Vietnam removes new Mimail virus

HANOI, 7 NOV — Vietnam's Network Security Centre (BKIS) has updated its most popular anti-virus software in the country to remove the virus Mimail version C that has attacked many computers, BKIS Director Nguyen Tu Quang told Xinhua Wednesday. Mimail is particularly dangerous for computers using the e-payment system E-Gold as it copies confidential database and then send them to the virus writer.—MNA/Xinhua

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- (က) PA System ပစ္စည်းများ
- (ခ) Simultaneous Interpretation System (SIS) ပစ္စည်းများ
- (ဂ) DVD Recording & Duplication ပစ္စည်းများ
- (ဃ) LCD Display ပစ္စည်းများ
- (င) Video Camera & Recording System ပစ္စည်းများ
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- (ခ) ပုံနှိပ်မင်
- (ဂ) ပလိတ်ပြား(အကြီး/အသေး)
- (ဃ) Coating A+B Set
- (င) P.S Developer
- (စ) Developing Lacquer
- (ဆ) Hi Litholod Dev:
- (ဇ) Fixer
- (ဈ) Photographic Paper
- (ည) A3 Toner 5000 N

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- (ဋ) Computer System for Receive Only System.
- (ဌ) Radio Studio Digitalization

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## First vitro fertilization successful in Vietnam

HANOI, 7 NOV — Tu Du Hospital in Vietnam's biggest city, Ho Chi Minh City, successfully conducted a case of vitro fertilization using frozen ovum and sperm. This was the first time that the technique has been successfully applied in Vietnam, local newspaper Pioneer reported on Wednesday.

The 31-year-old mother is now nine weeks pregnant and quite healthy, while the foetus is also well developing. At present, the rate of success in vitro fertilization using ovum and sperm in the world is still low at only one percent, so few international institutions applied the technique, said the paper.

MNA/Xinhua



# မညာရေးပြင် ခေတ်မီပွဲပြီးတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်အံ့



Nicholas Haag plays a video boxing game in the Sony Store at the Sony building, home of Sony Music Entertainment, on 6 November, 2003 in New York. Sony Corporation and Bertelsmann AG announced a preliminary plan Thursday to merge their music businesses, setting the stage for a music company that would vie for world primacy with Universal Music Group. A merger of Sony Music Entertainment and Bertelsmann's BMG, if it comes to pass, would bring together the world's No 2 and No 5 Music companies as the industry struggles with losses blamed on music piracy.

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## Thailand to increase children, youth TV, radio programmes

BANGKOK, 7 Nov — The Thai Cabinet on Tuesday approved a plan requiring TV and radio stations as well as other media channels to increase children and youth programmes as of early next year.

Under the plan, local TV and radio stations, as well as other media channels, including the Internet, mobile phone services, VCDs and video games, are required to observe their active role in promoting the knowledge-based society and family-oriented concepts by increasing children, youth and family programmes, *Thai News Agency* reported Wednesday.

The creative programmes will have to account for 10-15 per cent of the TV and radio stations' overall on-air programmes, with broadcasting periods to be ranged from 60-90 minutes, and to be focused on 04:00-10:00 pm.

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### မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်ယိုစိမ်းနေသည့်သူများလိုက်နာရန်

ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာ နယ်နိမိတ်အတွင်း အစိုးရဌာနဆိုင်ရာများမှ မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးနင်းသူများသည် မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးဦးထုပ်ကိုဆောင်းလျက် မေးသိုင်းကြိုးကို သေချာစွာ တပ်ဆင်ချည်နှောင် စီးနင်းကြရန်နှင့် ဆိုင်ကယ်စီးဦးထုပ် မဆောင်းဘဲ စီးနင်းသည့်ကို စစ်ဆေးတွေ့ရှိပါက ထိထိရောက်ရောက် အရေးယူဆောင်ရွက်သွားမည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ထို့အပြင် လိုင်စင်မဲ့ မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်များစီးနင်းပါက မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်ကို နိုင်ငံပိုင်အဖြစ် သိမ်းဆည်းပြီး စီးနင်းသူကိုလည်း ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူသွားမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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## European space giant eager to expand cooperation with China

PARIS, 7 Nov — European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS) is strongly committed to further strengthening its partnership with the Chinese space industry, said Philippe Camus, CEO of the company.

"EADS is to accompany the expansion of sales in China with that of industrial and technological cooperation with the Chinese partners," Camus told Chinese journalists based in Paris, ahead of his visit to China. Three weeks ago, EADS acquired 5 per cent of the shares of the Chinese aviation and automotive manufacturer

AviChina at a price of 30 million euros (34.5 million US dollars), becoming a strategic partner as China opens the capital of its aerospace industry to foreign investors.

EADS and AviChina will cooperate in the development, manufacturing and upgrade of aviation products, including helicopters, regional aircraft and trainer aircraft.

"AviChina will be a strong partner in long-term projects and joint ventures. The agreement will allow us to reach a new level and quality in the long-standing relationship between the Chinese

industry and EADS," said Camus. As the largest aerospace company in Europe and the second largest worldwide, the EADS group includes the commercial aircraft manufacturer Airbus, the helicopter supplier Eurocopter and the space company Astrium.

In 2002, it realized a turnover of 29.9 billion euros in the world, about 500 million euros in China. Its business in China most came from the sales of Airbus planes. "We plan to double our turnover in China in the next five years. We hope that the growth will come not only from more sales of Airbus

planes, but also from industrial and technological cooperation," said Camus.

As for Airbus, Camus noted that China is to become the second largest aviation market after the United States, with a need of more than 1,600 large aircraft in the coming 20 years. "Airbus wishes to take at least 50 per cent of the market shares," said Camus. Entering into China in 1985, Airbus now has a 28 per cent share of the Chinese aviation plane market, much lower than the 67 per cent of its main rival, the American manufacturer Boeing. — MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese experts prepare for gene studies on endangered tigers

CHENGDU, 7 Nov — China's panda experts are preparing for gene studies on Chinese tigers, or south China tigers as they are called locally, in a bid to better protect the endangered species, according to sources with a recent meeting held in this capital of southwest Sichuan Province. As the largest gene research project on Chinese tigers, the project will focus on the genetic diversity of Chinese tigers and help to reduce inbreeding, which is widely regarded as the cause of the gene loss and deterioration of the species, according to Yu Jianqiu, deputy director of Chengdu Giant Panda Reproduction Base on

Wednesday. In recent years, Chinese tigers kept in captivity have suffered weight loss, deteriorating reproduction capability and abnormal mating activities. About 30 per cent of Chinese tiger cubs died.

So far, no systematic gene studies have been conducted on Chinese tigers and the genetics of the huge animal remains a mystery, said Yu, whose work successfully decoded the genetics of Giant Pandas in 2001.

According to Yu, experts from his institution and other research agencies worldwide will team up to conduct the project. Preparations started three years ago and the project is now

"ready to start", said Yu.

Upon completion of the project, the China Zoo Association will work in cooperation with international conservation organizations to formulate genetic administration project of Chinese tigers and pave the way for the healthy existence of Chinese tigers. The Chinese tiger, or panthera tigris amoyensis, has long been one of the most endangered tiger species and one of the 10 most endangered species in the world. No live Chinese tigers have been found in China in the past 40 years. At present, fewer than 30 Chinese tigers remain in the wild and about 60 are kept in zoos. — MNA/Xinhua

## British "Spiderman" ends protest over father's rights to see kids

LONDON, 7 Nov — The man dressed as Spiderman up a crane in central London came down to the ground Wednesday, ending his six-day protest over father's rights to see his kids but facing a possibly huge charge by causing road closures in central London. David Chick, 36, dressed as his daughter's hero Spiderman, was arrested immediately by waiting police after getting down from the 100-foot crane near Tower Bridge on Wednesday afternoon. Road surrounding the London landmark were closed for the first five days of Chick's protest amid fears the crane would become unstable in strong winds.

On Tuesday, when it became apparent Chick had brought along plenty of food and water supplies and was not intending to try to commit suicide, Scotland Yard decided to reopen the roads.

MNA/Xinhua

## Belgian man saves fish with kiss of life

BRUSSELS, 7 Nov — A former Belgian ambulance driver put his first aid skills to good use by reviving one of his pond fish with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, a newspaper said recently.

Leo Van Aert was so happy about having saved the life of his cherished koi he wants to name it after one of his grandchildren, the *Gazet Van Antwerpen* said. Van Aert, 57, was hosting a party at his home near the Belgian port of Antwerp when his wife noticed the koi—a spotted Japanese carp—floating on the surface of the garden pond.

MNA/Reuters

## Australia starts random drug tests for troops

CANBERRA, 7 Nov — Australian troops will face random drug tests after half of the soldiers recently tested at a barracks were

found to have used illicit drugs, the government said on Thursday.

Urine tests on 97 soldiers at the Robertson Army

Barracks in the northern town of Darwin found 47 of them had used drugs, according to a report presented to a parliamentary committee.

"Any drug use in the defence forces is unacceptable," Assistant Defence Minister Mal Brough told reporters.

Brough said he was confident drug use in the defence force was at low levels but the random tests would be a deterrent and educational tool.

He said that of 3,000 people stationed at Robertson, about 100 had been tested in a targeted interception after reports of widespread drug use.

Brough said about 10 per cent of the defence force's 51,791 permanent staff would be tested under the plan in the first year.

MNA/Reuters



An Indian model wears a necklace worth Rupees 1 crore (\$2.1 million), studded with 261 diamonds, during a fashion show by India's fashion designer Satya Paul, in New Delhi, late 6 Nov, 2003. INTERNET

## SPORTS

## Lucky van Nistelrooy takes leaf out of Law's book

MANCHESTER, 7 Nov—Ruud van Nistelrooy closed in on Denis Law's European scoring record for Manchester United with a display of goal-poaching against Rangers on Tuesday that came straight out of the Scot's own handbook.

That was the view of United manager Alex Ferguson after Dutchman van Nistelrooy scored twice from close range in United's 3-0 Champions League win at Old Trafford to take his tally for the club to 27, one less than Law's tally.

Van Nistelrooy's first came from a lucky rebound off his knee but Ferguson told reporters: "I expect strikers to score off the rebounds, there was one here that almost lived off them for 10 years, Denis Law."

"There's nothing wrong with scoring a scabby goal, you know. You're delighted. I scored a few myself!" added the United boss, a former Rangers forward in his playing days.

Van Nistelrooy's double ended a four-game personal goal drought, although it remains to be seen if it impressed watching Dutch coach Dick Advocaat, who has dropped van Nistelrooy for the Euro 2004 playoff against Scotland after a public row.

"Strikers live on confidence, Ruud is no different," added Ferguson. "You saw the change in his game in the second half."

MNA/Reuters

## Monaco crush Deportivo in record goal feast

MONACO, 7 Nov—Monaco thrashed Deportivo Coruna 8-3 on Wednesday in an extraordinary match that set a record for the number of goals scored in a Champions League game.

There had previously been only one 8-3 result in the elite European competition when Lokomotiv Sofia beat Malmö in the 1964-65 European Cup first round.

Monaco forward Dado Prso became only the third player to score four goals in a Champions League game after Marco van Basten for AC Milan against IFK Gothenburg in 1992 and Simone Inzaghi for Lazio against Olympique Marseille in 2000.

"It's difficult to grasp," said Monaco coach Didier Deschamps. "It's an extraordinary moment to beat a side like Deportivo 8-3 in the Champions League. It's the sort of thing that is unthinkable."

"I'm very happy, it feels great," said Prso who was also celebrating his 29th birthday. "The coach said before the game he would give me a present. It's the first time I've scored four—in training I've scored a hat-trick."

Monaco lead the group with nine points followed by Deportivo on seven and PSV Eindhoven six. PSV beat AEK Athens 2-0 on Wednesday.

The French league leaders led 5-2 at halftime against a hapless Deportivo defence which committed a stream of schoolboy errors and could not deal with the pace and vision of Ludovic Giuly and Jerome Rothen.

Prso's was the second fastest Champions League hat-trick after Mike Newell's for Blackburn versus Rosenborg in 1996.

Deportivo took shell-shocked keeper Jose Molina off at the break but his replacement Gustavo Munua picked the ball out of the net twice within five minutes as Prso scored again and Jaroslav Plasil added a seventh.



AS Monaco forward Ludovic Giuly (2ndL) is congratulated by his teammates Argentinian midfielder Lucas Bernardi (G), forward Dado Prso (C) and Czech midfielder Jaroslav Plasil (R) after scoring at the Louis II stadium in Monaco during their UEFA Champions League, group C match against Deportivo la Corogne.—INTERNET

Diego Tristan, one of the few Deportivo players to shine, scored his second in the 52nd minute but Edouard Cisse made it 8-3 in front of a disbelieving Monaco crowd, including Prince Rainier.

The victory was even more astonishing as Fernando Morientes, the pivot of the Monaco side this season, failed a fitness test and watched the game with his former Real Madrid teammate Raul from the stands.

The first half started with a bang and contained seven goals in about 48 minutes.

A bad defensive header by Manuel Pablo Garcia left midfielder Rothen free in front of Molina and probably the best left foot in French soccer lifted the ball over the keeper.

Deportivo stayed on the offensive but were dealt a second sucker punch in the 11th minute when a superb through ball by Lucas Bernardi put Giuly through.

The midfielder drove forward, rounded Molina and coolly slotted the ball home.

Worse was to come for

the Spanish side when a Rothen corner found Prso alone five metres out and he scored with ease.

Prso added his side's fourth when a sliced clearance allowed Monaco defender Gael Givet to nod across the goal and the long-haired forward headed home.

But while often a joke in defence, Deportivo were consistently dangerous coming forward and Flavio Roma was forced to turn a Tristan corner round the post at full stretch. Tristan was not long denied, however. Receiving the ball at the far post with his back to the goal, he killed it, turned and tucked the ball home under Roma.

Five minutes later Lionel Scaloni made it 4-2 after Tristan's shot was superbly saved by Roma but the Deportivo defender stabbed the ball home in the 44th minute.

The first half scoring was not finished, however, as Giuly drew Molina and played the ball across for the Croatian to tap home.

MNA/Reuters

## Inter held at home by lively Lokomotiv

MILAN, 7 Nov—Inter Milan were held to a 1-1 draw at home by Lokomotiv Moscow in Champions League Group B on Wednesday after a goal from Dmitry Loskov cancelled out Alvaro Recoba's first-half opener for the Italians.

It was another below-par display from Inter who suffered a 3-0 loss to the Russians in Moscow two weeks ago.

Although the result left Inter still top of the group on seven points, ahead of Dynamo Kiev who lost 1-0 at Arsenal, qualification for the knock-out stage is still in the balance for last season's beaten semifinalists.

Lokomotiv, who have five points, are still in the hunt and showed why they could still advance from a tight group with another fine performance.

The Russians were far more mobile and moved the ball around the field with greater ease than their Serie A opponents who were reduced to infrequent bursts forward.

Inter coach Alberto Zaccheroni has instilled greater fight and energy into the side he took over from the sacked Hector Cuper but has been unable to find the creative touch and the fluidity that have long been lacking.

Right from the outset the Russians were positive and precise and they should have had an early lead when Vadim Evseev found himself just three metres out but he mis-kicked and Cristiano Zanetti cleared off the line.

It was a rare moment of individual skill which gave Inter the lead in the 14th minute when Recoba turned superbly to lose his marker on the edge of the area before blasting past Lokomotiv keeper Sergei Ovchinnikov.

Christian Vieri, looking badly short of confidence and fitness, wasted a good opportunity eight minutes later, blasting high over the bar after he had been served a straightforward chance by a Kily Gonzalez pull back.

After the break Inter defender Daniele Adani hit the post with a header from a



Inter Milan coach Alberto Zaccheroni shouts to his players during the Champions League match against Lokomotiv Moscow.—INTERNET

Recoba corner but Lokomotiv drew level on 54 minutes when Loskov's shot from 25 metres took a deflection off Marco Materazzi and beat Inter keeper Francesco Toldo.

If that was a fortunate goal it was one that Lokomotiv thoroughly deserved although Inter went close to a late winner when Ovchinnikov pulled off an excellent double-save to foil Vieri.

The Inter striker met a Thomas Helveg cross with a firm volley which the Lokomotiv keeper parried and then Ovchinnikov reacted well to block Vieri's second attempt.

Inter had another opportunity near the end when Kily Gonzalez burst into the area after a good run down the left but he hesitated, allowing Oleg Pashinin to make a vital saving tackle. — MNA/Reuters

## Juve reach last 16 after 0-0 draw at Sociedad

SAN SEBASTIAN (Spain), 7 Nov—Last season's losing finalists Juventus booked their place in the knockout phase of the Champions League after a 0-0 draw at Real Sociedad in their Group D match on Wednesday.

The draw, combined with Galatasaray's 3-0 defeat away to Olympiakos, means that Juve, who lost out on penalties to Serie A rivals AC Milan in last season's final, cannot now finish

lower than second in the group.

An under-strength Juve were put under severe pressure for most of the match by a much-improved Sociedad but held out for a draw thanks to a fine display from goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon.

The result also leaves Sociedad well-placed in the group and a win in one of their remaining two matches will ensure they join Juve in the last 16.

Juve only had two clear chances on goal in a frenetic encounter, but Sociedad keeper Sander Westerveld saved well from striker Fabrizio Miccoli and midfielder Pavel Nedved in either half.

Sociedad, who lost 4-2 at the Delle Alpi two weeks ago, made a brisk start with live-wire Turkish forward Nihat Kahveci creating problems for Juventus down the middle.

Nihat's strike partner and former Juventus player Darko Kovacevic brushed the post with a snap shot on the turn after nine minutes, but was pulled up for the use of a hand when he controlled the ball.

The Basques had another chance soon after but Valery Karpin was unable to control his header and the ball skewed well over the bar.

The lightning reflexes of Buffon kept the Italian side in the game. The Juve keeper produced a fine full-stretch save to turn the ball round the post after Nihat had sent a neat toe poke fizzing towards the near post.

MNA/Reuters



Brazilian player Giovane Elber of Olympique Lyon celebrates with Diarra after the Champions League Group A soccer match against his former club Bayern Munich in Munich's olympic stadium November 5, 2003. Lyon won the match 2-1.—INTERNET







Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party and laity receiving the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silakkhandha Bhivamsa. — MNA

## Prime Minister attends Kathina robes offering ceremony of Insein Ywama Pariyatti Monastery

YANGON, 7 Nov — The All Private Bus Lines Control Committee (Yangon) held its second Kathina robes offering to 623 members of the Sangha at Insein Ywama Pariyatti Monastery in Insein Township, Yangon North District, this morning, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Presiding Nayaka of the

monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nandavamsa and members of the Sangha. Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads,

local authorities, Chairman of the committee U Myint Swe and committee members, wellwishers and lay persons.

Dagon Myothit (South) Nikaya Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovidha Bhaddanta Silakkhandha Bhivamsa invested the congregation with the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited parittas.

The Prime Minister

presented Kathina robes and offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandavamsa, and offertories to Taikoak Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tilokabhivamsa. The commander, the minister and laity presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tilokabhivamsa delivered a sermon. The General and party and wellwishers shared merits gained. — MNA

### 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 views men's event of 13th Asian Archery Championship and Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier for 2004

YANGON, 7 Nov — The men's event of the 13th Asian Archery Championship and Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier for the 2004 being hosted in the Union of Myanmar was held at the Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) on Waizayanta Street, Thingangyun Township, starting from this morning, attended by Prime

Women Sports Federation, Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lee Kyung-Woo, Vice-President of Asian Archery Federation Mr San Guan Kosavinta, Vice-President of Asian Archery Federation and President of Myanmar Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe, General Secretary U Kyaw Oo and executives, officials of the

Uzbekistan, Indonesia, Thailand, Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea, Vietnam, Mongolia and Bangladesh took part in Men's Recurve and Men's Compound (70 metre).

The Korean ambassador presented the gold medal to Mr C Wang of China (Taipei), winner of Men Compound event, silver

President of Asian Archery Federation and President of Myanmar Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe together with the prize winning athletes posed for a documentary photo.

The events of Women's Recurve and Compound Team and Men's Recurve and Compound Team continue tomorrow. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt watches the performance of a contestant in Men Compound event of the 13th Asean Archery Championship. — MNA



## Myanmar Wushu team wins second gold medal

YANGON, 7 Nov — The Myanmar Wushu team won another gold medal at the end of yesterday evening's programmes of the 7th World Wushu Championship, which is being held in Macao.

The athlete who took the second gold medal for the Myanmar Wushu team is Khine Khine Maw, who won

the medal in Taijijian event. Athletes from Japan and Vietnam stood second and third respectively in the event.

Maung Zaw Zaw Moe of Myanmar fetched a grade-4 honourable award in Nanchun event, and Hong Kong, Malaysia and Vietnam stood first, second and third respectively. In Sanso event, Ma Thinza

Soe (YCDC) of Myanmar hammered her Philippine rival 2-0 in the women's 48-kilo category of Sanso semi-final. She will meet the Chinese athlete in the final.

The Myanmar Wushu team has so far bagged two gold, two silver and one grade-4 honourable award in the championship. — NLM

Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Holding the Competition Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and members of leading committee, members of the panel of patrons of Myanmar

State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, manager and leaders of the archery teams of the respective nations, athletes, teachers and students, trainees of the Sports and Physical Education Institute and Sports Plus Education Training School and enthusiasts.

A total of 90 archers from Myanmar, Kazakhstan, India, Iran, Singapore, China (Taipei), Bhutan, Laos, Qatar, China, Japan, Malaysia,

medal to Mr N P Khoom of Malaysia and bronze medal to Mr Y J Jo (ROK). Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented gold medal to Mr D W Lee (ROK), silver medal to Mr K M Park (ROK) and bronze medal to Mr M H Yamamoto of Japan.

After the prize presentation ceremony, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Korean Ambassador Mr Lee Kyung-Woo, Vice-