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Bagan Shwe Kuncha jetty, they were welcomed by people dressed in styles of Bagan era.

Boungnang Vorachith and Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents photo albums and VCDs to Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents photo albums and VCDs to Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen.— MNA

Myat Yadana, Shwe Keinnari-2 and Pandaw-2 watercrafts in River Ayeyawady in honour of Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith and Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra and their entourage who attended the Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy of Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Thailand held in Bagan Archaeological Region in Mandalay Division.

Present on the occasion with Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and De-

velopement Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, ministers, deputy ministers, high-ranking officials; together with Laotian Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith were ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials; and together with Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra were Deputy Prime Minister Mr Somkid Jatusripitak, ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials and Myanmar ambassadors and businessmen from the four countries. On arrival at the

During their luncheon, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, the Prime Ministers from the three countries, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, ministers and guests observed Bagan ancient cultural heritage along River Ayeyawady on board the watercrafts. During the lunch, demonstration of regatta in Bagan era was presented.

After the luncheon, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented documentary photo albums and VCDs to Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, Laotian Prime Minister Mr

Prime Ministers from Cambodia, Laos and Thailand leave for home

YANGON, 13 Nov — Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith and Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra and their members of respective delegates, who attended the Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy among Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand, hosted by Myanmar in the Bagan Archaeological Region in Mandalay Division, left home by air from the

Bagan-NyaungU Airport yesterday afternoon.

The three Prime Ministers and their entourage were seen off at the airport by Prime Minister of the State General Khin Nyunt, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win,

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, ministers, deputy ministers, Magway Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Zaw Min and members, departmental officials, and social organizations. — MNA

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PERSPECTIVES

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Towards regional peace and prosperity

The Kingdom of Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Thailand have long been good neighbours with common historical, cultural and religious background. These four nations are determined to forward their mutual interests by combining the interests of each individual country and those of the entire region.

The Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Thailand Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy was held at the Archaeological Museum in Bagan Archaeological Region, Mandalay Division on 12 November.

Prime Minister of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of Cambodia Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Laos Mr Boungnang Vorachith, Prime Minister of Thailand Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, ministers, deputy ministers and senior officials attended the summit.

Regarding the future tasks on economic cooperation strategy of the four nations, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said, "Myanmar would carry out the tasks for gaining trade and investment opportunities. In Myanmar, there are better prospects in agricultural, fish and meat and forestry sectors. It wished to undertake cooperation in hydro-electric power facilities. Much benefits will be achieved through the development of transport linkage among the nations. It also wished to promote cooperation in tourism and human resources development sectors."

Prime Ministers of the four nations discussed trade, investment, provision of grant aid and soft loans, promotion of tourism and sources of funds, and cooperation among the four nations and holding joint trade fairs. Moreover, peace and stability in the border areas and development of transport linkages were discussed in a friendly atmosphere.

The Bagan Declaration on the four-nation Economic Cooperation Strategy was also issued. It was also agreed at the meeting to convene summit meeting of the heads of government biennially and for the ministers and the senior officials, annually.

The envisions of the four nations on the economic cooperation strategy are to increase the competitiveness and generate greater growth along the borders, to facilitate relocation of agricultural and manufacturing industries to areas with comparative advantage, to create employment opportunities and reduce income disparity among the four countries, to enhance peace, stability and shared prosperity for all in a sustainable manner.

We believe that the friendly discussions at the summit were very fruitful and they will contribute a lot to the regional cooperation for economic growth of the region.



Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand and members pose for documentary photo at the Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy on 12 November. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attend the dinner hosted in honour of Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Lao Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith and Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra and delegates to the Summit by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. — MNA

Commander inspects regional development tasks in Launglon Township

YANGON, 13 Nov—Chairman of the Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Coastal Region Command Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint on 10 November morning paid homage to Sayadaw of Weyanbonsan Monastery in Launglon Township, Dawei District, Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Canda Siri and members of the Sangha and presented robes and offertories.

Later, the commander met with departmental officials and townsenders at the office of Launglon Township PDC. At the meeting, he

called on them to extend agricultural work for regional development and local rice sufficiency. The commander proceeded to the cold storage in Kyauknimaw Village in Launglon Township and inspected packaging of prawns to be exported.

During his tour, the commander also provided 150 bags of cement to renovate the primary schools in the villages on Kyauknimaw-Shinmaw road.

Brig-Gen Ohn Myint also visited Shinmawtaung Pagoda and made cash donation to renovate the pagoda.

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Informal education efficiency course to be opened

YANGON, 13 Nov—Coordination meeting on opening of e-informal education efficiency course was held this afternoon at the Myanmar Education Research Bureau in Kamayut Township.

The lectures of the

course will be learned at e-learning centres across the country.

The course will be opened at 9 am on 22 November and lectures will be delivered from 9 am to 4 pm from 22 to 30 November — MNA

Mattresses donated to MKF

YANGON, 13 Nov—Managing Director of Kizunax Co Ltd Mr Kimura Shoichi donated mattresses to the Myanmar Karatedo Federation through President of the federation Police Col Khin Maung Tun (Retd) yesterday at Aung San Gymnasium.

First, Mr Kimura Shoichi explained the purposes of the donation. President of the federation spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, Karatedo athletes who will participate in XXII SEA Games presented skill demonstrations. — MNA

Myanmar golf team leaves for Kiawah Island

YANGON, 13 Nov — Myanmar golf team comprising professional golfers Kyi Hla Han and Aung Win left here by air yesterday afternoon to compete in World Golf Championship-World Cup at Kiawah Island Re-

sorts (Ocean Course), Kiawah Island, South Carolina, the USA, this month.

A total of 48 top golfers from 24 countries who had passed qualifiers will compete in the championship. — MNA

Myanmar golf team seen off at Yangon International Airport by General Secretary of MGF U Aung Kyi and executives. — MGF



Managing Director Mr Kimura Shoichi of Kizunax Co Ltd presents mattresses to President of Myanmar Karatedo Federation Police Colonel Khin Maung Tun (Retd). — MKF

Bomb at Italian base in Iraq kills at least 27

NASSIRIYA (Iraq), 13 Nov—Suicide car bombers devastated an Italian military police base in the Iraqi town of Nassiriya Wednesday, killing at least 18 Italians and nine Iraqis.

In Washington, President Bush directed Iraq's US governor Paul Bremer to speed the transfer of postwar authority to the Iraqi people. The move followed Bremer's sudden recall to Washington Tuesday for urgent consultations.

US forces hit back against Iraqi guerillas following a succession of nighttime attacks on the headquarters of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in Baghdad that has underscored the growing boldness of the insurgents. A military statement code-named the new sweep operation "Iron Hammer."

It said US forces used a *Hercules* aircraft modified for attack to destroy an abandoned warehouse thought to be used by guerillas. Two Iraqis were killed in a US helicopter strike against a van used to launch mortar attacks on the US military.

Biggest challenge

But the US-led occupation forces faced their biggest challenge with a suicide bombing in the southern town of Nassiriya that tore off the front of the three-

storey concrete building used by Italian Carabinieri paramilitary police.

The blast, on the Euphrates riverfront, set cars on fire and sent a plume of black smoke into the air. Sixteen servicemen and two Italian civilians were killed — Italy's highest military death toll since World War II.

"A truck crashed into the entrance of the military police unit, closely followed

by a car which detonated," a spokeswoman for the British-led multinational force in southern Iraq said.

The Italian ANSA news agency cited Giorgio Cornacchione, commander of Italian troops in Nassiriya, as saying there were four suicide bombers in two vehicles with between 330 and 660 pounds of explosives. Khudair al-Hazbar, director of Nassiriya General Hospi-

tal, said at least nine Iraqis were killed and more than 80 wounded.

Bloodiest single attack

Wednesday's bombing was the bloodiest single attack in Iraq since August when at least 80 Iraqis were killed by a car bomb in Najaf.

The Italian deaths were the first among non-British members of the southern multinational force in hostile fire. —*Internet*



A burned out car is seen near Italy's paramilitary headquarters after an explosion in Nassiriya, southern Iraq. —INTERNET

Day of carnage as 37 killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 13 Nov—A vicious surge in violence yesterday claimed 37 lives, including 28 when a suicide truck bomber devastated an Italian military police base in Nassiriya.

The attack came as President George W Bush directed Iraqi civil administrator Paul Bremer to speed the transfer of postwar authority to Iraq's people, drawing Washington's policy closer to that of its sceptical European allies.

In Baghdad, a succession of up to two dozen blasts echoed across the city last night and the US military said they were part of an operation against guerillas responsible for attacks on its forces. Troops killed two Iraqis and destroyed a building in the Iraqi capital which a spokesman said was a known facility used as a meeting, planning and rendezvous point for guerillas.

Separately, US paratroopers last night killed six attackers and wounded four others in a shootout near the hospital run by the Jordanian government near Fallujah.

A paramilitary guard was also killed when assailants fired rocket propelled grenades and small arms fire at an American military compound in a northern Iraq city, the US military said.

The Nassiriya explosion tore off the front of the three-storey concrete building used by the Italian Carabinieri on the Euphrates riverfront, set cars on fire and sent a plume of black smoke into the air. Seventeen of the 26 dead were Italians.

Italian Defence Minister Antonio Martino said the Italian dead were 11 Carabinieri military police, four soldiers and two civilians—Italy's highest military death toll since the Second World War. —*Internet*

Iraqi official says Iraq becoming hotbed of terrorism

KUWAIT, 13 Nov—A leading member of Iraq's US-appointed Governing Council said on Tuesday some militants have moved recently to Saudi Arabia from Iraq, which was becoming a hotbed of terrorism.

Abdul Aziz al-Hakim told reporters in Kuwait there was probably a link between terror groups in Iraq and those behind the bombing in the Saudi capital Riyadh which killed 18 people at the weekend.

"We had feared that Iraq would turn into a breeding ground for terrorism," he said. "We expect those operations which took place in Riyadh have a link to the terrorist groups inside Iraq."

Saudi Arabia and its ally the United States blamed Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda group for the bombing.

Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez,

the senior US commander in Iraq, said earlier on Tuesday that US forces have detained up to 20 suspected members of al-Qaeda in Iraq but have found no proof they belong to bin Laden's network.

Washington blames die-hard supporters of deposed Iraqi president Saddam Hussein and foreign Muslim militants for a wave of attacks on occupying troops and a series of suicide bombings in Iraq.

Hakim said militants were taking advantage of the lack of proper controls on Iraq's vast borders with its neighbours, including Saudi Arabia. —*MNA/Reuters*



The Italian Carabinieri base in the southern Iraqi town of Nassiriya lies destroyed by a car bomb on 12 Nov, 2003. —INTERNET

China urges Burundi to ensure safety of Chinese diplomats

BEIJING, 13 Nov—The Chinese Government urged Burundi to take effective measures to guarantee the safety of the Chinese Embassy and its personnel, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao here Tuesday.

At a regular Press conference, Liu said that one office building of the Chinese Embassy in Bujumbura was accidentally hit by a mortar shell and damaged to a certain extent during the fierce fighting between the Burundian Government army and the Forces for National Liberation's rebels, which broke out early Monday morning in Burundi's capital Bujumbura.

"Fortunately nobody was killed or injured," added the spokesman. Attaching great importance to this issue, Liu noted that the central Chinese leadership asked the foreign ministry to find out details and extend sympathy to the embassy staff. The Chinese embassy officials took up the matter with the related Burundi department, and Burundi Defence Minister and officials of the Burundi Foreign Ministry also went to the spot and promised to beef up the defence of the embassy. —*MNA/Xinhua*

WTO entry spurs China's economic expansion

BEIJING, 13 Nov—Accession into the WTO has been spurring the growth of China's economy over the past two years, experts noted here Tuesday.

A group of noted economists and scholars said at a seminar held by the Beijing-based University of International Business and Economics that problems have also been addressed earnestly by China as a WTO member.

China reported large increases in foreign trade in the second year after its WTO entry. Official figures show that the country exported 307.7 billion US dollars and imported 298.56 billion dollars of goods in the first nine months of the year, up 32.3 and 40.5 per cent, respectively, year on year. The country's contractual and actually utilized foreign investment also jumped a year-on-year 36 per cent and 11.9 per cent, respectively, from January to September.

Behind the robust figures were constant trade disputes, covering trade barriers, trade policies, trade transparency and plant quarantine.

Economists noted the occurrence and solution of these disputes have exerted a profound influence on the international trade environment and the sustained and healthy development of China's economy and trade.

A striking point of China's overseas trade relations in 2003 was how China addressed the issue of RMB exchange rate and the trade deficit of the United States to China.

In response to this, experts and scholars said that the trade deficit of the United States was neither as serious as the United States said nor caused by the RMB exchange rate, instead being the result of the complementary industrial structures of the two countries and investing enterprises moving to China's mainland from Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong and Taiwan. —*MNA/Xinhua*

China urged to improve agricultural produce markets

BEIJING, 13 Nov—Agricultural and logistics experts Tuesday discussed the problems faced by agricultural markets, suggesting the traditional markets improve their facilities to cope with the increasing demand for high-quality produce.

At a forum on the marketing of agricultural products here Tuesday, Min Yaoliang, secretary general of the China Association of Agricultural Products Markets, said that China's agricultural produce markets traditionally featured shabby facilities and irregular quality of goods.

MNA/Xinhua

Bush could face anti-war protesters in Britain

LONDON, 13 Nov—Police say there will be no special “exclusion zones” for US President George W Bush’s visit next week and he could easily come into contact with anti-war protesters.

Although Britain joined the United States in waging war on Iraq, anti-Bush sentiment is strong. A poll on Tuesday showed 60 percent of Britons strongly disapprove of his handling of Iraq.

“There is no intention to spare anyone’s embarrassment. We have been under no pressure to do so,” said Deputy Assistant Commissioner Andy Trotter on Wednesday. “There will be no exclusion zones. He (Bush) could quite easily come into contact with demonstrators.”

Tens of thousands of protesters, including some from Europe, are expected for the visit starting next Wednesday, prompting police to mount one of London’s biggest security operations.

The media has been rife with re-

ports that vast areas of central London would be sealed off because the White House and Downing Street wanted the president isolated from protests.

Police said while security would be tight, cordons would be kept to a minimum and peaceful protests allowed.

The prospect of Bush, the Queen and Prime Minister Tony Blair, Washington’s closest ally in the Iraq war, together could present a tempting target for would-be attackers.

A study on Tuesday said London was more at risk of attack by Islamic extremists than any other major city in Western Europe. Trotter told reporters 5,000 officers would be on duty, including all London’s armed units, and all police leave had been cancelled.

Anti-Bush and anti-war campaigners remain angry that a major march will not be allowed through Whitehall and Parliament Square. Left-leaning London Mayor Ken Livingstone said this week: “Any attempt to try and help Bush avoid protesters would be inconceivable. To create a situation in which up to 60,000 people would remain unseen would require a shutdown of central London which is just unacceptable.”

“As far as we can see, substantial parts of the centre of town will be closed down, and this will deter people from coming to London. It seems likely to hurt retail business,” said Dan Bridgett, a spokesman for the London Chamber of Commerce.

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Two US soldiers killed, 4 wounded in separate Baghdad attacks

BAGHDAD, 13 Nov—Two US soldiers were killed and four wounded in separate bombing attacks in Baghdad and north of the capital late Wednesday, a military spokeswoman said.

“One 1st First Armoured Division soldier died, and two were wounded in an IED (improvised explosive device) attack in Baghdad,” she told AFP.

“Despite best efforts at treatment, one soldier was pronounced dead at 9pm at the 28th Combat Support Hospital. The other two wounded soldiers were taken to the 47th Combat Support Hospital for treatment,” she said.

She said that on Monday “one Task Force Ironhorse soldier was killed and two were wounded when their military vehicle struck an IED north-west of Baghdad. “The wounded soldiers were treated at a nearby combat support hospital and were returned to duty,” she added.—Internet

US military chief vows to “get tough” in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 13 Nov—The top US military commander in Iraq signalled on Tuesday his forces would take tougher action against insurgents, warning he would not hesitate to use any weapon at his disposal to defeat them.

Both the US-led occupying coalition and their enemies have upped the ante in recent days. Guerrillas have shot down helicopters and the US military has used aerial bombing for the first time since the official end of major combat in Iraq.

“Although the coalition can be benevolent, this is still the same lethal formation that removed the former oppressive regime (of Saddam Hussein),” Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez told a regular news briefing.

“We will not hesitate to employ the appropriate levels of combat power,” he said as a slide of a fighter jet dropping bombs was displayed behind him. US warplanes have struck targets near the towns of Tikrit and Falluja in the past week.

US military officials in Iraq have sought to balance talk of offensive operations with reconstruction work. But with attacks against them rising, Sanchez and other commanders appear ready to toughen their rhetoric and their actions on the ground. He said General John Abizaid, head of US Central Command, recently conveyed a similarly hard line to local leaders in Falluja, a hotbed of anti-American

violence west of Baghdad.

“The most important message is that we’re going to get pretty tough,” Sanchez said. “That’s what’s necessary to defeat this enemy and we’re definitely not shy about doing that.” He said he had weighed the risk of alienating ordinary Iraqis with air strikes but believed most recognized the coalition had to take firm action to defeat the insurgency.

US commanders believe former members of Saddam Hussein’s regime are responsible for most of the attacks since the end of major combat on May 1 which have targeted US forces, Iraqis cooperating with them and international organizations.

“Not a single tool that we have available would be spared if necessary to defeat that enemy,” Sanchez said.

Officers also say foreign Islamic militants have been involved. Sanchez said the military had detained up to 20 people they suspected were members of al-Qaeda but had not yet been able to prove they belonged to Osama bin Laden’s group. —MNA/Reuters



A file photo shows a British soldier collecting pieces of forensics evidence at the site of a roadside bombing in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on Sunday. — INTERNET

UN population fund finances Nigeria

LAGOS, 13 Nov—The United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) will spend 1.3 million US dollars on population programme for Nigeria’s southern state of Abia, the News Agency of Nigeria reported Tuesday.

Niangoran Essan, UNFPA Country Representative in Nigeria, was quoted as saying that the programme was designed to address high maternal mortality, male school drop-out, harmful traditional practices against women and the provision of access to information on HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents.

Essan described the programme as a partnership between the state government and the fund, appealing to the government to fulfill its part of the agreement.

The agreement followed

the completion of the fourth country programme in 2002, he said, adding that the fund had developed a new system whereby reviews would be carried out in Abia and no longer in Abuja.

He explained that the new approach would afford the government the opportunity to monitor the progress of the programme and make suggestions for effective implementation.

Abia State Governor Orji Uzor Kalu pledged that the government would fulfill its part of the obligation in the spirit of true partnership.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese State Councillor calls for stronger role of NGOs

BEIJING, 13 Nov—Chinese State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan Tuesday called for efforts to enhance the role of non-governmental organizations (NGO) in international affairs.

“With the progress in economic globalization and the increase of non-traditional security issues, NGOs are playing an increasingly significant role, especially in the fields of environmental protection, trade and arms control,” Tang said at a meeting of the United Nations Association of China (UNA-China), an NGO for the promotion of peace and the development of the United Nations.

Tang said China’s economic reform and diplomatic activities provide good opportunities for China’s NGOs to participate in international affairs.—MNA/Xinhua

Test-tube technology banned for single women

BEIJING, 13 Nov—Chinese hospitals have officially closed their doors to single women who want to use invitro technology to fall pregnant, reported Wednesday’s China Daily.

Under new revisions to Ministry of Health regulations, doctors are forbidden to help single women get pregnant through assisted reproductive technology (ART) such as embryo transfer and artificial insemination, said the newspaper.

The move is aimed to prevent inappropriate use of the technology by single women and unqualified couples, such as those with acute infectious diseases, said Qi Li, a MOH official.

The regulation, which took effect early last

month, urges hospitals across the country to strictly obey China’s laws and regulations on population and family planning when using ART.

If not properly used, ART, especially technologies such as germ cell transfer that are still immature, may cause ethical problem. One child, for example, could be born with genes from more than three peoples, experts warned.

MNA/Xinhua



A Georgian freighter ran aground in bad weather and split into two off the coast of Anadolujeneri in Istanbul, Turkey, on Tuesday. The 25 personnel on board were rescued before the freighter began sinking. Some of the freighter’s fuel leaked into the sea but did not pose any serious danger to the environment. —INTERNET

Hu Jintao says China-Australia ties to grow

BEIJING, 13 Nov — Chinese President Hu Jintao said here Wednesday that China-Australia relations will continue to grow thanks to concerted efforts by both sides.

He told an Australian Parliament delegation led by Judi Moylan, chairperson of the Australia-China friendship group of the Australian Federal Parliament, that ties had developed soundly with enhanced cooperation in all areas.

Hu, who paid a state visit to Australia in October, said he reached a consensus with Australian leaders on enriching and deepening relations on the basis of mutual trust, long-term friendship, and mutual benefit.

The friendly communication between China's National People's Congress and the Australian Federal Parliament deepened understanding and friendship between the two peoples, he said, adding that he hoped the two sides would enhance cooperation.

Moylan praised Hu's contribution to bilateral ties, saying a strong China was conducive to regional stability and world peace. She said the Australian Parliament hoped to expand exchanges with China.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq is to face bad health for decades

LONDON, 13 Nov — Iraqis will suffer physical and mental illnesses for "years, maybe generations" due to poor living conditions, ongoing violence and a collapsed health service, according to a medical charity report.

The report on Tuesday by British-based charity Medact said 20,000 civilians were injured during the war and its aftermath to July. It said the breakdown in law and order, lack of security and damage to infrastructure were hitting vulnerable groups like women and children.

"Limited access to clean water and sanitation, poverty, malnutrition, and disruption of public services including health services continue to have a negative impact on the health of the Iraqi people," said the report's author Dr Sabya Farooq.

The report said the problems were compounded by widespread contamination.

"The environment is littered by mines and they are killing humans. A lot of unexploded bomblets are continuing to injure civilians, particularly children because they are brightly coloured," Farooq said.

She also said maimed Iraqi children would not gain the same benefits as Ali Abbas, a child who lost both arms and his parents in a missile attack on Baghdad and later received treatment in Kuwait and Britain.

A Medact statement said: "For every Ali Abbas...there are thousands of maimed children with no safe access to adequate health services, let alone sophisticated rehabilitation." — MNA/Reuters

Italian opposition calls for troop withdrawal from Iraq

ROME, 13 Nov — Members of the Italian centre-left opposition coalition Wednesday called for the withdrawal of all Italian troops from Iraq after the country lost 17 troops in a terrorist attack.

The coalition's nominal leader, Francesco Rutelli, said that the "length and nature of the Iraqi mission must be reviewed."

But the former Rome mayor added that "this isn't the moment for criticizing the war or the post-war situation (in Iraq). Today is a day of mourning and we must rally round the Carabinieri police force."

Seventeen Italians and at least eight Iraqis were killed in the truck bomb attack Wednesday morning at the Carabinieri headquarters in the southern Iraqi town of Nassiriya.

Dozens of Iraqis and at least 15 other Italians were injured in the explosion.

Piero Fassino, leader of Italy's Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) which is the largest in the opposition alliance, urged accelerating the application of last month's UN resolution calling for giving self-rule to the Iraqis according to "a realistic timetable."

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Vice-President meets Gabonese FM

BEIJING, 13 Nov — Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong said here Wednesday that China appreciates the Gabonese Government's firm support for the one-China policy and China's reunification.

Zeng told visiting Gabonese Minister of State Jean Ping that China valued its traditional friendly relations with Gabon, and would work with Gabon to keep developing the ties between the two countries.

It was almost 30 years since China and Gabon es-

tablished full diplomatic relations and the two countries had successfully cooperated in politics, trade, culture and public health, and on international issues, Zeng said.

Ping, also the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Gabon, said that Gabon would up-

hold the one-China policy firmly and support China's reunification. Gabon will continue to work with China to develop relations.

Ping thanked the Chinese Government and people for their assistance in the construction of Gabon.

MNA/Xinhua

Flash floods kill eight in Mecca

RIYADH, 13 Nov — Flash floods swept through Saudi Arabia's holy city Mecca, killing eight people and destroying homes over the past two days, Saudi newspapers said on Wednesday.

They reported that torrential rain — described by one daily as the worst to lash the area in 12 years — caused the floods, which also injured more than 100 people and stranded several families.

Most fatalities were caused by drowning or electric shocks.

Saudi Arabia is one of the most arid countries in the world, but severe rain storms are common in the mountainous region along its west coast. — MNA/Xinhua

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Mubarak says Egypt will not send troops to Iraq

CAIRO, 13 Nov — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak reiterated on Tuesday that his country will not send troops to Iraq, the official MENA news agency reported.

"The decision was made out of keenness on national interests," Mubarak told the parliamentary board of the ruling National Democratic Party. He underlined the importance of enabling the Iraqis to rule themselves, saying that the Iraqis were the ones capable of making changes and establishing a new regime accepted by all. He also called for ending any influence by any neighbouring country of Iraq.

Arab countries have refrained from sending troops to Iraq, fearing that such a move would amount to the recognition of the US occupation of Iraq. — MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier arrests an Iraqi man in an area that was sealed off in Baghdad, as US troops searched for improvised explosive devices. The reason of the arrest was unknown. — INTERNET

China urges US to end steel duties after ruling

BEIJING, 13 Nov — China on Tuesday welcomed a World Trade Organization ruling against US steel tariffs and urged Washington to live up to its obligations by scrapping the duties as soon as possible.

The WTO's highest court ruled on Monday that the US duties on imported steel violated international trade laws.

The European Union immediately warned President George W Bush that he must quickly withdraw them or face retaliation which could amount to some 2.2 billion US dollars in duties on US goods.

"The measures protecting steel carried out by the United States affect China's steel ex-

ports to the United States," Chinese Ministry of Commerce spokesman Chong Quan said in a statement on the ministry's web site.

"We hope... the United States will carry out its international obligations as soon as possible and withdraw the measures protecting steel."

China's steel makers had not been hit hard by the US duties as their exports to the United States are relatively small.

But Beijing was among the 7 countries that joined the EU in filing a complaint to the WTO over the 20-month-old US duties, which were initially levied at up to 30 per cent but later reduced.

China, although the world's biggest manufacturer of steel, is still a net importer of it because domestic demand far outstrips supply for high-end products.

MNA/Reuters

China sees more volunteers in public welfare

BEIJING, 13 Nov — More and more people in China have volunteered to get involved in the public welfare cause to help the needy people throughout the country.

The public welfare institutions, notably the non-governmental organizations (NGOs), constitute a major force for the development of China's public welfare service, said Minister of Civil Affairs Li Xueju during the Business and Civil Society Forum held in Beijing from November 9 to 11.

China has recorded over 400,000 volunteers in science popularization, 5.4 million community volun-

teers and 4.5 billion hours of volunteer service by over 100 million people.

Yang Hai has been a volunteer for ten years since he quit his well-paid job in a joint venture. He began organizing doctors to treat the poor in rural areas beginning last year, which cost him over 10,000 yuan in medicine.

"Many Chinese volunteers in grassroots organizations tend to devote themselves to China's public

welfare, which yet lags behind that of the world," said Yang Liu, who just returned from a kidney donation foundation in Singapore.

MNA/Xinhua



US R&B singer Beyonce Knowles (news) arrives at the UK charity premiere of the comedy film, "The Fighting Temptations," in which she stars, at the Empire Leicester Square, London, on 12 November, 2003. — INTERNET

Donate
blood

UN advocates early power handover to Iraqis

UNITED NATIONS, 13 Nov—With the United States reconsidering its political approach in Iraq, the United Nations said on Wednesday that a rapid transfer of power to Iraqis would benefit the strife-torn country.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan in October challenged the Bush Administration by outlining a rival blueprint that would transfer sovereignty to Iraqis within three months, similar to one the world body helped institute in Afghanistan.

"There's no change in our position," chief UN Spokesman Fred Eckhard told reporters.

"A clear timeline for the transfer of authority to Iraqis, we think, would help reduce tensions somewhat," Eckhard said in answer to questions. "We think that an early transfer of power would

be helpful to everyone."

Annan's stance was almost identical to that of France and Germany, which wanted a provisional government in office while a Constitution was drafted and elections are organized.

Some UN officials last month advocated the US-appointed Iraqi Governing Council be expanded to about 100 people and become a quasi-legislative body. One senior UN official advocated using Iraq's 1958 Constitution as an interim working document.

But the Bush Administration, which held an urgent

round of meetings this week to speed up the transfer of power to Iraqis, appears to be considering a smaller core group or a single leader to move the process along.

"We want to accelerate our work with respect to putting a legal basis under the new Iraqi government," Secretary of State Colin Powell told reporters.

Britain left the door open for various alternative plans, without giving details. Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said power could be handed to the Iraqis "more quickly than planned".

MNA/Reuters



People run away from the site of a bomb blast in Nassiriya, about 290kms (180 miles) south of Baghdad on Wednesday. A car bomb ripped through an Italian military police base in the town. —INTERNET

Iran, Iraq to start oil, gas swaps soon

TEHRAN, 13 Nov—Iraq and Iran would soon start oil and gas swap projects, a senior Iraqi official was quoted by Iran's IRNA news agency as saying on Wednesday.

Iraqi Oil Minister Ibrahim Mohammad Bahr al-Uloum said he would discuss details of the projects during his upcoming visit to Tehran.

Bahr al-Uloum said he would discuss with Iranian officials about his participation in the next summit of the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries on December 5.

Iranian Foreign Minister

Kamal Kharrazi told a donors' conference for Iraq in Madrid last month that Tehran was ready to enter oil swap arrangements with Baghdad of up to 350,000 barrels a day to help the Iraqi reconstruction efforts.

He said Iran is ready to provide a facility of up to 300 million dollars in buyers' and suppliers' credits and offered to supply electricity and gas to Iraq. —MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi teenagers cheer as American blood flows

BAGHDAD, 13 Nov — If Washington doubts there is Iraqi public support for guerillas killing its troops, it should consider the teenagers who happily watched American blood spill on Wednesday.

After a roadside bomb ripped through a military vehicle and wounded two soldiers, Iraqi boys rushed out of their homes to survey the damage.

"This is good. If they ask me, I will join the resistance. The Americans have to die," said Ali Qais, 15. "They are just here to steal our oil."

The US Administration has long dismissed the guerillas as isolated "terrorists" who are Saddam Hussein

loyalists or foreign Islamic militants.

But the scene in the Sarafiya District of Baghdad suggests they are winning the sympathy of Iraqis, whose joy at Saddam's fall has been overshadowed by anti-American rage.

Teenage boys were irritated to hear that two American soldiers were just wounded, not killed.

"I saw them pushing their hands onto one of the

Americans' chest. They must have died. One soldier's friend was crying," said Abdullah Oman, 18.

His fury has been fuelled by what he says is an American desire to humiliate all Iraqis. He even believes that US troops plant the bombs themselves, risking American lives to terrify and kill Iraqis.

"They are watching us die and laughing. They humiliate us. They handcuffed

me and arrested me in front of my parents late one night because I stood on my house porch after curfew," he said.

A new CIA report on Iraq warns of growing popular support for insurgents combating US occupation forces and says efforts to rebuild the country could collapse without immediate corrective action, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* said on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

S Korea launches third 4,000 ton-class destroyer

SEOUL, 13 Nov—South Korea's Navy launched its third 4,000-ton-class "stealth" destroyer Wednesday in Okpo, some 480 kilometres southeast of Seoul.

The domestically built 4,375-ton ship, equipped with a range of high-tech weaponry, was set afloat at a shipyard in Okpo, the Navy said in a news release on Wednesday. The ship, dubbed *Daejoyoung*, the founder of ancient Korean kingdom Balhae, is the third and last destroyer the Navy has developed under its programme code-named KDX-II.

"With the *Daejoyoung* ship's launching, the Navy has an upgraded operational capability in anti-vessel, anti-aircraft and anti-submarine missions in modern multidimensional warfare," the Navy said. The new destroyer, which has radar-evading stealth functions, is equipped with *SM-II* ship-to-air missiles, *Harpoon* anti-ship missiles, *RAM*-guided supersonic missiles and other guns as well as two anti-submarine *Super Lynx* helicopters, according to the news release. —MNA/Xinhua

Thai telecom giant joins hands with Malaysia for budget airline

BANGKOK, 13 Nov—Thailand's largest telecom conglomerate Shin Corp on Tuesday confirmed it would invest 250 million baht (about 5.95 million US dollars) to establish a discount airline with the Malaysian no-frills carrier Air Asia.

Shin, founded by Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, told the Stock Exchange of Thailand that it planned to buy 20 million shares or 51 per cent stake of a yet-to-be-established Air Asia Aviation Group.

AA International, an Air Asia's subsidiary, would

retain the rest 49 per cent shares, online newspaper Business Day reported on Wednesday.

Air Asia Aviation would lease three *Boeing 737-300* aircraft for 600 million US baht (14.29 million US dollars) from Malaysia's Air Asia for five years to operate in

Thailand. The airline, expected to start operation at the end of this year or early next year, had won licence to operate flight services to Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Phuket and Nakhon Ratchasima, newspaper *The Nation* quoted a Transport Ministry source as saying. —MNA/Xinhua



Vietnamese Culture and Information Minister Pham Quang Nghi looks at a selection of artifacts that were found while excavating a site for Vietnam's new parliament building in Hanoi, on 11 November, 2003. Vietnam's ruling Communist Party has delayed the construction of the building after workers unearthed millions of artifacts dating from the seventh century. —INTERNET

France urges transfer of sovereignty to Iraq

PARIS, 13 Nov—The French Foreign Ministry said Wednesday that the transfer of sovereignty to Iraq must be done without delay when commenting on remarks by British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw that such a move could happen sooner than expected.

"We are informed of the latest statements (of British Foreign Minister Jack Straw.) France has a constant position on this issue that underlines the necessity of a transfer without delay of the sovereignty to the Iraqis," said a spokesman of the French Foreign Ministry. Earlier Wednesday, Straw said over BBC radio: "We want to hand over power to the Iraqi people as quickly as possible," adding that a transfer of control could happen "more quickly than planned".

"There have been suggestions, not just from the United States and ourselves, but from our other partners that there may be other ways of achieving that," said Straw.

The comments from London and Paris came as at least 15 Italians and seven Iraqis were killed in an attack on an Italian base in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah.

They are the first Italian casualties since Rome sent a contingent of police and soldiers to join the coalition occupying Iraq in June.

The coalition force has been suffering daily deadly attacks since US President George W. Bush announced the end of major operations in May.

France, staunchly opposed to the military actions on Iraq, has been insisting on a rapid transfer of power to the Iraqis since the operations ended.

MNA/Xinhua

Drive safely



Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith, Prime Minister of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt and Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra pose for a documentary photo. — MNA

Harmonious efforts for women's sports to reach international level

May Chin (Haka)

The Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs, the Ministry of Sports and the Myanmar Women's Sports Federation held a national level conference on women and sports at International Business Centre from 28 to 29 September 2003. The conference was held with the objectives — Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation; and Myanmar Sports: the World to Conquer.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivered an address at the opening of the conference. He said, "The State is giving encouragement to the womenfolk in all aspects for progress of the women's sector and to enable the Myanmar women to stand shoulder to shoulder with their international counterparts. The women's sector will be developed on all fronts only if all the sectors including health, education, cultural and economic sectors can be promoted. Due to the encouragement provided by the Government, the MNCWA, the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, the MWSF and other women's social organizations have emerged. And these social organizations are striving for progress of the women's sector." He elaborated on the developments and success of the women's sector, and in conclusion, the Prime Minister urged the women's sports sector to give support to raise the standard of the nation's sports level as it amounts to raising the national dignity; to continuously bring out outstanding female athletes in accord with the fine traditions of Myanmar women; and the womenfolk to strive in harmony for further development of their sector.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe chaired the morning session of the conference together with other members of the panel of chairman. Resource persons presented eight papers including "The objectives of the conference"; "History of Myanmar women's sports"; The definition of sports and physical education and sports market" during the session. In the afternoon session, resource persons read papers under the headings — Sports leadership; Sports management; and Medical sports.

I was a representative of Chin State at the conference. I gained a lot of knowledge at the conference as the papers were so excellent. I came to know that Myanmar women have played football since 1924. Although I was interested in the Myanmar women playing golf and taking part in weightlifting, I did not know that there have been women golfers and weightlifters in Myanmar since 1935.

Myanmar women won victories in sports to a certain degree during the period from 1950 to 1991. On 1 March 1991, the Government formed the MWSF with Prof Dr Daw May May Yi as its president to uplift the health and fitness of women and to ensure their sports victories. The wives of the State dignitaries have also acted as its patrons to render assistance to the Federation's functions.

Since the formation of the Ministry of Sports in 1996, the women's sports sector has been gaining more and more success. The MWSF won the Women and Sports

Trophy for Asia of the International Olympic Committee in Switzerland in 2002. Since its formation in 1991, the MWSF is giving support and assistance to the women's sports sector; striving to develop the health, education, cultural and social sectors of women. As the Federation President Daw May May Yi is also the Vice-President of the Myanmar National Working Committee for Women's Affairs, she has been able to receive the leadership and directives of the Patrons.

In the evening session, the participants at the conference were divided into four groups and held the discussion on two topics — health and fitness of women and raising of the women's sports standard; and emergence of brilliant sports women who will bring honour to the nation.

The groups discussion continued till the next day's morning session. The group discussions were coordinated by the secretariat of the conference. The main results of the group discussions were to apply all possible means to organize the entire womenfolk to have interest in sports; to hold the mass sports events in the whole nation; to cooperate with the Ministry of Sports and the Ministry of Education; to fairly select talented athletes and send the promising ones to the Institute of Sports; to bring out outstanding new generation athletes; to extend sports institutes; to open a sports university; to host international sports events; to provide all-round assistance to find jobs for outstanding athletes; to raise funds for sports development; and to conduct sports research.

At the conference I met with 11 outstanding sports-women who brought honour to the nation, and later came to know that two thirds of the gold won by Myanmar contingents were bagged by female athletes. And I believe that it is the national duty for all of us to further develop the women's sports sector.

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered the concluding address. He said that he found the results of the conference satisfactory and would contribute much towards further development of the Myanmar women's sports sector. He also explained the medal-winning situation of the women's sports and means to improve it.

We, the delegates to the conference, gained much knowledge there. And we came to understand our duty to take part in the respective sectors for development of women's sports. Myanmar women do not need to demand rights, as they have not lost any rights at all. I found the womenfolk's delight to be born Myanmar woman.

Throughout the course of history and till now, Myanmar women have been enjoying equal rights with their male counterparts. Thus, I wish the entire Myanmar womenfolk to strive harmoniously for the Myanmar women's sports to meet the international level and to raise the nation's dignity.

(Translation: TMT)

Kyemon: 31 October 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



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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt bids farewell to Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra at Bagan-Nyaung U Airport before his departure home on 12 November.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt bids farewell to Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen at Bagan-Nyaung U Airport before his departure home on 12 November.—MNA

Agricultural research work under way in Mudon

YANGON, 13 Nov — Mon State Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, accompanied by departmental officials, on 10 November morning inspected durian nurseries at Azin Farm of the Myanmar Agriculture Service in Mon State and heard reports on measures being taken for off-season production of durian and gave instructions.

The commander also inspected pilot plantations of pepper plants at Pepper Research and Development Centre (Mon State) and attended a demonstration of pilot fields at the central agricultural farm worked by MAS (Seeds Division).

On the occasion, the commander heard reports on agricultural researches, preservation of quality seeds, and measures being taken for doing researches on cultivation of 40 varieties of local paddy.

Next, the commander looked into measures being taken for double cropping and triple cropping with the combination of non-organic fertilizers and heard reports on competitive cultivation of different paddy varieties, findings of agricultural researches, paddy plantations,

research work on Kyaw Zeya paddy variety, which can yield 118 baskets per acre.

At the meeting hall, the commander met with local farmers and state-level officials and arrangements for application of modern agricultural equipment and assistance to be provided by respective ministries.

Later, the commander called upon the participation of officials and locals to implement the five rural development tasks with the use of regional agricultural development measures, and gave instructions on application of modern technologies, steps to be taken for application of modern agricultural methods, and efforts to be made for 10 major crops and meeting the set standard.

At the office of Mudon Public Works, the commander also heard reports on the tarring of Public Works and future plans.

After giving instructions taking necessary measures for meeting the set standards, the commander attended to the requirements.

On arrival at the pepper and durian plants, the commander inspected the nurseries at the farms and gave instructions on promoting research works.

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Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith and Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra and delegates to the Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy being welcomed by local people in Bagan era attires at the luncheon hosted in their honour by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. (News page 1)—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets Laotian Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith at Bagan-Nyaung U Airport before his departure home.—MNA

Earthquake report

YANGON, 13 Nov — An earthquake of slight intensity 4.3 Richter Scale with its epicentre about 260 miles

north of Yangon Seismological Observatory was recorded at 08 hrs 29 min 22 sec MST today. — MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint addresses the opening ceremony of 15th Eye Surgeons' Conference. — MNA

MMA holds 15th Eye Surgeon's Conference

YANGON, 13 Nov — The inauguration ceremony of the 15th Eye Surgeon's Conference sponsored by Eye Society of Myanmar Medical Association was held in the MMA auditorium on Theinbyu Road here at 10.30 am today.

The ceremony was opened by the Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint. It was attended

by directors-general of departments under the ministry, directors, rectors and eye surgeons from all the states and divisions of the country.

The conference continues tomorrow and there will be 20 papers to be read and discussed during the conference. — MNA

Agriculture and regional development tasks inspected

YANGON, 13 Nov — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected the agriculture and regional development tasks in Hmawby, Htantabin, Taikkyi, and Hlegu Townships in Yangon North District yesterday morning.

Accompanied by officials, the commander and party arrived at Gyogon water pumping station near Myochaung Bridge in Bawlegyun region in Htantabin Township at 7 am. Brig-Gen Htain Win of Taikkyi station and officials welcomed the commander.

Next, the commander and party viewed the digging of the main canal for irrigation of summer paddy from Myochaung Bridge. Officials of the Yangon Division Water Resources Utilization Department reported to the commander on arrangements for irrigation tasks and cultivation of 5,000 acres of summer paddy in the region.

Afterwards, the commander viewed the harvest, threshing and winnowing of paddy in Htantabin Township.

Later, the commander and party inspected the station hospital in Hleseik Village in the township. The commander left the hospital for Yaybawthoung river water pumping project. At the temporary briefing hall of the project, responsible official of the WRUD explained the salient points of the project and arrangements for cultivation of 2,000 acres of summer paddy. The commander gave instructions on sufficient water supply for summer paddy and winter crops. The commander arrived at Thabyaytan river water pumping project in Aikalaung Kyun region in Taikkyi Township and met with local farmers. At the meeting, the commander gave instructions on cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy and winter crops for the greening of 30-mile

radius of Yangon. Local farmers submitted their requirements for timely supply of water for agricultural purpose, repairs of drains, cultivation of summer paddy. Next, the chairmen of Township Peace and Development Councils in Htantabin and Taikkyi Townships reported on the requirements for cultivation of summer paddy. After hearing reports of the responsible officials, the commander fulfilled the requirements. Afterwards, the commander and party inspected 9 mile and 4 furlong long Tawlti-Kalathot road section linking Taikkyi Township and Danubyu Township in Ayeyawady Division.

Next, the commander and party arrived at the ASEAN Polymer Fish and Prawn Breeding Camp near Kalathot Village. Managing Director of U Ye Htet Kyaw reported to the commander on hatching of fish and breeding of fish and prawn. The commander gave instructions on completion of digging fish breeding ponds in wetlands in the open sea-son.

Afterwards, the commander inspected the patient wards, the operation theatre, medical store, delivery room and laboratory at the Tawlti station hospital. Next, the commander proceeded to the basic education high school in the village and inspected completion of new buildings and multimedia classrooms.

Next, the commander inspected Aikalaung river water pumping project, and construction of Paunglin Dam (supporting dam for Ngamoyeik Dam) in Hlagu Township, and gave instructions on timely completion of the dam. Later, the commander met with township level departmental officials, members of non-governmental social organizations, and townselders at the hall of Hmawby Township Peace and Development Council and gave instructions on undertaking regional development tasks, and serving the interest of the people. — MNA



In the presence of Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand, Director-General of Technical Affairs Mr Mao Thoka of Cambodia and Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand Mrs Anchalee Cha-Vanich sign Development of Industrial Estates/Special Economic Zones in Cambodia on 12 November. — MNA



In the presence of Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand, Deputy Foreign Minister of LPDR Mr Bounkeut Sang Somask and Deputy Foreign Minister of Thailand Dr Sorajak Kasemsuvan sign joint statement on energy cooperation strategy after the summit on 12 November. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets Prime Minister of Thailand Dr Thaksin Shinawatra before his departure for Thailand on 12 November. — MNA

Monywa BEHSs 2 & 3 to hold respect-paying ceremonies

YANGON, 13 Nov — Respect-paying ceremonies for the teachers of old-age retirement of Nos 2 and 3 Basic Education High Schools in Monywa are to be held in conjunction with the ceremonies to honour outstanding students at 8 am at the BEHS-2 and at 10 am at BEHS-3 on 15 November. Former teachers and students have been invited to attend the ceremony whether they receive the invitations in time or not.

Those wishing to contribute cash towards the funds of

the ceremonies are to contact the Ministry of Information (Ph 01-245615, 01-245619), District Peace and Development Council Office (Ph 071-21157), Township Peace and Development Council Office (Ph 071-21156), Commander of District Myanmar Police Force (Ph-21039), the Headmaster of BEHS-2 (Ph 071-21140), the Headmaster of BEHS-3 (Ph 071-21176), Dr Nyan Lin (Ph 071-22031) and U Nay Win (Ph 071-21525).

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Royal barge procession of Bagan era displayed at luncheon hosted in honour of Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith and Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra and delegates to the summit by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. — MNA



After the Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents souvenir to Laotian Prime Minister Mr Boungnang Vorachith on 12 November. —MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gives instructions to officials of Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project and hydel power project at the briefing hall of the project in Sedoktara Township. (News on page 16) — MNA



Ayeya-Mekong in love entwined

* The meandering Mekong River
Joins Laos and Myanmar like brothers
Downward it flows to Cambodia
Nearer lies Thai, four nations
From the four abodes, came four leaders
Joining hands, moving forward
Happily for their nations
Reciprocate action for progress
To help, they discuss
And deliberate, it's been
Successfully concluded.

* Successfully, how far they've proceeded
Built on that, as seen at cultural land
Myanmar's glory has been enhanced
The ancient land, the true roots
In City Bagan, they've rejoiced
Sharing goodwill, holding hands firmly
They made the Declaration
The great River Ayeya
Will bear witness for long
Till posterity, without doubt.

* Ayeya-Mekong entwined in love
Progress of Four Nations
We'll look forward and exist thus.

Po Wa (Trs)

(Honouring the Summit of Cambodia,
Laos, Thailand and Myanmar which
successfully concluded in Bagan on
12-11-03.)

First anniversary of Panglong University

Article by Khin Hsan Oo (Myanmarsar); Photo by MNA

The Panglong University was born on 18 December 2002. Construction began in July 2002, the university lies on the Loilem-Panglong-Leikha-Mongkai-Hsipaw Road to the north of Panglong. It is situated on the land of 206 acres and is 4,372 feet above sea level. It has four two-storey buildings and one four-storey building (the main building). On both sides of the main building are two

two-storey buildings under construction and they are now nearing completion.

At the centre of the circular lawn with the radius of 2,100 feet which is in front of the university, the stone inscriptions on which words "the Panglong University" can be seen. Eight big stone pillars can be seen in front of the main building.

The opening of the university was held on 11 Feb-

ruary 2003, the eve of the 56th Anniversary Union Day, attended by Myanmar Education Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Minister for Education U Than Aung.

Colourful flags were flying on top of the flag-staffs on either side of the entrance to the university and hailing the opening ceremony. The Union Flag flanked by the fourteen

flags of states and divisions was graceful.

The university was opened at 8.30 am with three ceremonies. As the first one, fourteen students in national races costumes formally opened the stone inscriptions of the university. As the second one, a Shan national boy and a Shan national girl cut the golden string held by 14 students in national races costumes to release gas balloons. The blue sky was full of colourful balloons them.

Myanmar Education

Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt formally opened the bronze inscriptions of the university and sprinkled scented water on them. Minister for Education U Than Aung, Pro-rector of the university U Tha Oo and Managing Director U Chit Khaing of Eden Co that had constructed the university also sprinkled scented water on it to successfully open the university.

After the ceremony, the book exhibition at the library and the IT exhibition at the computer room were held.

Altogether 210 students attended the first year courses of the university starting from 18 December 2002. The university has a pro-rector and 105 teaching staff, six office staff and 30 daily wage earners. There are also 13 departments of arts and science, one students' affairs department, a management & finance department, an accounts department and a campus engineer department there. As

the university has a ferry Hino bus, there is smooth transportation.

The computer room, the language lab, the resource centre, the e-education learning centre and the multimedia room have been opened there. A library, a recreation centre and communication office have also been opened. Students held sports contests and respecting ceremonies.

On 30 September 2003, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt visited the university and cordially greeted teaching staff and spoke words of honours.

With a view to successfully implementing the 30-year long-term education plan and the national education promotion programme, the university successfully produced the first year students. The university is looking forward to the freshers who will attend courses in December 2003.

Translation: KKK
(Kyemon 10-11-2003)



Panglong University

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

Many students from Chin State (North) are attending Kale University and colleges in Kale. The photo taken on 25 July shows the magnificent building of Kale University in Kale, Sagaing Division.—PHOTO:

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Chindwin River Bridge (Monywa) was opened on 7-4-2003. The bridge is on Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa strategic road between Monywa and Yinmabin townships. The upper structure of the bridge is of steel beams produced in the country and the lower structure, of reinforced concrete. The main bridge is 2,745.6 feet long and the two approach roads, 1,984.6 feet long.

PHOTO: MNA

Thaphanseik dam is located near Thaphanseik village in Kyunhla Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division. It was opened on 17 April 2001. It is the largest in Myanmar and also included in the longest dams in Southeast Asia.

PHOTO: MNA



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Natural Health Fair held in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 13 Nov— The Second Natural Health Fair, Asia's international trade event for the natural health industry, opened here Wednesday in response to the fast-growing market demand for natural health products.

International exhibitors from 12 countries and regions including Australia, France, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, the United States and China are attending the three-day fair, according to the organizer, Cosmoprof Asia Ltd.

During the exhibition, various sectors of the natural health trade will be presented by leading manufacturers and suppliers from around the world, such as health food and beverages, dietary supplements, alternative and Asian traditional medicine products and services conducive to healthy living, raw and semi-finished materials, packaging and machinery private label and contract manufacturing ancillary services.

Reputable speakers in the natural health industry from Europe and Asia will present an informative seminar entitled "The Global Market of Natural Health Products: Biodiversity to Protect, Regulations to Harmonize".

With the improving economy and rising living standards, the nutritional products market is registering rapid development. Asian countries, in particular, experience a steady economy and a general ease of regulations toward imported products, thereby offering some of the best prospects to those product suppliers, said the organizer.

MNA/Xinhua

China's spacecraft maker markets management software

BEIJING, 13 Nov— The manufacturer of China's spacecraft and Long March launch vehicle said Tuesday it will market software it developed on its own during the past two decades, including designing and manufacturing management software, and a database.

Zhang Qingwei, general manager of the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp. (CAST), the manufacturer, said software developed by the country's aerospace sector should serve not only the sector itself and the industry for national defence, but also the vast domestic civilian market.

CAST set up the Beijing Shenzhou Aerospace Software Technology Co., in cooperation with two academies and one of its listed firms, on Tuesday to market the software and develop other software products.

The general manager said the corporation will strive to make the software a famous name product after its brand name Shenzhou for the spacecraft it developed, and the Shenzhou launch vehicle it developed for the manned space programme.

The software products include the framework software for management of integrated designing and manufacturing of space flying objects and a database named Oscar.

The framework software can also be used by manufacturers of civilian products, such as the sectors of aviation, machinery, automobile and home electric appliances.

The database system can be used in electronic government and business, and the corporate world.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors look at a scale model of the Long March rocket that carried China's first astronaut Yang Liwei into space at Shanghai Science and Technology Museum on Wednesday, 12 Nov, 2003 in Shanghai, China. The exhibition runs for two days and more than 130,000 people visited on the first day, the organizers said.—INTERNET

A little time helps heart patients follow orders

ORLANDO (Florida), 13 Nov— Spending a little extra time with heart failure patients—just an hour—helps them understand how to take care of themselves and avoid returning to the hospital, US researchers said on Monday.

The study is one of several being presented to this year's meeting of the American Heart Association that shows time may be a key

component of medical care.

Patients who sat down with a nurse right before they left the hospital did a much better job of taking their prescribed drugs; and one-third who otherwise would have landed back in the hospital did not, the University of Michigan team found.

"This shows that arming the patient with information in an individualized way can significantly improve out-

comes," said Dr. Todd Koelling, who led the study.

Many studies have shown that large percentages of US patients fail to fill their prescriptions and many do not take their medicine as directed.

"We targeted patients during their most 'teachable moment', when they're inpatients and confronting the significance of their illness. That may be the key," said Monica

Johnson, the nurse who conducted the patient education sessions.

Heart failure is a chronic disease that affects more than five million Americans by weakening the ability of their hearts to pump. The struggling heart enlarges, stretching out until it often gives out completely.

Half of all heart failure patients die within five years. The condition can be caused by infections, heart attacks, clogged arteries or high blood pressure.

A cocktail of drugs can help but the regimen is often confusing.

MNA/Reuters

China stands out in Volkswagen's global sales

BEIJING, 13 Nov— German auto giant Volkswagen AG reported a speedy sales growth of 32.9 per cent in the booming Chinese market for the first nine months this year, selling 490, 279 vehicles.

The growing demand in the Chinese auto sector contributed to the group's 26.8-per cent sale growth in the Asia-Pacific Region, which saw 570,000 vehicles sold from January to September, said a statement from Volkswagen Automobile (China) Investment Co. Ltd.

Meanwhile, car sales in its traditional European and North American markets shrank by 3.5 per cent and 6.3 per cent respectively compared with the same period last year. Sales in Canada, for example, dropped by 6.4 per cent and in Japan by 7.4 per cent, according to the Volkswagen's statement.

The company, affected by the slow recovery of the world economy, a strong euro plus losses in its Brazilian market, saw a 1.2-per cent drop in global auto sales over last year to 3.71 million in the first nine months. — MNA/Xinhua

Thousands greet China's first astronaut at Shanghai airport

SHANGHAI, 13 Nov— It took only 21 hours for China's first astronaut Yang Liwei to circle the globe 14 times, but it took him eight minutes to travel a distance of 200 metres in Shanghai Tuesday morning.

Some 6,000 people swarmed to the Hongqiao International Airport Tuesday to welcome Yang Liwei as the 38-year-old "space hero" continued his roadshow after visiting Hong Kong, Macao and Tianjin Municipality in the past two weeks.

Dozens of police had to form a wall and clear the way for Yang after he stepped down from the winding stair to the red carpet on the No. 92 aircraft parking area at the airport at about 10.46 am.

"Great Yang Liwei", "Hero Yang Liwei", the crowd yelled and pushed forward after having been waiting in the chilly wind for two hours. Every move Yang made at the airport brought the planned welcoming dance squad to change accordingly. —MNA/Xinhua



Miss World contestants pose for a picture at Hong Kong's Victoria Peak observation point over the city on Monday, 10 Nov, 2003. Some 110 contestants have kicked off the first leg of the 53rd Miss World Beauty Pageant, which will be held in different parts of China with the finals scheduled to take place on 6 Dec, in the southern Chinese resort city of Sanya.—INTERNET

"Guinness Book of world records" has own top-selling entry

LONDON, 13 Nov— A burp from the loudest belcher in the world echoed round Britain's Tate Modern Gallery as the Guinness Book of World Records celebrated the release of its 100 millionth copy on Tuesday.

The book, which lists world records from the smallest dog to the highest paid TV guest star, has its own entry in the latest edition as the best-selling copyright book of all time.

"Everybody has a dream to be the best at something in the world and the public has an incredible imagination," the book's editor Claire Folkard said at a reception in London. "That's what has kept us going."

One guest who satiated her desire to be

entered into the book as a record holder was Elaine Davidson who had 1,903 piercings, studs and rings over her tattooed body.

The Brazilian living in Edinburgh said she does all the work herself and had once pierced herself 85 times around her waistline in just two hours.

She started piercing herself four years ago because she wanted to be listed in the book. "Now, my dream has come true," she said. "Piercing is my stress relief." —MNA/Reuters

Missing crew found in good state at Hainan International

SANYA (Hainan Province), 13 Nov— The missing crew from a competing boat have been found in good condition Tuesday after they lost contact with the headquarters at the Circum-Hainan Island international sailing event, the Chinese organizers said.

"The eight crew are in good state when we found them," said an official of the Hainan Salvage at Sea Centre.

The eight missing sailors, all from the boat *Freedom Fire*, met with stormy waves

about three metres high off Basuo Harbour of Hainan Island, in the very south of China, Monday night when they started off with other four boats 11 hours later, according to the centre.

Chinese Number One and *Spring Breeze* have reached the Basuo Harbour in the morning safe and sound while the damaged *J 24* is being dragged to the Sanya Harbour for repair. Another boat *Pole* was on its way to Basuo Harbour.—MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Rooney, Beckham doubtful for England's friendly

LONDON, 13 Nov— Striker Wayne Rooney and captain David Beckham have been doubtful for England's coming friendly against Denmark at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Rooney, a teenager sensation of English soccer, missed Everton's 1-2 loss at Blackburn on Monday night while Beckham suffered a back injury in Real Madrid's 4-1 defeat by Sevilla at the weekend.

Everton's team doctors told the club's website on Tuesday that Rooney "is feeling very unwell" and might need "a period of five or six days" before recovery.

Rooney was one of the only three strikers England named for the friendly. With Michael Owen injured, Liverpool's Emile Heskey and Aston Villa's Darius Vassell were chosen as forwards.

Beckham has been advised by club doctors to rest until Wednesday and left out of Real's squad for a friendly against Valladolid on Tuesday.

When the captain reports for England training on Thursday, his fitness will be assessed by England's medical staff.

MNA/Xinhua



Chess champion Garry Kasparov looks at a computer monitor through 3D early in the first game of his match—the X3D Fritz computer—on 11 November, 2003 in New York. The World No 1 chess player was held to a draw on Tuesday in the first game of his latest match against a computer and admitted having difficulty with the programme's virtual reality component. Kasparov and the programmers of 'X3D Fritz' agreed to a draw on the 37th move after three hours and 20 minutes of play in a hard-fought game in which Kasparov won a powerful rook in exchange for a bishop and a pawn in the middlegame, but could not convert that slight material advantage into a victory.—INTERNET

Kasparov draws first game against computer

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victory.

The grandmaster played the programme without physically moving chess pieces on a board or pressing the button of a chess clock. Instead, he sat in front of a computer monitor wearing 3-D glasses that made the on-screen image of the board appear to float in front of him.

"The position was not easy technically. I think I missed a chance to consolidate my position," said the former world champion, who played with the white pieces.

"I was worrying a lot about the screen," Kasparov, 40, said. "I knew before this match that I could have some psychological problems with this technology."

The second game of the four-game match at the New York Athletic Club was set for Thursday. The games were being broadcast on web sites and on the cable TV sports channel ESPN2.

One point is awarded for a win and a half point for a draw. The prize is 200,000 US dollars for the winner and 175,000 US dollars if the match ends in a tie.

The machine is German-made Fritz software, dominant in computer chess and sold commercially, combined with New York-based X3D Technologies company software that specializes in virtual reality.

MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters

Gerrard signs on again at Liverpool until 2007

LONDON, 13 Nov— Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard signed a new contract on Tuesday that will keep him on Merseyside until 2007, the Premier League club said.

The 23-year-old England midfielder, who took over the captaincy from Sami Hyypia last month, is a product of Liverpool's youth academy and had been widely expected to sign a new deal.

"I've been here since I was eight years old and there has never been a single moment when I have wanted to move on and play for

someone else," Gerrard told the club's web site.

"I want to win a lot more trophies with the club, I want to get them back into the Champions League and I want to stay here for as long as possible. This is a club I have supported since I was a young boy and I don't want to leave."

The new contract for Gerrard, who helped Liverpool win the FA, League and UEFA cups in 2001, will also be a welcome lift for manager Gerard Houllier.

MNA/Reuters

Denmark's Jensen, Poulsen to miss England friendly

COPENHAGEN, 13 Nov— Denmark midfielders Claus Jensen and Christian Poulsen will miss Sunday's friendly against England in Manchester on Sunday due to injuries, the Danish Football Association (DBU) said on Tuesday. Jensen, who plays his club football in England with Charlton Athletic, and Poulsen, who plays for Schalke 04 in Germany, have been replaced in coach Morten Olsen's squad by FC Copenhagen's Thomas Roll Larsen and Daniel Jensen of Spain's Murcia, the DBU said on its website.

MNA/Reuters

Figo doubtful for Greece friendly

MADRID, 13 Nov— Portugal midfielder Luis Figo is doubtful for Saturday's friendly international against Greece because of an ankle injury sustained while playing for club side Real Madrid.

The 31-year-old winger strained ligaments in his right ankle during Real's 4-1 defeat at Sevilla on Sunday and was a late withdrawal from the club's squad for a commemorative match against Valladolid on Tuesday.

Club medical staff have recommended rest and physiotherapy before another evaluation of the player's injury on Thursday.

Portugal, who host next year's European championships, also play Kuwait on November 19. —MNA/Reuters

Foe remembered in All-Stars vs Cameroon match

LYON (France), 13 Nov— Cameroon beat an All-Stars team in a match played on Tuesday in memory of Marc-Vivien Foe, who died at the same Gerland ground in Lyon in June after a Confederations Cup semi-final.

The African champions won 3-1 but the result against former team mates of Foe was secondary to the emotion shared by the players on the pitch and the 23,962 spectators in the stands of one of his clubs.

The former Cameroon midfielder died of heart failure shortly after collapsing during Cameroon's semifinal against Colombia on June 26.

Patrick Mboma, who flew from Japan to celebrate the memory of his friend, Paris-St. Germain's Modest Mbami and Samuel Eto'o of Real Mallorca scored Cameroon's goals in this memorial game shown on French television.

The "Friendship team", comprising the likes of Thierry Henry, Robert Pires, Sylvain Wiltord and Nicolas Anelka, scored through Brazilian Sonny Anderson, a former teammate of Foe's at Olympique Lyon.

The income from the game will go to a charity fund chaired by Foe's wife Marie-Louise. Television viewers were also asked to buy T-shirts signed by some of the game's most famous names.

"It's a special day today, and I ask you to give all your support to Marc-Vivien and his family," said England captain David Beckham in a recorded message broadcast on television.

"Some 25,000 persons and a field of great players, it was the best homage we could pay to Marco," said former French international

Basile Boli, who organized the game with the French Professional League (LFP).

"I'd like to thank all the people who supported me and all those who were present today. It's a mark of love for Marc-Vivien," said Marie-Louise on television.

The "Friendship" team was coached by Manchester City's Kevin Keegan, Lyon's Paul Le Guen and former RC Lens trainer Daniel Leclercq. Foe, who was on

loan at City last season, won French league titles with Lens and Lyon.

The match was played under the motto "Alion never dies, it sleeps" and a banner in the stands read "Another star now shines above Gerland". Foe, who made 65 appearances for Cameroon, played in two World Cup tournaments in 1994 and 2002 and twice won the African Nations Cup, in 2000 and 2002.—MNA/Reuters



Former Cameroon soccer player Marc-Vivien Foe's son Marc Scott gets a pat on the head from French striker Thierry Henry prior to a charity match, in Lyon, central France, on Tuesday, 11 Nov, 2003. Foe died during a semifinal match of the Confederations Cup soccer tournament in June 26, 2003. —INTERNET

Injuries disrupt Spain's playoff preparations

MADRID, 13 Nov— Spain's preparations for their Euro 2004 playoff against Norway have been disrupted by injury worries over winger Joaquin and defender Ivan Helguera.

Team medical staff decided that Joaquin would remain with the squad despite pulling out of training on Tuesday because of pain in his abdomen, while Helguera has been forced to rest because of the recurrence of a sciatic nerve problem.

Both players are doubtful for the first leg of the playoff in Valencia on Saturday.

Spain, who finished as runners-up to Greece in Group Six of the qualifying phase for next year's tournament in Portugal, play the second leg against Norway in Oslo on November 19.

MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3



14-11-2003 (Friday) (Programme Schedule) Morning Transmission (9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greetings
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanmar Sen-
timent"
9:06 Bamboo Parquet
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Saute prawn
with Asparagus)
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (Wang Mung
Camps 2 & 4)
(Part-V)
9:25 Kayin Dance (We Bu
(or) Paddy Winnowing
Dance)
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Building of a New
Nation Through Unity
Song "Come visit
Myanmar"
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Thu Wana Tha Ma
JATAKA Scene (3)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar"

14-11-2003 (Friday) 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"
15:36 Bamboo Parquet
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Saute prawn
with Asparagus)
15:45 **National News**
15:50 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (Wang Mung
Camps 2 & 4)
(Part-V)
15:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu
(or) Paddy Winnowing
Dance)
16:00 **National News**
16:05 Building of a New
Nation Through Unity
Song "Come visit
Myanmar"
16:10 **National News**
16:20 Thu Wana Tha Ma

- 16:25 JATAKA Scene (3)
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights
"Myanmar Panorama &
Myanmar Sentiment"
16:30 **National News**
16:35 School of Fine Arts
16:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Banana Pudding"
16:45 **National News**
16:50 Old Master Artist U Ba
Yin Galay
16:55 Smart Beautiful Cart
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Greening of the Hills
and Ranges, in order
to achieve climate
change (Taung Thar
Hill)
17:10 Song "Shadow of
Love"
17:15 **National News**
17:20 Dry Dockyard in Pattet
Island, Taninthayi Di-
vision
17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Evening Transmission (19:30 - 23:30)

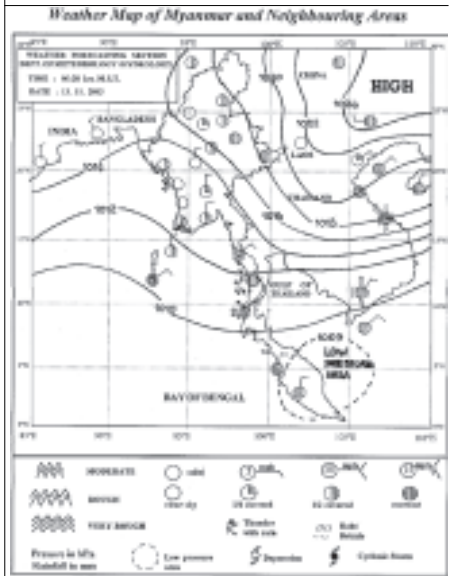
- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanmar Sen-
timent"
19:36 The University that
will conquer the Space
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Sour Soup of
tender tamarind leaves
with head of fish)
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi
Region (IV) (Ziadam
Village - Wang Mung
Camps 1 & 2)
19:55 Three Types of Dances
20:00 **National News**
20:05 The Role of Myanmar
Rice
20:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "A Diamond-
studied Song"
20:12 The Zingyike Water-
fall
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Ramayana in
Myanmar (Enchanted
Golden Deer) (Part-X)
20:25 Song "The Heart of
Wetland (I)"
20:30 **National News**
20:35 The Gok Hteik Via-
duct
20:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Peppery Monhinga"
20:45 **National News**
20:50 The Silk Industry of
Inlay
20:55 The Rakhine Dance,
The Pride of Yoma

- 20:58 Mazin Industry's
Wood Products
21:00 **National News**
21:05 An Umbrella for style
21:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "One and only
yours"
21:12 Tour in Myanmar
"Bagan, Papa"
21:15 **National News**
21:20 Leisurely Cruise Along
The Coast (Yangon to
Mawlamyaing)
21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Mingalabar"
21:35 Bamboo Parquet
21:42 **Headline News**
21:45 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Saute prawn
with Asparagus)
21:45 **National News**
21:50 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (Wang Mung
Camps 2 & 4)
(Part-V)
21:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu
(or) Paddy Winnowing
Dance)
22:00 **National News**
22:05 Building of a New
Nation Through Unity
Song "Come visit
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22:15 **National News**
22:20 Thu Wana Tha Ma
JATAKA Scene (3)
22:25 Song "Beautiful
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22:45 **National News**
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14-11-2003 (Friday) &
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Evening & Morning
Transmission
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vision
01:25 Song of Myanmar
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"Come and See
Myanmar"
15-11-2003 (Saturday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)
03:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
03:36 The University that
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03:40 **Headline News**
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Dishes (Sour Soup of
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03:50 Biological Expedition
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Region (IV) (Ziadam
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Camps 1 & 2)
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Song "A Diamond-
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04:12 The Zingyike Waterfall

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gion (Wang Mung

- Camps 2 & 4)
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05:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu
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06:00 **National News**
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WEATHER

Thursday, 13 November, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for the isolated rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in the whole country. Night temperatures were 3°C to 5°C below normal in Mon State, upper Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Ayeeyawady Divisions and 4°C above normal in Rakhine State and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 12-11-2003 was 35.5°C (96°F). Minimum temperature on 13-11-2003 was 20.0°C (68°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 13-11-2003 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 12-11-2003 was (8.6) hours approx. Rainfall on 13-11-2003 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 10 mph from North at (12:15) hours MST on 12-11-2003.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the Andaman Sea, South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 14-11-2003:** Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with (35) mph and temporary rough seas are likely in Gulf of Mottama, Deltaic, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Seas will be slight elsewhere in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-11-2003: Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-11-2003:** Fair weather.



Friday, November 14

View today:

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw U
Oattamathara
7:15 am
2. တိမ်မြောက်စရာ၊ မေ့မရနိုင်သော
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ယောက္ခမတို့အပေါ်သော
ပျိုတသဒ္ဒါပို့ဆောင်
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. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်ကဏ္ဍ
8:05 am
7. အတိတ်မြင်
8:10 am
8. The mirror images of
the musical oldies

- 8:20 am
9. ရက်စက်သော
8:30 am
10. International news
8:45 am
11. English for Everyday
Use
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:10 pm
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
4:25 pm
3. Practice in reading
4:35 pm
4. Musical programme
4:45 pm
5. အဆောင်အယောင်လေးများ
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသံစုံစာ
- ဒုတိယပိုဒ် (ရတနာအဆောင်)
(ရတနာ)
5:00 pm
6. ငယ်စုတစ်ခုအသံ
5:10 pm
7. Song of national races
5:25 pm
8. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းစား ဂီတတေး
5:35 pm
9. ရတနာပျို့အသံ၊ ရတနာပျို့
မကွေးတိုင်း
5:45 pm
10. Musical programme
6:00 am
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6:15 pm
12. Discovery
6:30 pm
13. Evening news
7:00 pm
14. Weather report
7:05 pm
15. Milo success in
soccer
7:10 pm
16. အမျိုးသားရေဘောလုံး
တိုက်ပွဲအကြောင်း (အပိုင်း-၈)
7:30 pm
17. Songs of yesteryears
7:40 pm
18. ရတနာပျို့အသံ၊ ရတနာပျို့
မကွေးတိုင်း
8:00 pm
19. News
20. International news
21. Weather report
22. Teleplay
"မိုးသက်လေတို့မြို့မြို့မြို့မြို့"
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မကွေးတိုင်း)
23. The next day's
programme



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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
- Time for love
(Rohan Keating)
- Show me heaven
(Maria McKee)
9:00 pm World of music
Songs from
"Thai"
9:15 pm Article/Music
9:25 pm Music at your
request
- You're still the
one (Shania
Twain)
- I knew I love you
(Savage Garden)
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects construction of Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project in Sedoktara Township, Magway Division. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project

YANGON, 13 Nov — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by ministers, deputy ministers, Chairman Col Zaw Min of Magway Division Peace and Development Council, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, arrived at the construction site of Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project, two miles north of Sedoktara in Minbu District, Magway Division, by helicopter yesterday.

First, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reported to the Prime Minister on construction tasks of the main

dam and related structures, tunnels and three spillways being carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, tasks jointly carried out with the Ministry of Electric Power, and tasks for irrigation of 108,000 acres of land via Mezali Diversion Weir.

Director-General of the Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win reported to the Prime Minister on progress of works including construction tasks of the main dam, tunnels, the surge tank, spillways and hydel-power generation facilities.

Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myo Myint

reported to the Prime Minister on progress in construction of the diversion intake and the intake structure, high pressure pipelines (1), (2) and (3), turbines, and construction of the hydel power plant, and test running after installation of the control panel and cables, installation of 61 miles long 132 KVA power line to connect the power plant and the main power distribution station in Chauk, and generation of 330 Kilowatt hour of electricity after installation of three 25 Megawatt generators. The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, the Prime

Minister and party inspected the construction of the main dam, water intake facilities, surge tank and spillways, installation of sluice gates, completion of the power plant and installation of three 25 Megawatt generators. The project is being implemented to irrigate the farmland via Mezali Diversion Weir in the rainy season, to generate hydel power, and to prevent floods of Mone Creek.

The Prime Minister and party arrived back at Bagan in the evening.

The Prime Minister and party left Bagan by air and arrived back here this morning. — MNA

U Saw Hla Min appointed as ambassador to Japan

YANGON, 14 Nov — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Saw Hla Min, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Cambodia, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to Japan. — MNA

Dr Aung Naing appointed as ambassador to Cambodia

YANGON, 14 Nov — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Dr Aung Naing, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to Japan, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Cambodia. — MNA

Observance of 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day coordinated

YANGON, 13 Nov — The Management Committee for Observance of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day for 2004 held its first meeting at the Resistance Park this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Management Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were senior military officers, chairmen and members of the Management Committee and work groups and officials.

In his speech, the commander said that arrangements are to be made in advance for the convenience of officers and other ranks who will take part in the columns

of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade. He spoke of the need for management committee members to make arrangements for the parade. Measures are to be taken for upgrading the Resistance Park and Myoma Ground and for successfully implementing the objectives of Armed Forces Day, the commander noted.

Secretary of the Management Committee Staff Officer (Grade I) of Yangon Command Lt-Col Min Naing reported on formation of the management committee and work groups. Officials of the parade work group, ground renovation work group, transport and accommodation work group, information and entertainment work group, invitation work group,

medical work group, reception work group, best company selecting work group, welcoming work group, security work group and management work group reported on tasks carried out.

Afterwards, Myanmar Police Force, Fire Services Department, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Yangon City

Development Committee, the Ministry of Electric Power and Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise also presented respective reports, followed by a general round of discussions. The meeting fixed the date for presenting plans and holding the second meeting. The commander delivered concluding remarks. — MNA

Workshop on drawing of teenage health strategies

YANGON, 13 Nov — Workshop on drawing of the strategies for the five-year project on teenage health jointly organized by the Health Department of the Ministry of Health and the WHO was held this morning at Summit Parkview Hotel here. It was attended by offi-

cial of respective ministries, social organizations, WHO, UN agencies SEARO and guests. Those present discussed the project's future tasks which will be implemented in coming five years in Myanmar.

The workshop continues tomorrow. — MNA



Balloons commemorating Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy decorated with the flags of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand on 12 November. — MNA

Cultural Museum in Loikaw inspected

YANGON, 13 Nov — Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Col Myint Oo on 5 November arrived at the Cultural Museum in Loikaw and inspected the library and the museum.

The chairman attended the prize presentation ceremony of Kayah State PDC Chairman's Trophy Soccer Tournament for 2003 the next day and presented the trophy to winner team.

On 7 November, he awarded prizes to the winner artists of Kayah State who participated in the 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses the first meeting of the Management Committee for observing the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day (2004). — MNA