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Senior General Than Shwe receives Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith and Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra. — MNA

Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Lao PDR and Thailand call on Senior General Than Shwe

YANGON, 11 NOV— Prime Minister of Cambodia Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Boungnang Vorachith and Prime Minister of Thailand Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, who are currently here to attend the Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy hosted by Myanmar, paid a courtesy call on Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the Credentials Hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw building on Pyay Road this morning.

Present on the occasion together with Senior General Than Shwe were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-

in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win.

Also present together with the visiting prime ministers were Senior Minister Minis-

ter of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia Mr Hornamhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR Mr Somsavat Lengsavad and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Dr Surakiart Sathirathai.

After the call, Senior General Than Shwe and members, Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Lao PDR and Thailand and members posed for documentary photos.

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Senior General Than Shwe hosts luncheon in honour of Cambodian, Laotian and Thai PMs

YANGON, 11 NOV— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe hosted lunch in honour of Prime Minister of Cambodia Mr Samdech Hun Sen and members, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Boungnang Vorachith and members and Prime Minister of Thailand Dr Thaksin Shinawatra and members, who are currently here to attend the Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy hosted by Myanmar, at the hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw building on Pyay Road today.

The luncheon was also attended by Vice-

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the ministers, the deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassadors to Cambodia, LPDR and Thailand and the directors-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Government Office, the President's Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe hosts a luncheon in honour of Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith and Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra. — MNA

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Perpetuation of independence and sovereignty, duty of all Union nationals

The Union of Myanmar is a sovereign nation. The duty of preserving and safeguarding the national independence and sovereignty rests with all the national people living in the Union and their descendants.

Myanmar had stood for centuries as an independent and sovereign nation before it was annexed by the colonialists after three aggressive wars. The people of Myanmar had to live under the colonialists rule for over a hundred years.

However, the national people of the Union put up a continuous resistance against the colonialists and fascists till they regained their freedom.

Although it is nearly 56 years now that the Union of Myanmar has become independent again, it is still suffering from the grave consequences of the evil legacy left by the colonialists. Moreover, the neo-colonialists are also maneuvering through various ways and means to manipulate our nation.

Therefore, the Government is essaying to safeguard the national independence and sovereignty regained through loss of many lives and limbs. The younger generations should know how the colonialists economically, culturally and socially exploited a nation and a people that had lost their freedom and how their ancestors made sacrifices to win back the independence of their nation. Only then will the younger generations come to value the status of an independent nation and people.

Now is the time when the State Peace and Development Council and the entire national people, with the object of safeguarding the independence and sovereignty, are making concerted efforts to successfully realize the seven-point policy programme. This policy programme is the roadmap drawn up with a national outlook for the emergence of a genuine democracy.

In accordance with the policy programme and with the participation of people, step-by-step implementation will have to be made for the emergence of a modern and developed democratic nation.

The Government is fulfilling all the necessary requirements for the harmonious development of all the regions in the Union. The State is now on the right path to development. At such an opportune time, the national people will have to lend themselves to the task of building the nation into a peaceful and developed one.

We would like to call upon the national people to safeguard the national independence and sovereignty so that Myanmar can stand proudly among other nations of the world eternally.



Myanmar Wushu Team left for China on November 11 to undergo training there for XXII SEA Game in Vietnam on 5-13 December. — MNA

Thai Prime Minister and party visit Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 11 Nov—The Thai delegation led by Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra who arrived here to attend the summit meeting on economic cooperation strategy of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Myanmar visited the Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday evening.

Accompanied by Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and officials, the delegation members at 10 pm arrived at the pagoda, where they were welcomed by members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and officials.

Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra donates cash to Shwedagon Pagoda through Pagoda Board of Trustees on 11 November.

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tees and officials.

Next, the visiting prime minister and party paid homage to the pagoda.

Afterwards, the visiting prime minister and party inspected the bell of King Thawaddy at the north-east of the pagoda and paid homage to Kakuthandha Buddha Image kept at the prayer hall of the eastern archway.

Next, the visiting prime minister signed in the visitors' book and donated cash for the pagoda through member of PBT U Khin Maung Myint, and left the pagoda.

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Health Minister views cleft lip and palate surgery

YANGON, 11 Nov — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, together with Director-General of the Health Department Dr Wan

Maung, Deputy Director-General of the Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) Col Than Aung and officials, this

morning viewed the medical treatment given at the Department of Plastic, Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery of the Yangon

General Hospital jointly performed by Myanmar surgeons and Interplast of Australia.

The minister greeted Medical Superintendent Dr Teik Wan, Professor Dr Khin Maung Lwin and officials, and six-member Interplast led by Dr Gary Buckland and Dr Jeremy Hunt and members and discussed matters on technical cooperation between the two countries.

The Interplast, in cooperation with Myanmar surgeons, gave treatment to 43 cleft lip and palate patients in June, 2001, and 70 patients to June, 2002. The Interplast group arrived here to give treatment to 70 patients.

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Interplast group, Australia, gives treatment to cleft lip and palate patient on 11 November at the Department of Plastic, Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery. — MNA

8th Myanmar-Thailand Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Law Enforcement Cooperation held in Taunggyi

YANGON, 11 Nov — The 8th Myanmar-Thailand Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Law Enforcement Cooperation was held at Aye Thar Yar Golf Resort Hotel, Taunggyi in Shan State at 9 am today. Present on the occasion were Myanmar delegation led by Secretary of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Thai delegation led by Secretary-General of ONCB Police Maj-Gen Chidchai Vanasatidya and heads of department.

At the meeting, the two sides discussed matters

on drug seizures in the two countries, measures taken for the 15-year drug elimination plan in Myanmar, assistance provided by Yongkha project of Thailand, destruction of poppy

seeds and prevention of poppy cultivation according to New Destiny Project, decreasing of cultivation and production of poppy according to data collected by the United States of America and

UNODC. Moreover, they also discussed drug control and prevention, development of poppy-substitute and future tasks. Similar meeting at low level was held on 10 November 2003.—MNA



The 8th Myanmar-Thailand Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Law Enforcement Cooperation in progress. — (CCDAC)

Painting competition at Myanmar-Tong Tah Trade Fair

YANGON, 11 Nov — With the permission of the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar-Tong Tah Trade Fair 2003 will be held at Yangon Trade Centre on Pazundaung Street from 26 to 30 November. The trade fair will include exhibition of goods, demonstration and painting competition.

The outstanding artists in different levels will be presented handsome prizes. Those who are interested may register at Building 3, Room (4/5), Botahtaung Pagoda Road, Pazundaung Township (Tel: 295613/ 298128) not later than 15 November.

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A well-wisher makes cash donation to the fund raising committee for holding of Sarsodaw Day for 1365 ME.—MNA

US-backed mayor of Iraq's Sadr City killed in clash with US troops

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov—Mohannad Ghazi al Kaabi, the US-backed mayor of the Shiite-populated Baghdad district of Sadr City, has been shot and killed in an altercation with American troops, the US military said. The US Central Command said the clash, which is now being investigated, took place at the building housing the district advisory council, of which Kaabi was chairman.

"This incident reportedly occurred as a result of a confrontation following Mohannad's refusal to follow instructions from the on-site security official, who was enforcing security procedures stemming from recent car bombing incidents in accordance with standard rules of engagement," the command said in a statement.

A shot fired during the altercation wounded the mayor in the lower extremities, the military said.

Although he was given immediate medical assistance on the scene of the incident and quickly taken to a US military hospital, Kaabi was pronounced dead upon arrival, according to the statement.

The command did not reveal who fired the shot. Nor did it offer any details about the nature of Kaabi's wounds.

A military coalition official contacted by telephone by AFP said he was unable to provide any further details.

It was not immediately clear what implications Kaabi's killing would have on the sprawling and politically sensitive Sadr City, which is home to two million Baghdad Shiites.

Formally known as Saddam City, this part of the Iraqi capital was renamed after Ayatollah Mohammed Baqer al-Sadr, a spiritual leader of Iraqi Shiites believed to have been assassinated by the Saddam Hussein government in 1999.

Various Shiite clerics, as well as the US occupation authority, have been competing for the hearts and minds of its residents since the ouster of the Saddam Hussein regime last April.—*Internet*

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Turkey says US troops battled Kurd rebels in Iraq

ANKARA, 11 Nov— Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul said on Monday US troops and Iraqi Kurdish forces had clashed at the weekend with Turkish Kurdish rebels holed up in northern Iraq.

Ankara, which last Friday withdrew an offer to send troops to help the United States secure Iraq, has been pressing US forces there to crack down on separatist fighters from Turkey's banned Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK).

"It is true that clashes took place yesterday. Not only US forces but also Kurdish 'peshmerga' fighters were involved in engaging the PKK. Some US helicopters were also deployed (against the PKK)," Gul told reporters.—*MNA/Reuters*

Cambodia celebrates 50th Independence Day

PHNOM PENH, 11 Nov— Cambodia on Sunday held a grand ceremony in Phnom Penh to mark the 50th Independence Day. King Norodom Sihanouk presided over the celebration.

The King said, "Independence was the great success of Cambodian people because we have a great unity. When we are united, we will get great success." Premier Hun Sen and other high ranking officials participated in the ceremony.

MNA/Xinhua



US-picked Baghdad official dies after being shot by US soldiers.—*INTERNET*

Thai researcher wins UNESCO prize

BANGKOK, 11 Nov— The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will Monday award a Thai researcher with the Albert Einstein Prize for his invention of a machine for drying unhusked rice, *Thai News Agency* reported Monday.

Professor Somchat Sopphonronnarit, the Thai researcher from the Faculty of Energy and Materials of King Mongkut's University of Technology, expressed pride at having won the prize, which will be handed over during a ceremony in the Hungarian capital of Budapest to mark the World Science Day.

The professor wins the prize for alternative energy.

Somchat said that the invention after 12 years of research was economically beneficial. It can dry out unhusked rice with a high humidity level rapidly and evenly, without damaging the rice grains. After only 1.5-2 minutes, 8 per cent to 10 per cent of the humidity could be lost.

Moreover, the heat generated during the process can be recycled.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Bollywood extravaganza in Singapore

MUMBAI, 11 Nov — In an effort to promote 'Destination Singapore' in Asia, top Bollywood stars like Shah Rukh Khan, Rani Mukherjee, Saif Ali Khan and Priyanka Chopra would perform at a cultural extravaganza in Singapore on 30 November.

The show is part of Singapore Tourism Board's marketing campaign launched in June 2003, which aims at generating global visitor arrivals of four million by the year end. "We are happy to hold a show of this magnitude for the first time in Singapore. This event will definitely put Singapore on the entertainment and lifestyle map of Asia", Singapore Tourism Board Area Director Romen Bose said.

MNA/PTI



Winfred Omwakwe (L) of Kenya, Miss Earth 2002, transfers her crown to Dania Prince, 25, of Honduras after winning the new Miss Earth beauty pageant, which organizers call "the beauty pageant focusing on the environment," in Manila on 9 November, 2003. The 'Beauties for a Cause' contest requires contestants to be involved in projects to protect and enhance the environment. — *INTERNET*

India test-fires "Brahmos" missile

NEW DELHI, 11 Nov — The *Brahmos* supersonic cruise missile was successfully test-fired for the fifth time from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur-on-sea on Sunday.

The missile was test-fired from a mobile launcher at 12:04 hours, the *Press Trust of India* reported.

After achieving the precision guidance capability in surface-to-surface version from a fixed launcher in its fourth trial on 29 October, the missile was test-fired to check its other parameters on Sunday, defence sources told the *PTI*.

The present version of *Brahmos*, the product of an

Indo-Russian joint venture weighing about three tons, can strike a target located 290 kilometres away. The missile is eight-metre long and carries a conventional war-head weighing about 200 kilograms.

A two-stage vehicle, the missile's propulsion consists of a solid propellant booster and liquid propellant ramjet system.

Brahmos is the first and only supersonic cruise mis-

sile using liquid ramjet technology. It cruises in the atmosphere at speed faster than sound.

The first demonstration flight took place in a vertical configuration on 12 June, 2001 while the second was fired from an inclined plane on 28 April, 2002. The third launch was conducted from a warship of the Navy in the Bay of Bengal on 12 February, 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepal's first "IT" Park to be operational soon

KATHMANDU, 11 Nov — The first Information Technology (IT) Park of Nepal will be operational from April next year, a high-ranking Nepali Government official said.

"The government is fully committed to adopting proactive measures and pragmatic policies to promote IT related business in Nepal," *The Himalayan Times* newspaper on Monday quoted Finance Minister Prakash Chandra Lohani as saying.

The construction of the IT park, which was delayed by two years due to lack of fund, is now at its final stage, Lohani said while inspecting

the park at Banepa municipality of Kavre District, some 50 kilometres east of Kathmandu.

The government has allocated 70 million Nepali rupees (nearly one million US dollars) to expedite the construction works, he noted, adding that the IT park, the country's first of its kind, will be completed at a cost of 250 million rupees (3.42 million dollars).

Following the completion of construction, the park, which will engage in producing computer software and running IT related business, will attract more investment in IT business, he said. It is expected that the IT park will provide direct employment to 1,000 people in the first phase and then 4,000 IT personnel will be employed in the second phase, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

US eyes alternatives to Iraqi council

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov — The Bush Administration is developing possible alternatives to the council to ensure that the United States can turn over political power at the same time and pace that troops are withdrawn, *The Washington Post* reported Sunday.

According to the newspaper, increasingly alarmed by the failure of Iraq's Governing Council to take decisive action, the United States is deeply frustrated with its hand-picked council members because they have spent more time on their own political or economic interests than in planning for Iraq's political future, especially selecting a committee to write a new Constitution.

"We're unhappy with all of them. They're not acting as a legislative or governing body, and we need to get moving," the newspaper quoted a well-placed US official as saying on the condition of anonymity. "They just don't make decisions when they need to," the official added.

Ambassador Robert Blackwill, the new US National Security Council official overseeing Iraq's political transition, begins an unannounced trip this

weekend to Iraq to meet with Iraqi politicians to drive home that point.

Blackwill is also discussing US options with Paul Bremer, civilian administrator of the US-led Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, US officials said.

Among several options, the United States is considering a French proposal, earlier rejected, to create an interim Iraqi leadership that would emulate the Afghanistan model.

The Bush Administration is also considering changing the order of the transition if it looks as though it could drag on much longer than the United States had planned.

The United States has long insisted that a new Constitution was the essential first step and elections the final phase in handing over power.

But now US officials are exploring

the possibility of creating a provisional government with effective sovereignty to govern until a new Constitution is written and elections held.

Despite its frustrations with the effectiveness of the Iraqi council, the Bush Administration holds publicly that it is not yet at the point of abandoning the council.

"Ambassador Bremer is working with the Governing Council," a White House official said Saturday.

"Our priority focus now in working with the council is to formulate a plan to meet the December 15 deadline outlined in UN Resolution 1511, which calls for the council to formulate a timetable and programme for the drafting of a new Constitution and for the holding of democratic elections under that Constitution," the official added.

MNA/Xinhua

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UN sees no sign of Iran nuke bomb plans

VIENNA, 11 Nov — The UN nuclear watchdog will say in a new report that it has found no signs of a secret atomic weapons programme in Iran, diplomats said on Monday.

"They don't have any indications of a weapons programme," a Western diplomat, who follows the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) closely, told *Reuters*.

In Moscow, Iran told Russia it was temporarily suspending its disputed uranium enrichment programme from Monday and was giving a letter to the IAEA agreeing to sign a more intrusive inspection regime under the Additional Protocol.

"I officially announce that today we are giving to the IAEA a letter agreeing with the additional protocol. From today we are temporarily suspending our process of uranium enrichment," Hassan Rohani, head of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, told Russian President Vladimir Putin. — MNA/Reuters

UN team to start talks on future in Iraq

NICOSIA, 11 Nov — United Nations staff pulled out of Iraq amid security concerns start week-long consultations in Cyprus on Tuesday to assess their future operations in the war-ravaged country.

The UN officials will hold talks in the Cypriot capital Nicosia and their recommendations will be passed on to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. "This is essentially a review of what we have done and what we can do better," UN spokeswoman Veronique Taveau told *Reuters* on Monday, adding that security would also obviously

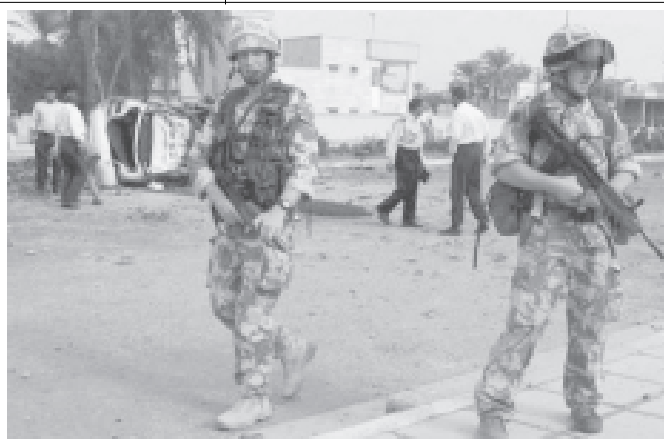
be on the agenda. The United Nations announced last week that it had withdrawn the last of its 20 foreign staff in Baghdad. The pullout was prompted by suicide bombings against the International Committee of the Red Cross and four Iraqi police stations in Baghdad on 27 October that killed at least 34 people. — MNA/Reuters

Peru to participate in UN peace-keeping missions

LIMA, 11 Nov — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo will sign on Tuesday a memorandum of understanding for the Peruvian troops to take part in the UN peace-keeping operations.

Diplomatic sources said Sunday the signing will be during Annan's visit in Peru from Monday. The UN chief is currently on a Latin American tour.

The document will define the participation of the military in the UN-led peace-keeping missions, with equipment and personnel, as well as the number of troops, the equipment and supplies. — MNA/Xinhua



British Army soldiers and Iraqi policemen secure the site where a roadside bomb destroyed a minibus in the southern city of Basra on Tuesday. A bomb planted on a street in the southern city of Basra tore apart a minibus Tuesday, killing at least three Iraqis. — INTERNET



An Iraqi boy collects real bullets while playing at bullet casings garbage dump in Baghdad's suburb of Al-Talibea on 8 November, 2003.

INTERNET

UNICEF hails India's efforts in education, polio eradication

NEW DELHI, 11 Nov — In a sharp contrast to UNESCO observations, UNICEF on Monday said India had shown a significant improvement in the field of education, particularly those of girls, and lauded the "enormous" effort being made in the country to eradicate polio.

"There has been a significant improvement in the field of education in India, particularly in narrowing the gender gap by educating more girls", UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy, who is here to attend the high-level group meeting on Education for All, told a group of reporters. Noting that India

had put in place the fundamental infrastructure for education for all, she expressed confidence that the country would be able to achieve the goal.

"We don't merely look at figures. We look at the trend and it is encouraging," Bellamy said but added that "more" needed to be done in

this field.

The UNICEF's chief's views contrast those of another UN educational body UNESCO which said in a report last week that gender parity in education for girls remains a distant prospect in India despite "slow but significant progress" achieved in 1990s. — MNA/PTI

Britain heads for housing shortage

LONDON, 11 Nov — Britain is heading for a dire shortage of new homes as demand for houses outstrips supply, the country's largest mortgage lending bank said Saturday.

The bank, Halifax, said that unless the rate of house building picks up, there would be a shortfall of 453,000 homes within 10 years with the shortages being most acute in London and south-east England. The bank's research found that, as a result of marital breakdowns and people marrying later, the number of households is increasing by 200,000 a year.

However, in 2001, just 162,000 new properties were built, the latest data available showed.

"This shortage of supply will continue to push house prices up and make it even harder for people, particularly first-time buyers, to get onto the housing ladder," Martin Ellis, chief economist at Halifax, said. — MNA/Xinhua

Germans snatch up fifth Harry Potter book

BERLIN, 11 Nov — Thousands of German fans of Harry Potter, many wearing pointed wizard's hats and round spectacles, stormed bookshops on Saturday as the German-language version of the fifth installment of the magic school saga went on sale.

Many stores hosted special parties to celebrate the midnight launch of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, two million copies of which were in the first German print run. J K Rowling's original had a worldwide first print run of 12 million copies when it was launched this summer.

Deutsche Post, the German postal service, offered a special service to cope with demand, laying on 5,000 staff to deliver more than 100,000 copies shortly after midnight. It expected to deliver more than 500,000 copies in total on Saturday.

The German arm of web retailer Amazon.com said more than 150,000 customers had ordered the book in advance.

Carlsen Publishers said it has sold about 15.5 million of the first four books in the Potter epic in Germany.

German readers had a foretaste of the book last month after Rowling gave magazines sold by homeless people the exclusive rights to print the first chapter of the book. — MNA/Reuters

IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION

Another US soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov— US administrator Paul Bremer said on Monday that Iraqi and foreign fighters would step up attacks to stop reconstruction, and a weekend grenade attack killed another US soldier south of Baghdad.

In the latest lethal attack, a US soldier of the 18th Military Police Brigade was killed by a rocket-propelled grenade on Sunday west of Iskandariya, about 30 miles south of Baghdad, a US military spokesman said.

The death brought to 151 the number of American soldiers killed in hostile action since President Bush declared major combat in Iraq over on 1 May.

"Consequences of us not succeeding here would be very grave. They are for the Iraqis fatal, perhaps for the Middle East almost as fatal," Bremer told the *Times*.

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The Jawal family looks over a bomb crater created the day before near their family home in the restive Iraqi town of Falluja on 10 November, 2003. The Jawal family was one of the few in this flashpoint town who liked the Americans - until the US F-16 jets dropped 500-pound bombs near their home, wounding several family members.—INTERNET



Smoke billows from a US Bradley fighting vehicle following an attack near Fallujah. US overseer in Iraq Paul Bremer has warned of further attacks in the coming months.—INTERNET

US soldiers man a check point at a village outside Tikrit, 110 miles north of Baghdad in this file photo. A US soldier has been killed in a rocket-propelled grenade attack south of the Iraqi capital, the US military said on Monday.—INTERNET



Soldiers of US Army's 4th Infantry Division (Task Force Ironhorse) hold their weapons at ready during a raid in the suburbs of Baquba, on 9 November, 2003. —INTERNET

Casualty of US troops in Iraq rises to 394

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov— As of Monday, 10 Nov, 394 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq according to the Department of Defence. The British military has reported 52 deaths; Denmark, Spain, Ukraine and Poland reported one each.

On or since 1 May, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 256 US soldiers have died in Iraq, according to the latest Defence Department figures.

Since the start of military operations, 1,938 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department's figures as of Monday. Non-hostile injured numbered 341. The latest deaths reported by US Central Command:

—A US military police soldier was killed in a rocket-propelled grenade attack south of Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defence:

—Staff Sgt Gary L Collins,

32, of Hardin, Texas, was killed Nov. 8 in Fallujah, Iraq. Collins was riding in a Bradley Fighting Vehicle when it hit an improvised explosive device. The soldier died of his injuries. Collins was assigned to 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, based in Fort Riley, Kan.

— Sgt Nicholas A

Tomko, 24, of Pittsburgh, Pa, was killed Nov 9 in Baghdad. Tomko was the door gunner in a convoy vehicle when his team came under small arms attack. The soldier died of his injuries. Tomko was assigned to the 307th Military Police Company, US Army Reserve, New Kensington, Pa.

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An Iraqi girl has her bags searched by an armed guard upon entering her secondary school in the capital Baghdad in this November 1 file photo. With its suicide bombings, shootings and kidnappings, Baghdad is far from safety.

INTERNET

Iraqis vow to keep to timetable for power handover

BAGHDAD, 11 Nov — Iraq's Foreign Minister promised on Sunday to keep to a US timetable towards sovereign government as another American soldier's death added to the pressure for a handover of power.

The soldier died and a comrade was wounded when their vehicle hit an explosive device in central Baghdad late on Saturday, the US military said. Another bomb wounded a British soldier in the less volatile southern city of Basra.

Facing US pressure to speed up drafting a Constitution to lay the ground for a sovereign government, the US-appointed Iraqi Governing Council plans intensive discussions to draw up a political roadmap, interim Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said.

Washington has set a December 15 deadline for the Council to agree a mechanism for creating a Constitution, which would pave the way for democratic elections.

"The ball is now in our court and we must deliver," Zebari said.

Facing daily guerrilla attacks, the United States is keen to put an Iraqi government in place and hand more responsibility to Iraqi police and soldiers.

With Saturday's fatality, attacks by insurgents have now killed 150 US soldiers in Iraq since President George W Bush declared major combat over on 1 May.

Washington blames attacks on US forces on die-hard supporters of ousted President Saddam Hussein and foreign Muslim militants, some allied to the al-Qaeda guerrilla network.

Al-Qaeda was also suspected of a devastating suicide bombing in neighbouring Saudi Arabia on Saturday which diplomats said killed at least 20 people, in a Riyadh compound housing mainly Arab foreigners.

In Iraq, attacks have been centred on US forces in Baghdad and the surrounding "Sunni triangle" region, but in mainly Shiite Muslim southern Iraq, a bomb near a hospital was detonated as a British convoy drove past on Sunday, and one soldier was wounded in the hand, a military spokesman said.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi man sits in the street with his sheep as a US soldier, right, of Charlie company, 1-22 Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, is seen on patrol in Tikrit, 193 km (120 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday, 10 Nov, 2003. —INTERNET

US Democratic Lawmaker calls for summit on Iraq

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov — A top US Senate Democrat urged President George W Bush on Sunday to call a summit on Iraq seeking international troops and assistance in exchange for a greater say in operations.

Speaking after a week in which 33 American soldiers were killed, Senator Joseph Biden, joined by a number of other Democrats, said US policy in Iraq was foundering and it was time for Washington to cede control in Iraq.

"It's time to make a fundamental shift in the way in which we are going about trying to win the peace here," Biden, a Delaware Democrat, told ABC's "This Week" programme.

Senator John Edwards of North Carolina, a Democratic presidential candidate, insisted: "We have to change course."

"The problem is the president... is completely unwilling to relinquish control. That's the critical thing that is missing from this process," Edwards said on NBC's "Meet the Press".

And Senator Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat, told "Fox News Sunday", "We're going to have to give up some of the control that we have in Iraq, and that's what's being considered right now, finally."

Biden, the ranking Democrat on the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Bush must appeal for international assistance by ceding US control in postwar Iraq, where insurgents have now killed 150 American soldiers since the Republican President declared major combat over on May 1.

"It entails the President, literally, not figuratively, calling a summit with our European friends and saying, 'Look, we got to make three changes,'" Biden said.

MNA/Reuters

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Two US soldiers pause during a dismounted patrol in the streets of downtown Tikrit, north of Baghdad Monday. —INTERNET

British Defence Chief "misleads public" over Iraq war costs

LONDON, 11 Nov — British Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon has been accused of misleading the public after it emerged that 100 million pounds of Iraq war costs are being charged to the cash-strapped budget of the Ministry of Defence, the *British Financial Times* newspaper reported Saturday.

Hoon has claimed that all extra costs for the US-led war against Iraq and continuing military presence in Iraq are being met through the three-billion-pound contingency fund agreed by the British Treasury.

But 100 million pounds of 510 million pounds spent to date on "urgent operational requirements" for the war would be met from the budget of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), the paper quoted some defence officials as saying.

The money relates mainly to equipment, such as night sights, which was bought for the war but would be used after the conflict, the officials told the paper.

The statement appeared to conflict with Hoon's assurances that Iraq has not exacerbated the case squeeze on his department, the paper said. Hoon told the BBC this week that he would "emphasize first of all that the costs of Iraq are not part of the budget". The Defence Ministry's admission showed the

government had failed to come clean about the true financial impact of the Iraq war, the paper quoted the British opposition Conservative Party as saying.

"The government pretense about this has been 100-per-cent dishonesty. Mr Hoon is trying to hide his failure to negotiate a proper compensation (for Iraq-related spending) from the Treasury," the paper quoted Bernard Jenkin, the shadow defence secretary, as saying. —MNA/Xinhua

UNESCO proclaims Chinese Guqin music as Intangible Heritage

PARIS, 11 Nov — The United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (UNESCO) proclaimed recently 28 masterpieces including China's ancient Guqin music art as the Oral and Intangible Heritage of the humanity.

Guqin, a seven-stringed zither, is China's oldest stringed instrument with a history of some 3,000 years.

It is viewed as a symbol of Chinese high culture and the instrument most expressive of the essence of Chinese music. In imperial China, a well educated scholar was expected to be skilled in four arts: the Guqin, the game of Go, calligraphy and painting. More than 100 harmonics can be played on the Guqin, which is one of the largest numbers of harmonics of any instrument. The art of Guqin has left esthetic and sociological marks over centuries of the Chinese civilization.

The Guqin is the second Chinese masterpiece proclaimed as the world's Intangible Heritage of the humanity. In UNESCO's first proclamation in 2001, the Kunqu Opera, one of the oldest opera forms still existing in China, was put into the list with other 18 masterpieces.

China's industrial output rises 17.2%

BEIJING, 11 Nov — China's factories churned out goods at their fastest rate in eight months in October, as sectors like electronics and machinery kept the world's sixth-biggest economy buzzing, official data showed on Monday.

Industrial output in October was 17.2 per cent higher than a year earlier, accelerating from September's annual rise of 16.3 per cent, the bureau said.

It was the fastest clip since an annual 19.8 per cent rise registered in February.

"Looking at pillar sectors, the three major industries of telecommunications

equipment, machinery and metallurgy... were major forces driving industrial output growth in the month," the State Statistical Bureau said in a statement.

But automobiles, another booming industry that has lifted demand for other industrial goods such as steel and plastic, saw growth brake sharply from the previous month, the bureau said.

Car production was 168,000 vehicles in October, a rise of 52 per cent from a year earlier, but that was nearly 18 percentage points slower than September's rise.

That had a knock-on effect in transport-related industries, the bureau said.

"Feeling the effects of

In the second proclamation this year, other 27 pieces were listed, such as Songs of Sanaa from Yemen, the Traditional of Vedic Chanting from India, the Arts of the Meddah — story telling — from Turkey and the Music of the Orient Brotherhood from Cuba.

The Oral and Intangible Cultural Heritage, also called living cultural heritage, means in the first place the practices, representations and expressions, as well as the associated knowledge and the necessary skills. It is manifested in oral traditions, expressions and language; performing arts; social practices, rituals and festive events; knowledge and practices about nature and the universe and traditional craftsmanship.

Earlier in November, UNESCO signed a convention on the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage.

MNA/Xinhua

slower automobile output, makers of transportation equip saw their contribution to industrial output growth fall," it said.

Yet may other sectors roared ahead. Personal computer output doubled in October from a year earlier while production of other kinds of computers rose nearly 58 per cent.

MNA/Reuters

Emerging human resources

Yenatha Maung Kyaw Nyunt

My uncle arrived at my house just before the beginning of the new academic year. My uncle lives in New Phontha village, Kyaukpadaung Township. The New Phontha village is just a fifteen-minute walk from Chankan, the village where I live.

"I come here to ask you about something. I have heard that your village elementary school has become a post-primary school. What is a post-primary school. Please explain", he asked me.

"A post-primary school is a school which opens middle education classes including the fifth, the sixth and the seventh standards. Our village school has already been permitted since last year to open middle education classes. Since previous year, it has been opening the fifth standard. This academic year, the school is opening classes up to the sixth grade. Next year, the school will teach seven-graders." I explained to him about the post-primary school to some extent.

"Who are the teachers of the classes of the post-primary school? Do you have to pay them wages or hire more teachers?" He asked me.

"We do not need more teachers, uncle. There are certain requirements for a post-primary school. An elementary school that will be upgraded into a post-primary school must already have teachers who are qualified to teach the middle school education well", I told him.

Continuing I said, "The word 'qualified teachers' means the holders of the education diploma certificate of a certain education college and the junior assistant teachers who are teaching lessons at primary classes. The schools which have qualified teachers and required facility are permitted to be upgraded into post-primary schools. The permission to open post-primary schools has already paved the way for the primary students to continue their middle school education at the same school."

Then, my uncle told me, "There is another thing. It has been a year since my grandchild left school after passing the fourth grade. I pity him as he wanted to continue his studies so much. I want to send him back to school, but for certain reasons, I cannot do so. He still wants to attend classes. So, I would like to discuss with

you whether it would be good or bad for my grandchild to attend classes at your village post-primary school."

"It's a good idea uncle. It would be very nice for him to pursue education at my village school. He needs to take the certificate together with him to enroll at our village school. Are there any more children at your village facing difficulties to continue studies after passing the fourth standard? You can also enroll them at our village school."

Students in some villages were not within the reach of middle or high school education. My village, the Chankan, and my uncle's village, the New Phontha, were also included in those villages. Children of the villages who passed the fourth standard, and wished to attend middle school education classes found a host of difficulties. Only a small number of children were able to continue their studies. But the majority had to leave the school. I wish to find these children and help them continue their classes at middle education school. Thus, I told my uncle to send other drop-outs to our village school.

"There are four other children, who passed the fourth standard together with my grandchildren. They too want to continue their studies. I will bring them to you also. Besides, my grandchild will have friends who will accompany him on the way to and back from school."

After the discussions, my uncle left my village for home happily. He came back to me two days before the start of the new academic year. He took together with him his grandchild and other four kids.

They were very lucky, as they got the opportunity to attend classes at my village post-primary school. They were so active and happy as they would be able to learn middle school education without facing difficulties.

The State is upgrading primary schools into post-primary schools every year. It is the goodwill of the State to uplift the education standard of the entire nation. It is also an act of farsightedness. Because of the goodwill and the farsightedness of the State, every child in the nation can now study middle school education easily.

(Translation: TMT)

Kyemon: 10 November 2003.

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

Tanzanian officials urged to spend more time on work

DAR-ES-SALAAM, November 11 — Tanzanian Government officials have been urged to spend less time on seminars and put more efforts in offices, local newspaper *Daily News* reported on Monday.

Minister of State in the President's office for Public Service Mary Nagu was quoted as saying to the Parliament in Dodoma, a central city in Tanzania, that the government would direct all leaders to refrain from such tendency which she described as bad.

Answering the questions from members of Parliament who had debated the Bill on Public Services, the minister said she believed the bill can ensure that senior government officials spend more time in working.

The minister said the government would prepare an education programme for civil servants to learn the newly endorsed Bill on Public Services.

MNA/Xinhua

Angolans urged to work hard for country's development

LUANDA, 11 Nov — Secretary-General of Angola's ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) party Joao Lourenco, said here Monday that the country's development depends on hard work to produce commodity goods.

Speaking on the public National Radio of Angola in relation to the country's 28 years of independence to be marked on Tuesday, Lourenco stressed that "only work can change the country and that there is no point remembering the past and pointing the finger to the ones guilty of the situation".

He said that Angolans have always demonstrated a great love for their homeland, even in the most critical moments, hoping for better days now that the situation is less difficult.

The ruling party's secretary-general deplored the fact that Angola is one of the few countries in the world that has just come out of a war and does not receive a substantial assistance from the international community to face its difficult situation and build the infrastructures which have been destroyed.

MNA/Xinhua

Mozambican police seize 75 kilos of drug ingredient

MAPUTO, 11 Nov — The Mozambican police seized 75 kilos of an ingredient for the manufacturing of the illicit drug mandrax in a vehicle abandoned in a Maputo street last week, local media reported on Monday.

The owners of the vehicle abandoned it when they realized that they were being followed by the police. The product was found in three packs of 25 kilos each. The police are still investigating to identify the owners and determine the origin and the destination of the product.

According to Maputo police spokesperson Jacinto Cuna, over the past week, the Maputo police also recovered three stolen vehicles and a number of other goods, including household appliances.

Cuna said that 31 suspects were arrested during the same period, in connection with various crimes, including one for homicide, two for falsification of documents, and others for theft. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen calls on SPDC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building. (Right) —MNA



Laotian Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith calls on SPDC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building. (Far right) — MNA



MWJA book fair 22 November

YANGON, 11 Nov — Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association will hold a book fair in commemoration of Sarsodaw Day at No 379-383, Bo Aung Kyaw Road, here, from 22 to 30 November.

Those wishing to sell books at the fair are to present applications to Secretary of Shop Supervisory Committee U Kyaing Myint (Wa Moe Aung Sarpay) (254955, 295988) by 17 November. Lots will be drawn to allot shops. Authorized persons from book shops are invited to attend the meeting.

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Senior General Than Shwe poses for a documentary photo together with the prime ministers of Cambodia, LPDR and Thailand at Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building. (News page 1) — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than...

(from page 16)

At the assembly hall of the command, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with officers and other ranks and families of the Patheingyi Station. He gave instructions on making efforts for increasing family income of regiments and units and making systematic arrangements for health care services of the Tatmadawmen and their families. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted the officers and other ranks and their families.

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Country Co-ordinating Mechanism Meeting for Global Fund to Fight Against AIDS/TB/Malaria held

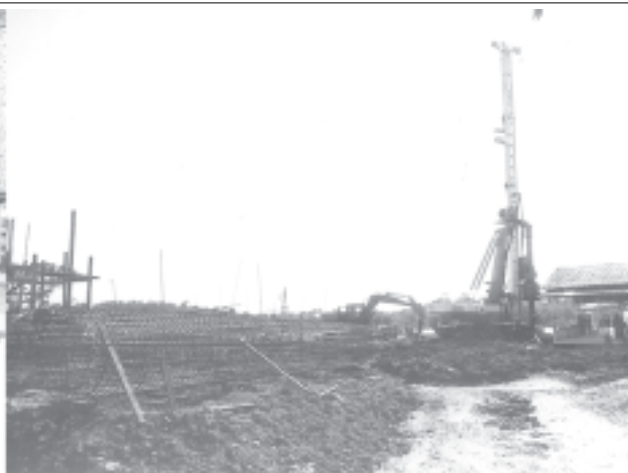
YANGON, 11 Nov — The 10th Country Co-ordinating Mechanism Meeting for Global Fund to Fight Against AIDS/TB/Malaria was held at the meeting hall of the National Health Committee of the Ministry of Health on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Street in Dagon Township this afternoon. It was attended by

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, departmental heads, resident representatives of UN agencies, and officials of international and local NGOs. The meeting chairman Minister Dr Kyaw Myint made a speech on the occasion. Director (Disease Control) Dr Ye Myint gave an account on reports for the global fund;

UN Resident Representative to Myanmar Mr Charles Petrie, on future tasks of the CCM; and officials of AIDS Control Project and Malaria Control Project, on matters related to the global fund. Next, a general round of discussions followed. The chairman delivered concluding remarks. — MNA

SPDC Member Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Patheingyi Bridge construction site.

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Anti-AIDS Exhibition continues

YANGON, 11 Nov — The First Anti-AIDS Exhibition continued for the ninth day today at Tatmadaw Convention Centre drawing attention of staff, students and people.

In the morning, President of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Sao Kai

Hpa and member correspondents, and in the evening, Joint Secretary of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon U Aye Kyu Lay and trainees of Acting Course visited the exhibition.

Activities on anti-AIDS of the Ministry of Health, co-operation of the related min-

istries and UN agencies in the fight against AIDS, activities on anti-AIDS of the state and division health departments, cooperation of social organizations at home and abroad in the fight against AIDS, and booths of pharmaceutical companies are on display at the exhibition. — MNA

National development can be made with systematic combination of natural resources and manpower

Prizes presented for excellent performance in production of crops for 2002-2003 in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 11 Nov—A ceremony to present prizes for excellent performance in production of crops for 2002-2003 was held at the town hall in Patheingyi yesterday morning, with an address by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present were Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe and senior military officers, members of Division Peace and Development Council and departmental officials and local authorities, members of social organizations, service personnel, farmers, teachers and students.

Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing spoke on the occasion. He said the area of the division is 13,525 square miles and net cultivable area is 4.782 million acres. The Division Peace and Develop-

made for cultivation of 5.042 million acres of paddy for 2003-2004.

He stressed the importance of practical use of cultivation methods and use of machinery in efforts for development of agricultural sector and spoke at length on construction of irrigation projects and river water pumping projects in the division for availability of water.

He quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying that Ayeyawady Division economically plays an important role in agriculture. It is important to fully exploit the existing better conditions of the division in order to contribute towards the economic development of the State during his inspection tour of the division. Efforts are to be made for production of 1,200 million baskets of paddy, he said.

The commander said the division was known as a granary or a rice bowl of the State. Now it can be called the curry pot. All-round developments have been made in the division due to correct



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than makes a speech at the prize presentation ceremony for excellent performance in production of crops for 2002-2003. — MNA

be achieved automatically. National development can be made with the systematic combination of natural resources and manpower, he said. He said everybody has to work hard in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivered a speech, saying that the honouring of outstanding people striving for

total output of agriculture and livestock breeding sectors contributes much to the region as well as the nation.

The government has been taking measures for boosting the nation's annual paddy output reaching up to 1,200 million baskets for the growing population. So, in order to meet the target, endeavours are to be made for extended cultivation of paddy and other crops.

The government, on its part, is constructing irrigation facilities across the nation for ensuring agricultural development. Being rich in natural resources, Ayeyawady Division is to make continuous efforts based on the five agricultural methods so as to accomplish the objectives laid down by the nation, he noted.

Out of the ten major crops of the nation, the government has adopted the targets for boosting per acre yield of paddy to 100 baskets, black pulse to 20 baskets, green gram to 20 baskets, pigeon pea to 25 baskets, groundnut to 50 baskets, corn to 80 baskets, cotton to 400 viss and sugarcane to 30 tons. So, the division is to follow the four agricultural methods laid down by the Head of State. In addition to that, the division is to extend growing of pepper, coffee and tea, he pointed out.

The division is a region on which the nation relies in fish and prawn production sector, and so emphasis is to be placed on livestock breeding sector. The government has been building irrigation and transport facilities in the region for greater development of the region, he said. As a result, the division has enjoyed a rapid development in economic as well as coastal and deep sea fisheries sectors.

Having greater development potential, the division is to make harmonious efforts for promotion of other sectors in cooperation with respective administrative bodies, departments, local people and entrepreneurs, he

elaborated

At the prize-presentation ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented the first prize for outstanding performance in economic development to Myaungmya District, second prize to Pyapon District, third prize to Patheingyi District; the first prize for outstanding performance in land reclamation to Wakema Township and the second Myaungmya Township; the first prize for outstanding performance in cultivating edible oil crops to Myaungmya Township; the first prize for outstanding performance in cultivating beans and pulses to Hinthada Township.

The commander presented the first prize for outstanding performance in cultivating crops most to Zalun Township, the second to Danabyu Township and the third to Ingapu Township; the first prize for outstanding performance in boosting per acre yields in model plots to Hinthada Township, the second to Kyaunggon Township and the third to Danabyu Township; the prize for outstanding performance in minimizing loss and wastage to Kyaiklat Township; the first prize for outstanding performance in reclaiming low lying areas to Zinbaung Co, the second to Ayeya Shwe Wah Co and the third to Yuzana Co.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun presented first, second and third prizes (individual) for outstanding performance in cultivating monsoon paddy, summer paddy, groundnut, sesamum, sun flower, black pulse, green gram, soya bean.

corn (monsoon) and corn (cold season) to prize-winning farmers.

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tin Swe presented prizes to the townships and farmers that won prizes to mark World Food Day given by FAO for outstanding performance in cultivating monsoon paddy, summer paddy, black pulse and cashew, and the prizes for outstanding performance in breeding prawns, in breeding fish in a planned year to respective States and Divisions, the prize for outstanding performance in raising pigs to respective townships, and to those who won prizes in the institute of agriculture level essay and poster competitions.

General Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service Dr Min Aung presented prizes for outstanding performance in producing fish, breeding prawn, in carrying out the five rural development tasks and prize for prevalence of law and order and community peace to respective companies, districts and townships.

Officials also presented prizes for outstanding performance in related fields to respective townships and prizes for the students who won prizes in painting, poem and essay contests and the students who won matriculation exam (2002) with six distinctions and who stood first to tenth in the matriculation exam.

On behalf of the prize winners, farmer U Aung Min of Lamaing Village, Zalun Township, spoke words of thanks. — MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents a prize to a winner at the prize presentation ceremony for excellent performance in production of crops for 2002-2003. — MNA

ment Council made efforts for increase of cultivation acreage. The cultivation acreage was 6.166 million acres in 1997-98 and now there are 7.154 million acres, he said.

He said a total of 4.506 million acres of paddy were grown in 1997-98 and 4.567 million acres in 2002-2003. Arrangements are being


leadership of the Head of State, efforts and cooperation of regional authorities at different levels, goodwill of national entrepreneurs engaged in agriculture and collective efforts of local people and farmers.



He said as the division is rich in resources there are development prospects. Success and development cannot

all-round development of Ayeyawady Division will contribute much towards national and regional development. The government has been implementing the objectives for building up a modern developed nation. In the process, the one "Development of the agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well, is the most import one in the economic objectives. Myanmar is an agro-based nation and the agricultural sector plays a key role in the development of the nation. A total of 75 per cent of the population of rural regions earn their living by being engaged in agriculture and meat and fish sectors. Ayeyawady Division contributes 25.21 per cent towards monsoon paddy cultivation and 47.93 per cent towards summer paddy cultivation of the nation. And it is a region that grows beans and pulses most in the country, he said. The division's



Chairman U Ko Ko Gyi, Vice-Chairman UHla Myaing, Joint-Secretary-2 Li-Col U Ba Nyan (Retd), Member Col Tin Thwin Lwin (Retd) and Medical Superintendent Dr U Po Lay of Jivatadana Sangha Hospital accepts K 10 million for a pair of operation light and K 6,000 for offering 'Soon' totalling K 10,006,000 donated by Daw Mya Mya and family of No 87, Phoneygyi Street, Lanmadaw Township. — MNA


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Phayachaung Bridge contributes towards rural development

Article by Myo Myint Oo & photo by Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

The government, in its drive to ensure the development of rural areas to be on a par with that of urban areas, has been implementing the five rural development tasks with added momentum.

In the process, the people are joining hands with the government, result-

ing in incredible and rapid development of the nation in a short time.

Contributing cash assistance, private companies, entrepreneurs and the people are also constructing roads, bridges, schools, hospitals and dispensaries and sinking tube-wells and digging lakes in cooperation

with respective departments the length and breadth of the nation. Among them are some facilities, each of which is constructed with the cash donation of a single wellwisher.

With great generosity, Daw Tin Mya and family contributed all the expenditure of K 55 million

on construction of Phayachaung Bridge (Daw Tin Mya Bridge) linking Myoma Ward and Phayachaung Village in Bogalay Township, Ayeyawady Division.

The construction of the bridge began on 1 November 2002 and was finished on 14 October 2003. The 125 feet long and 13 feet wide reinforced concrete bridge can withstand

10-ton loads.

The inauguration of the bridge was held at the archway of the bridge on the morning of 26 October 2003. Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wellwisher Daw Tin Mya formally opened it. On the occasion, the commander delivered a speech, saying that the government designated Patheingyi, Hinthada and Maubin as three development zones in Ayeyawady Division for regional development, thereby promoting transport, education and health sectors of the region.

At the same time, local people are contributing cash donations towards construction of self-reliant roads and bridges in respective regions across the nation, he noted. The commander expressed his

thanks to the wellwishers.

After the ceremony, the staff of Myanma Alin daily interviewed Daw Tin Mya. In the interview, the wellwisher said that in the past, across the Phaya Creek was the only bamboo bridge linking Phayachaung Village and Bogalay and thus travellers, villagers, workers and students found it very difficult in crossing the creek. She continued to say that she had a strong desire for a long time to construct a fine bridge with her cash donation. However, her son could successfully translate her desire into reality in 2002, she added.

On its part, the government contributed technology and machinery to construction of the bridge. So, the emergence of such transport facility is the result of cooperation of the State and the people.

(Translation: MS)

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The inaugurating of the Phayachaung Bridge (Daw Tin Mya Bridge) in progress. — TIN SOE (Myanma Alin)

Indonesia's palm oil output to reach 9.9 million tons this year

JAKARTA, 11 Nov — Crude palm oil (CPO) output in Indonesia is expected to reach 9.9 million tons by the end of this year, 6.5 per cent higher than last year, Chairman of the Indonesian Palm Oil Producers Association (Gapki), Derom Bangun has said.

Derom said that as of June this year, the CPO production had reached 6.8 million tons, 3.15 million tons of which were exported. He said that Gapki had targeted 10.4 million tons of CPO for 2004.

The largest Indonesia's CPO importers are India and China. As of June 2003, total CPO exports to India were 1.8 million tons, with 329,000 tons to China.

Derom said that Indonesia, the world's second-largest CPO producer after Malaysia, still needed more efforts to boost its CPO trade with other countries, espe-

cially large markets such as the United States, Africa, Europe and Russia.

"We are far behind Malaysia in CPO exports," Derom was quoted Monday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

Derom repeated calls for the government to help promote CPO exports abroad by taking action such as holding promotional trade visits to various countries.

Derom said that exports to Russia reached 40,000 tons as of September and Indonesia will probably export around 30,000 tons by the end of the year.

Elsewhere, Derom predicted that there would be no cooking oil supply shortage, despite the upcoming Idul Fitri, Christmas and New Year holidays.

"Lack of cooking oil supply has not occurred in Indonesia, because our CPO production is sufficient to meet demand," said Derom.

Data from the Central Bureau of Statistics show that CPO consumption per capita in Indonesia is 13.6 kilos. Thus, with a total population of around 210 million people, Indonesia needs approximately three million tons per year. — MNA/Xinhua

Recurring donation system established in China

BEIJING, 11 Nov — China has set up its own recurring donation system featuring the extensive participation of social, rather than governmental, forces, and which is guided by civil affairs departments.

Wang Zhenyao, director of the Disaster and Social Relief Department under the Ministry of Civil Affairs, made the remarks Monday at a Business and Civil Society Forum, the first-ever international forum of its kind hosted by China. China, with over 20,000 donation workstations, has undergone three major steps in recurring donation, said Wang.

The "recurring, non-governmental and voluntary" donation system first appeared in 1995. During flood-fighting in 1998, the social donations amounted to seven billion yuan, exceeding the figure from the government for the first time. In 2001, China reinforced its work on the donation system, aiming for the establishment of a service network, Wang added. According to Wang, the donation system, as a supplement to the government, had benefited 360 million needy people, who had received 9.493 billion yuan and materials worth 10.505 billion yuan from 1996 to 2002. However, there are still some difficulties in people's awareness, fundraising efficiency and waste of resources, said Fan Baojun, president of the China Charity Federation.

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China's industrial added value in October increases 17.2%

BEIJING, 11 Nov — China's industrial added value in October increased by 17.2 per cent from the same month last year, reaching a total 375.3 billion yuan (45.2 billion US dollars), the State Statistics Bureau said Monday.

The industrial added value's growth rate in October was 0.9 percentage points more than that in September.

China's total industrial added value in the first 10 months of 2003 stood at 3272.8 billion yuan (394.3 billion US dollars), up 16.7 per cent from the same period last year, according to the bureau.

The bureau said the three pillar industries, namely, electronic telecommunication equipment manufacturing, electric machinery manufacturing and metallurgy, reported remarkable growths in October, up 6.1 per cent, 5 per cent and 4.7 per cent respectively from September.

A slowdown in automobile sales dropped the transportation equipment manufacturing sector's contribution rate to the growth of the total industrial added value in October compared with that in September, according to the bureau's statistics. — MNA/Xinhua

China's public welfare to be expanded

BEIJING, 11 Nov — China will cultivate more non-governmental organizations (NGOs), offer preferential support for enterprises entering China's social welfare system and learn from the world in a bid to expand public welfare, a government minister said recently.

Minister of Civil Affairs Li Xueju told the opening ceremony of the Transnational Businesses and Civil Affairs Forum that China had attached great importance to development of a public welfare system since the founding of new China in 1949.

A law concerning public welfare donations was issued in 1999 to ensure the improvement of public welfare, and NGOs played a major role in social welfare, Li acknowledged. The Third Plenum of the 16th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) outlined a socialist morality

system, which set orientations and made room for the development of China's public welfare.

Li said China would try to create the best possible conditions for public welfare as it was relatively backward and there was still unbalanced regional development. The three-day forum is co-hosted by 16 public welfare organizations, including the China Charity Federation (CCF) and US-China Business Council. Multinationals such as Amway and Coca-Cola attended the forum, the first of its kind ever hosted by China.

MNA/Xinhua

14 nations, UN organization meet for proposed APSCO

BEIJING, 11 Nov — Representatives from 14 nations and a United Nations organization gathered here Monday to discuss the formation of the proposed Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO), which is being designed to promote the peaceful use of space and space applications in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Among those attending the Second Meeting of the Drafting Group on the APSCO Convention are representatives from Bangladesh, Brazil, China, South Korea, Iran, Malaysia, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Thailand, Pakistan, Ukraine, Chile and the UN Economic and Social Council.

Brazil and some countries outside the Asia-Pacific Region came as observers, and it has been agreed that the proposed APSCO will be based in Beijing. Addressing the opening ceremony, Luan Enjie, director of the China National Space Administration, said the Chinese Government will, as always, support the establishment of the organization at an earlier date, make due contributions and facilitate its work in various aspects in the early years of its founding.

The Chinese Government will continue

strengthening its space exchange and cooperation with other countries under the principle of equality and mutual benefit, noted the director. "We are willing to join hands with peoples of all nations to make due contribution to the peaceful exploration and uses of space resources for the progress and common development of humankind."

Luo Ge, director of the Foreign Affairs Department of the administration, and secretary-general of the Asia-Pacific Multilateral Cooperation in Space Technology and Applications, said that countries interested in joining the proposed organization intend to make use of space technology in environmental protection and disaster reduction, resources exploration, construction, telecommunications and distance education.

MNA/Xinhua

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

In the time of the Tatmadaw government, bridges with various sizes have been built on Yangon-Sittway Highway. The photo shows Kissapanadi Bridge on Yangon-Sittway Highway in Rakhine State.

PHOTO: MNA



Paungtok Bridge was inaugurated in MraukU Township, Rakhine State, on 20-5-2003. —PHOTO: MNA



Ma-ei Creek Bridge linking Taungup Township of Thandwe District and An Township of Kyaukpyu District in Rakhine State was opened on 18-11-2001. The 940 feet long and 30 feet wide bridge was built at a cost of K 7,129 million.

PHOTO: MNA



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Study finds weight loss supplement may raise heart risk

ORLANDO (Florida), 11 Nov— US researchers said on Sunday they had evidence that diet supplements containing the herb Ephedra can disrupt heart rhythm and raise blood pressure.

They said volunteers who took a popular diet pill called Metabolife 356 had immediate effects after just one dose.

Although the study was small, it supports reports that Ephedra supplements, linked with the deaths of 155 Americans, are dangerous, said Brian McBride, a professor of pharmacy at the University of Connecticut. "Millions of people consume herbal supplements in this country every day," he said. Metabolife 356 makes up 40 per cent of the market, he said.

Because Ephedra is considered a supplement, it is not subject to the same Food and Drug Administration regulation as drugs are. Ephedra, also known as ma huang, acts as a stimulant.

In McBride's study, presented to the

American Heart Association's annual meeting, 15 people took a single dose of either Metabolife 356 or a dummy pill.

Then the researchers did a series of measurements, including taking their blood pressure and taking an electrocardiogram or EKG, which measured heart rhythm. The researchers found a troubling measurement in a rhythm factor called QT interval. Prolonged QT is linked with fatal heart arrhythmias.

The QT interval increased by 24 milliseconds on average at one, three and five hours after the volunteers took the pill. They had on average a 5 per cent increase in blood pressure. McBride said 60 per cent of the patients who took Metabolife had the QT prolonged by 30 milliseconds.

MNA/Reuters

US study shows stress changes adolescent brain

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov— Severe stress can permanently affect an adolescent's brain, causing changes in an area important for learning and memory, US researchers reported on Saturday.

The study, conducted using rats, suggests that teens may not always bounce back from trauma and adolescents may be more susceptible to permanent damage from stress than younger children.

Susan Andersen of Harvard Medical School and McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts and colleagues found that

rats exposed to stress during adolescence — by being kept alone in cages — had lower levels as adults of a key protein in the hippocampus, a brain region important for learning and memory. The protein, synaptophysin, is used to measure how many brain cell connections are being made. Lower levels suggest reduced brain activity.

Andersen's team told a meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in New Orleans that their study was the first to show that stress during adolescence affects adult brain cell connections.

Usually, in humans, synaptophysin levels peak between the ages of 18 and 20. Anderson's team tested rats of comparable age. The rats kept alone — something very stressful for a rat — did not experience the normal increase in synaptophysin as they reached early maturity.

"These data may suggest why early traumatic stress, such as physical or sexual abuse or neglect, is associated with a decrease in the size of the hippocampus in adulthood," McLean Hospital said in a statement.

"These pre-clinical data suggest that stress experienced early in life alters the normal developmental trajectory of the hippocampus, but that these changes are not apparent until later in life," said Andersen.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese Trade Union honours "Shenzhou-V" staff

BEIJING, 11 Nov— The All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU) on Monday honoured institutions and individuals who had made great contributions to China's first manned space flight.

Nine institutions were awarded the May Day Certificate, including four institutions under the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation, and two research institutes of the China Electronics Technology Group Corporation.

Nine individuals earned May Day Medals, including Wu Yansheng, president of the China Carrier Rocket Technology Research Institute, Zhang Bainan, deputy chief designer of the Shenzhou-V spacecraft, and Xiao Houde, deputy director for the carrier rocket research for the manned space mission.—MNA/Reuters



Visitors look at a talking robot outside the Sony Technology Lab at Sony Corporation's New York offices on Thursday, 6 Nov, 2003, in New York. Sony Corp 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. — INTERNET

Study says email, net abuse increases in British workplace

LONDON, 11 Nov— Misuse of emails and the Internet in the workplace has become a big headache for British employers, and British companies are increasingly disciplining staff for accessing racy websites or sending porn to colleagues.

Nearly one in three British companies have disciplined staff for breaking company Internet and email rules in the past year, according to a survey released on Monday by LexisNexis Industrial Relations Services, a publication that covers human resources issues.

Internet access and email have become indispensable parts of working life, bringing with them widespread abuse as an increasing number of workers use corporate email accounts to send personal messages and the web to do their own shopping.

A number of companies have begun to crack down, drafting codes of conduct in an effort to regulate employees' use of the firms' high-speed Internet connections.

The crackdown has become more important in the past year as companies have been hit by damaging computer worms and viruses planted in emails and brought in by errant Web surfing.

"It is a continuing headache. Employers are just getting to grips with it now and many employees are not taking it seriously enough," said Mark Crail, managing editor of *IRS Employment Review*.

New laws addressing workers' compu-

ter rights have also become a minefield for companies, Crail added, forcing them to strengthen their codes of conduct to make clear which cyber workplace activities are off limits. Some companies have also installed firewalls that block access to racy web sites and have begun to filter outgoing and incoming email for pornographic images and information vital to their business.

One email filtering specialist, Clearswift Ltd of Reading, has introduced Image Manager, a software product that scans outgoing emails for flesh-coloured images, thus stopping suspected pornographic images from entering or leaving the corporate network.

Clearswift said Image Manager has even been used by car companies to intercept proprietary images of new car models being sent out by employees before the street release date.

"Security is not just about protecting yourself from spam and viruses, as employees are often the weakest link," said Alyn Hockey, director of research at Clearswift.

The LexisNexis IRS survey was conducted in July and covered 63 British firms with a total of 97,000 employees.

MNA/Reuters

Japan study says tea may offer treatment to fight HIV

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov— Japanese researchers said on Monday they had discovered a molecule in tea that could block the spread of the AIDS virus.

The lab findings could offer a novel way to combat the HIV infection by preventing the virus from spreading throughout the body, scientists said. Current treatments that target HIV fight the infection after it has spread.

Scientists at the University of Tokyo, led by Kuzushige Kawai, found a compound called epigallocatechin gallate or EGCG, the element believed to contain most of the health benefits found in green tea, rapidly attaches to the doorways that the AIDS virus uses to invade cells.

HIV prefers to infect cells called CD4 T-cells, and uses a molecular doorway called the CD4 receptor to do so.

By bonding with the CD4 molecule first, EGCG effectively prevents the HIV virus from attaching — at least in lab dishes.

"This potentially opens up an avenue for preventing HIV infections," said Dr. William Shearer, a professor at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, who wrote an editorial that accompanied the study. "Is there something here that mother nature is trying to tell us?"

MNA/Reuters

China launches space environmental research centre

BEIJING, 11 Nov — The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) unveiled Monday a space environmental research centre, aiming at providing space environmental data and analyses for China's manned space programme and other outer space activities.

Wu Ji, a leading scientist with the CAS Centre for Space Environmental Research and Forecast, said the primary mission of the new institute is to "dish out detailed data and effective analyses" which are vital to key national space programmes.

MNA/Xinhua



Your clothes may soon know more about you than you do, from changing colour to show your emotions to altering their shape depending on whether you're hot or cold. New technology and fashion are beginning to come together to produce new intelligent fabrics and miniaturized electronics which can measure your heartbeat, massage you and tell you when you've got a phone call.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Injured Owen set to miss England-Denmark friendly

LONDON, 11 Nov— Liverpool striker Michael Owen will almost certainly miss England's friendly against Denmark at Old Trafford next Sunday due to the recurrence of an ankle injury.

Owen pulled out of his club's Premier League game against Manchester United on Sunday.

"He could feel his ankle again so he decided not take part. There is no point playing him if he is not 100 per cent," Liverpool manager Gerard Houllier told Sky Sports television after his team's 2-1 defeat.

"I don't think he will be able to take part in the international game either. He should be okay for the Middlesbrough game (on November 22)."

England's first-choice striker also missed their last game against Turkey due to a different ankle injury.

England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson said: "Probably he is out, though it's not confirmed yet. You have to accept it when players are injured."

"There's no reason why you should risk players in a friendly."

MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Ryan Giggs (C) celebrates with Ruud van Nistelrooy (L) and Roy Keane (R) after scoring his second goal to make it 2-0 against Liverpool in today's Premiership clash at Anfield.—INTERNET

Two-goal Giggs gives United the points at Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, 11 Nov— Manchester United produced another important victory on Sunday, winning 2-1 at big rivals Liverpool without playing anything like their best.

Ryan Giggs struck twice in the space of 11 minutes in the second half to take the defending champions back to within two points of Arsenal at the top of the table and at the same time leave Liverpool further adrift of a coveted top-four place. Despite Harry Keane's fourth league goal of the season, which gave them late hope, Liverpool's mini-revival ended in the continued absence of England international

Michael Owen.

Owen is yet to recover from a shin injury sustained at the start of last month and without him Liverpool lacked the cutting edge to capitalize on below-par United performance.

Only when France Under-21 international Florent Sinama-Pongolle came off the bench after 63 minutes did Liverpool really threaten as his pace caused the visitors' defence numerous problems.—MNA/Reuters

"Supersub" Di Vaio fires Juventus clear

MILAN, 11 Nov — Substitute Marco di Vaio scored two late goals as Italian champions Juventus came from behind for a 4-1 win over Udinese and took over sole control of the top spot in Serie A on Sunday.

European champions AC Milan, who began the day level on points with Juve, were held to a goalless draw at Parma while Inter Milan picked up their second straight win with a comfortable 3-0 home victory over Ancona.

Despite scoring a spectacular equalizer against Milan last week, di Vaio was back on the Juve bench following the return to fitness of Alessandro di Piero.

But if di Vaio was disappointed by coach Marcello Lippi's choice, he responded in the best possible way by turning the game around for the Turin side.

Juventus were struggling after del Piero struck a penalty against the cross-bar in the 56th minute and shortly after Lippi replaced him with di Vaio.

But Udinese went ahead with a Marek Jankulovski spot-kick after Juve keeper Gianluigi Buffon had brought down Dino Fava.

With Juve facing the prospect of their first home defeat for almost 11 months, di Vaio equalized with a fine header from a Lilian Thuram cross in the 79th minute.

Six minutes later another Juve sub, Fabrizio Miccoli, put the champions in the lead with a tap-in after Udinese

keeper Morgan de Sanctis had parried a low shot from Alessio Tacchinardi.

Di Vaio made it 3-1 in the 89th minute, latching on to a pass from Pavel Nedved and four minutes into injury time Nedved set up the fourth for Frenchman David Trezeguet.

Lippi, who raised some eyebrows by leaving out several top players for the midweek Champions League match at Real Sociedad, said the win was proof of the strength in depth of his squad and also the validity of his squad rotation policy.

MNA/Reuters

Deportivo stay top as Real lose 4-1 at Sevilla

MADRID, 11 Nov— Sevilla tore through Real Madrid's paper-thin defence on their way to a 4-1 win over the reigning champions on Sunday, while Valencia went down 2-1 at home to Racing Santander on a night of surprises in the Primera Liga.

Real, needing a win to reclaim the league leadership from Deportivo Coruna, found themselves 3-0 down inside 15 minutes and Javi Casquero crashed in a fourth eight minutes before halftime to leave the reigning league champions reeling.

Ronaldo pulled one back 10 minutes into the second half but there was to be no heroic comeback and the sending off of Guti six minutes from time completed a miserable night for Carlos Queiroz' side.

Real's defeat followed a less dramatic setback for Valencia, who went down 2-1 as Rodolfo Bodipo struck twice for Racing.

Those results gave Deportivo full value for their 2-1 win at home to Real Sociedad on Saturday, taking the Galicians top of the table with 25 points from 11 matches.

Valencia slipped to second on 23, with Real staying behind them in third on goal difference.

Barcelona edged past Real Betis 2-1 with goals from Patrick Kluivert and Rafael Marquez, while Atletico claimed their fifth successive league win, 1-0 against Villarreal, with a fine Alvaro Novo strike.

Barcelona's victory took them up to fourth on 19 points, ahead of Atletico on goal difference, and after a disappointing start to the season Frank Rijkaard's side are now just four points behind Real Madrid.

Queiroz was forced into a defensive reshuffle against Sevilla, with Michel Salgado suspended and Roberto Carlos out injured.

The decision to replace the regular fullbacks with Francisco Pavon and Raul Bravo and bring in youngster Ruben to

partner Ivan Helguera in the centre looked to be a risky one and Sevilla were soon in total charge.

Ruben headed a cross into the back of Helguera to hand Sevilla their opening goal after four minutes, as the ball rebounded back past Iker Casillas and in.

Three minutes later, Sevilla were two up, with Jose Antonio Reyes sending in a weighted pass for Dario Silva to convert.

Real were at sixes and sevens and it was hardly a surprise when Daniel Alves added the third, lifting the ball over Casillas after an exchange of passes with Antonito.

Queiroz reacted by replacing Ruben with Santiago Solari but Real's fortunes scarcely improved and Casquero made it 4-0 after Reyes had stolen the ball from Pavon to create the opening.

Real sharpened up their act in the second half but Ronaldo's drilled finish was all they had to show for their efforts as Sevilla held on for victory, although their night was spoiled slightly when Dario was sent off shortly after Guti had departed.

Valencia did not struggle quite so badly but they were second best throughout against a fired-up Racing side.

Racing's opener arrived after 23 minutes when Carlos Marchena's poor touch on the edge of the area allowed Bodipo to steal in and thread a shot past Santiago Canizares.

Valencia hit back two minutes later when Baraja got the sweetest of touches on a Jorge Lopez free kick to beat goalkeeper Ricardo at his near post but Bodipo turned in a cross from Mario Regueiro for the winner early in the second half.—MNA/Reuters

Queiroz accepts blame for heavy Real defeat

MADRID, 11 Nov— Carlos Queiroz accepted a measure of blame for Real Madrid's 4-1 defeat by Sevilla on Sunday, after his tactical gamble failed in spectacular style.

"We're all responsible for this result, starting with me," Queiroz told reporters after the game.

"We all made mistakes. I wasn't disappointed with the players, though, because they did what they could." In the absence of the suspended Michel Salgado and the injured Roberto Carlos, Queiroz chose to move both his regular centre-backs out to the wings and bring in the inexperienced Ruben to partner Ivan Helguera in the centre.

The Portuguese boss was then forced to watch in disbelief as his side self-destructed in the opening 15 minutes.

Ruben's headed clearance struck the back of Helguera and rebounded past Iker Casillas to provide the first goal after four minutes.

If that was an unfortunate start, Real only had themselves to blame as they went in at the interval 4-0 down.

Dario Silva converted the second after seven minutes and Daniel Alves added the third, still with only 14 minutes gone, by lifting the ball over Casillas after an exchange of passes with Antonito.

The likes of Zinedine

Zidane and David Beckham were left shaking their heads as the third goal went in, while Casillas exchanged heated words with midfielder Guti.

"We were nervous to start with," Queiroz said. "We didn't have to win the game in the first few minutes but we shouldn't have lost it."

Queiroz appeared to

recognize a selection error when he replaced Ruben with Santiago Solari but worse was to follow when Javi Casquero smacked in a fourth goal after Reyes had stolen the ball from Pavon.

Real improved in the second half but Ronaldo's cracking drive 10 minutes after the break failed to spark a comeback.—MNA/Reuters



Kim Clijsters, from Belgium, left, receives the championship trophy from tennis legend Billie Jean King after defeating Amelie Mauresmo, from France, 6-2, 6-0, at the WTA Tour Championships on Monday, 10 Nov, 2003, at Staples Centre in Los Angeles.—INTERNET

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**12-11-2003 (Wednesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greetings
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 Yangon's Bustling
Bogyoke Market
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Myanmar Cuisine
"Pineapple Salad"
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (III)
(Awadam Village-
Ziadam Village)
9:25 National Convention
Committee
9:28 Traditional PaO Dance
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Song "The Art Win-
ning Post"
9:40 Thu Wana Tha Ma
JATAKA Scene (2)
9:45 **National News**
9:50 A Brief Account of
Bagan
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar"

**12-11-2003 (Wednesday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar
(K. Ja Nu)"
15:36 Yangon's Bustling
Bogyoke Market
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Prawn Salad)
15:45 **National News**
15:50 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (III)
(Awadam Village-
Ziadam Village)
15:55 National Convention
Committee
15:58 Traditional PaO Dance
16:00 **National News**
16:05 Song on Screen "The
Arts Winning Post"
16:10 Thu Wana Tha Ma
JATAKA Scene (2)

- 16:15** **National News**
16:20 A Brief Account of
Bagan
16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
16:30 **National News**
16:35 Ah Mae Ywa Litera-
ture Nursery
16:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Steamed Fish"
16:45 **National News**
16:50 Myeik, a Town in the
southern part of
Myanmar
16:55 Taking Shelter at Man-
dalay Hill
17:00 **National News**
17:10 Song on Screen "Ma
Ma Moe"
17:12 Wonderful Swiftlets
Dwelling in House
17:15 **National News**
17:20 Shrimp Farm Project
(Ma Aing Island)
17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
19:36 Lucky Bamboo
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Snake gourd
stuffing pounded
prawn)
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (II)
(Upper Shangaung-
Awadam)
19:53 National Convention
Committee
19:55 The Myanmar Dance,
a Modern Version
20:00 **National News**
20:05 Mogok Gem-mining
Enterprise
20:10 Song "Glory of
Myanmar"
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Ramayana in
Myanmar
(Soorpanakha Episode)
(Part-IX)
20:25 Song on Screen "Heh!
Little Girl"
20:30 **National News**
20:35 Myanmar Crocodiles
20:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Steamed Eggplant
with Tomato Sauce"

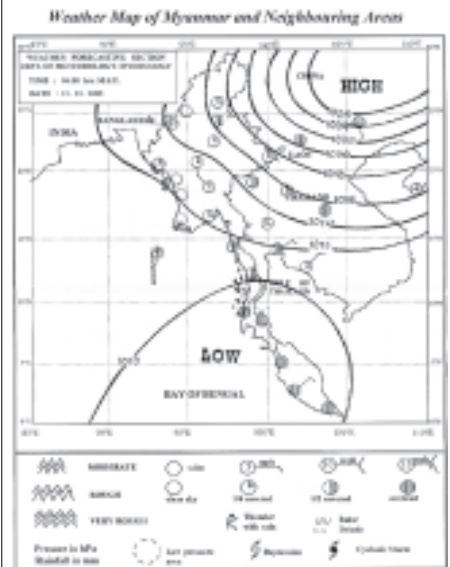
- 20:45** **National News**
20:50 Myanmar Marine
Products For All Na-
tions
20:55 Rakhine Traditional
Cultural Dance Ho-
nouring Buddha
21:00 **National News**
21:05 The beautiful green ice
Song "You From Next
Door"
21:12 Weaving School in
Falam
21:15 **National News**
21:20 Agricultural Marketing
in Myanmar
21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
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13-11-2003 (Thursday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 01:30)**
23:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"

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Arts Winning Post"
00:10 Thu Wana Tha Ma
JATAKA Scene (2)
00:15 **National News**
00:20 A Brief Account of
Bagan
00:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
00:30 **National News**
00:35 Ah Mae Ywa Litera-
ture Nursery
00:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Steamed Fish"
00:45 **National News**
00:50 Myeik, a town in the
southern part of
Myanmar
00:55 Taking Shelter at Man-
dalay Hill
01:00 **National News**
01:10 Song on Screen "Ma
Ma Moe"
01:12 Wonderful Swiftlets
Dwelling in House
01:15 **National News**
01:20 Shrimp Farm Project
(Ma Aing Island)
01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**WEATHER**

Tuesday, 11 November, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were 5°C to 6°C below normal in Yangon Division, 3°C to 4°C below normal in Kayin and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 10-11-2003 was 35.0°C (95°F). Minimum temperature on 11-11-2003 was 17.0°C (63°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 11-11-2003 was 53%.

Total sunshine hours on 10-11-2003 was (9.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-11-2003 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 2211 mm (87.05 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2315 mm (91.14 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2394 mm (94.25 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 8 mph from Northwest at (10:10) hours MST on 11-11-2003.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12-11-2003: Except for the possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Chin States, weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%)

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-11-2003: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-11-2003: Fair weather.



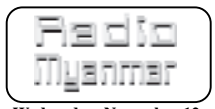
Wednesday, November 12

View today:

- 7:00 am**
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းထွန်းဆရာတော် အရာကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အစည်းတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌာရ အဘိဓမ္မအရ မဟာသမ္ဗုဒ္ဓဓာတ်က တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီက၊ ဆရာတော် အာနန္ဒမိတ္တာနာရာဒိတိဇာနိ ပရိတ် တရားတော်
7:15 am
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီက၊ အရဟတဇာတိက၊ အာနန္ဒမိတ္တာ ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်)၊ ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါယနန္တိဝိဇ္ဇာတော်
7:25 am
3. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
4. Morning news
7:40 am
5. Nice and sweet song
7:55 am
6. အဆိုပြိုင်

- 8:00 am**
7. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွကျေးဇူးအက
8:15 am
8. ရွှေလိပ်တား
8:30 am
9. International news
8:45 am
10. Learning English the easy and happy way for children and beginners.
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. Practice in reading
4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
4:45 pm
5. အဝေးသံတရားသံဃာတော် ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနံပါတ် (သရုပ်အထူးပြု) (သရုပ်)
5:15 pm
6. Song of national races
5:30 pm
7. Classical song
5:45 pm
8. (၂၂)ကြိမ်မြောက်အရေတောင်

- အာရ အာကစာပြိုင်ပွဲအကြို ပြင်ဆင်လေ့ကျင့်မှု (လေ့ကျင့်)
5:55 pm
9. Musical programme
6:05 pm
10. ရွှေလိပ်တား အာသိယအစီအစဉ်
6:15 pm
11. Discovery
6:30 pm
12. Evening news
7:00 pm
13. Weather report
7:05 pm
14. Milo success in soccer
7:10 pm
15. အနုပညာရေးအတွက် ဆွေးနွေးတိုင်ဆွဲရာ ပုဂံမြေ (အပိုင်း-၇)
7:25 pm
16. Musical programme
7:40 pm
17. နိုင်ငံအစိုးရသစ်တစ်ရပ် ဖွဲ့စည်းရေးစာတမ်း
8:00 pm
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှန်မှု "အာရှအသံ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
22. The next day's programme



Wednesday, November 12

Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
8.35 am Music
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music
8.50 am National news/Slogan
9.00 am Music
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music - One love (Blue)
9.00 pm Variations on a tune: "A Taste of Honey"
- Trummy Lopez
- John
9.15 pm Article/Music
9.25 pm Music at your request
- Addicted to bass-Pure Tone
- Good feeling- DJ Flex
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to President of Maldives

YANGON, 12 Nov—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives on the reassumption of the high office of the President of the Republic of Maldives on 11 November 2003.—MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets Thai counterpart

YANGON, 11 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt met Prime Minister of Thailand Dr Thaksin Shinawatra who is here to attend the Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy at Room No 318 of Kandawgyi Palace Hotel on Kanyeiktha Street here at 8

am today.

Also present at the call together with Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt were

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win, and together with Prime Min-

ister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra was Thai Foreign Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai.

MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt leaves for Bagan to attend Summit

YANGON, 11 Nov — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party flew to Bagan at 12.20 pm today to attend the four-country Summit Meeting on Economic

Cooperation Strategy to be held in Bagan, Nyaung U Township, Mandalay Division.

The prime minister was accompanied by Secre-

tary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein the ministers the deputy ministers and senior officials.—MNA

U Tin Latt appointed ambassador to SRV

YANGON, 12 Nov —The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Latt as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.—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 meets Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel.

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Cambodian, Laotian, Thai PMs leave for Bagan

YANGON, 11 Nov — Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith and Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra and of-

ficials left here for Bagan this afternoon to attend the four-country Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy hosted in Myanmar.

They were seen off at the

Yangon International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials of the embassies of Cambodia, Laos and Thailand.

MNA



Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra and party leave for Bagan. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Patheingyi bridge construction site

YANGON, 11 Nov—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe and senior military officers, visited the local battalion in Patheingyi yesterday morning to inspect growing of crops and vegetables.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and party were conducted around the plantation of the battalion by Lt-Col Soe Htet. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on growing of crops among cashew plants and Thitsein trees and making arrangements for extended growing of Pesinngon.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected

growing of crops and vegetables and seasonal crops at the plantation of the battalion by car.

Afterwards, they arrived at the livestock breeding and agricultural camp of the command. At the briefing hall, Lt-Col Tin Myo Tint made a report on agriculture and livestock breeding tasks. The commander presented a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said the livestock breeding tasks of the regiments and units have achieved success and all are to strive for maintaining the already-achieved success.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected the poultry farm in the camp and growing of perennial crops and seasonal crops. The commander and officials concerned conducted them around there.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party together with the commander

visited the construction site for the Ngawun river-crossing Patheingyi Bridge where In-charge of the project Deputy Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung Win reported on construction of approach bridges with the help of charts.

Division Superintending Engineer U Soe Tint of the Public Works reported on construction tasks. Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials presented supplementary reports.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on timely completion of the bridge, meeting the set standard of the bridge and worksite safety and inspected the construction site.

On completion of the bridge, there will be smooth transportation and marine products and agricultural produces can be transported to Yangon and other towns smoothly and quickly.

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