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Senior General Than Shwe receives Secretary of PRC Yunnan Province Communist Party and officials

YANGON, 14 Nov—Secretary of the Yunnan Province Communist Party of the People's Republic of China Mr Bai Enpei and party paid a courtesy call on Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar at the Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road at 10 am today.

Also present on the occasion together with Senior General Than Shwe were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace

and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, and together with the guests was Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun.

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Senior General Than Shwe receives Secretary of Yunnan Province Communist Party Mr Bai Enpei of the PRC and party at Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building.

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe greets Secretary of Yunnan Province Communist Party Mr Bai Enpei of the PRC at Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building. —MNA



Pilot Course No 65 of No 1 Flying Training School concludes

YANGON, 14 Nov — The Pilot Course No 65 of the No-1 Flying Training School concluded at the Flying Training Base in Shande, Meikhtila, this morning.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-

Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Judge Advocate-General Brig-Gen Soe Maung, Defence Services Inspector-

General Brig-Gen Thein Htaik, Directors of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Mya Win, Maj-Gen Tin Soe, Maj-Gen Tin Tun and Brig-Gen Sein Lin, senior military officers, Commander of the Flying Training Base Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tin, commandants and officers of air bases, departmental officials,

and guests.

On the occasion, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) inspected the graduating company and guards of honour and took the their salute. At the same time, jet planes and aircraft, in formation, gave salute to the Commander-in-Chief (Air) from the space.

Next, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) presented an outstanding literary award to Lt Khine Thant Moe (Air-2853) and an outstanding pilot award to Lt Kyaw Zeya Min (Air-2873). The Commander-in-Chief (Air), on behalf of

the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, spoke on the occasion saying that the day is very auspicious for graduates as they will be allowed to wear pilot wings after attending basic and advanced pilot courses.

At a time when the Tatmadaw is being built into a strong, efficient and sophisticated one, pilots capable of flying modern high-tech aircraft are being nurtured and produced annually in line with the guidance of the Commander-in-Chief.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects development tasks in Labutta Township

YANGON, 14 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, division level departmental officials

and local authorities, inspected the development of Labutta Township by car on 12 November morning and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected the tidal forest and thriving paddy fields on the banks of the Yay and Pyanmalot rivers by boat and arrived

at Theikpan Gongyi village in Hsarchet Village-tract in the township at 11 am. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party met with chairmen and members of Village Peace and Development Councils, members of social organizations, townsenders and local people at Theikpan Hall of the village and gave instruc-

tions on undertaking regional development, agriculture and livestock breeding tasks.

At the meeting, the commander urged those present to actively participate in regional development tasks and explained the arrangements for development of the region.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam— one of the facilities to benefit agriculture and industrial sectors

With abundant land and water resources, Myanmar is enjoying fruitful result of the agricultural development. The Government is making all-out efforts for development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well.

At present, the State is providing quality strains and distributing cultivation methods for agricultural development. Such measures as building dams and reservoirs, tapping underground water resources and implementing river water pumping projects are being taken to ensure water for agricultural purpose.

In some regions of the country, multi-purpose dam projects are being implemented not only for agricultural purpose but also for generating electricity. On completion of these projects, they will benefit the agriculture sector of the respective regions.

On 12 November, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspected the Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project, being implemented in Sedoktara Township in Minbu District, Magway Division and fulfilled the requirements.

At Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is building the main embankment, diversion tunnel, hydel-power tunnel and spillway.

The Ministry of Electric Power, on its part, is carrying out the tasks for construction of facilities relating to electric power. Moreover, it is carrying out the tasks for installing pen stock pipelines, civil engineering works for building hydel-power facilities, installing turbines and other accessories.

The main embankment of Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam will be 6490 feet and its height will be 200 feet. On completion of the dam it will irrigate over 100,000 acres of land.

Three turbines with the power of 25 megawatts each will be installed at Mone Creek Hydel-power Plant which will generate 330 million kilowatt hours a year.

Being situated in Magway Division, the project is being implemented to irrigate the farmland through Mezali Diversion Weir when there is not enough water for the farmland in the rainy season, to generate hydel power, and to prevent flooding of Mone Creek.

At present, efforts are being made to ensure rice surplus, edible oil sufficiency and boosting production of beans and pulses and industrial crops.

Officials concerned are urged to strive for completion of Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project that will benefit agriculture and industrial sectors.



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin makes a speech at the Seminar on Coffee Quality and Production. — MNA

PRC guests visit Shwedagon

YANGON, 14 Nov — The Chinese delegation led by Mr Bai Enpei, Secretary of the Communist Party of Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China, currently here in Yangon to attend the Myanmar-China Trade, Investment and Co-operation Trade Fair, went to the Shwedagon Pagoda together with officials of the

Ministry of Commerce this morning and paid homage to the pagoda.

The Chinese delegation offered flowers and joss sticks to the pagoda. Next, Mr Bai Enpei signed in the visitors' book and presented cash donations to the pagoda board of trustees for the pagoda.

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Myanmar Golf Tour 2003 to be held



YANGON, 14 Nov — Myanmar Golf Tour 2003 for Myanmar Golf Federation President's Trophy, jointly organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation will be held on a grand scale in Hanthawady Golf and Country Club of Bago Division from 25 to 28 November.

Only amateur golfers (men) from 0 to 10 handicap are allowed to compete in the tournament with the professional golfers. Those who are under 18 are not allowed.

There is a scratch event for women golfers. The tournament is mainly sponsored by Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd. The co-sponsors are Air Mandalay, Grand Slam (Munsingwear), Canon, KM Golf Centre, Maruman and Wilson, Loi-Hein (Alpine) and UPG. Sun Far Travels and Tours will present handsome prizes to Hole-in-One prize winners.

The golfers to take part in the tournament are to enlist in Hanthawady Golf and Country Club of Bago Division, Ph-052-22254 and Han Event Management Ph-542989 and Ph-723221 not later than 23 November.

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Seminar on Coffee Quality in Myanmar and Coffee Tasting held

YANGON, 14 Nov — Seminar on Coffee Quality in Myanmar and Coffee Tasting jointly organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the UNFAO was held at the Sedona Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint, departmental officials, Resident Representative of UNFAO Mr Tang Zhengping, international coffee consultants, the president, vice-president and executives of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forest, Livestock Breeding and Fishery and coffee growers.

First, Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin spoke on the occasion. In his speech, he expressed his belief that, with the participation of important organizations and individuals in coffee cultivation, the seminar and its fruitful outcomes springing from the exchange of technologies enhancing coffee quality and views on current development of coffee industry would contribute much to-

wards the project for extended cultivation of coffee being carried out by the State.

Next, Resident Representative Mr Tang Zhengping of FAO and Mr Keith Chapman, Industrial Crops Officer, FAO/RAP, Bangkok, made speeches.

At the seminar, Mr Jan Von Enden, Coffee Consultant of Vietnam, Mr Jacques Op De Laak, Coffee Consultant to FAO, Mr Anthony Marsh, Coffee Consultant to FAO, Mr Gregory Love and Mr Jean Branchard put into discussions coffee quality and development of coffee industry and market in the world and Myanmar. Those present also took part in the discussions. Later, the coffee consultants and those present tasted various kinds of coffee.

The seminar came to a close in the evening with concluding remarks by Mr Keith Chapman, Managing Director Col Myint Swe of Myanma Farms Enterprise, and Director-General U Tin Tun Oo of the Agricultural Planning Department.

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Cash donated to doyen literati

YANGON, 14 Nov — As a gesture of hailing Sarsodaw Day (1365 ME), wellwishers presented cash donations to doyen literati at the General Administration Department on Wingapa Street, Bahan Township, here, this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin

Hlaing, Director-General of the GAD U Myat Ko, Deputy Director-General U Maung Win, Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Vice-Chairmen U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), U Than Maung (Than Maung) and U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung), Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-

Twantay), Joint-Secretaries and CEC members, Director of the Press Scrutiny and Registration Department Director U Aye Tun, officials, Commissioner of Yangon Division GAD U Hla Soe, deputy commissioners and wellwishers.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that it was the ceremony to

present cash donated by wellwisher. He added that this year Sarsodaw Day has extended its sixth anniversary.

The growing amount of cash donations means that Myanmar literature is gaining development momentum, he noted.

With generosity and good volition, the wellwishers donated cash to doyen literati who make efforts with heart and soul in the interests of the State and the people. He called for more donations and collaboration for the development of Myanmar literature, he said.

The chairman of the MWJA accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.

The donations to doyen literati during the period from 1996 to 2003 amounted to over K 29.9 million.

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Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing delivers an address at the ceremony to donate cash towards the doyen literati on Sarsodaw Day 2003.—MNA

US war dead in Iraq exceeds early Vietnam years

PHILADELPHIA, 14 Nov — The US death toll in Iraq has surpassed the number of American soldiers killed during the first three years of the Vietnam War, the brutal Cold War conflict that cast a shadow over US affairs for more than a generation.

A Reuters analysis of Defence Department statistics showed on Thursday that the Vietnam War, which the Army says officially began on Dec 11, 1961, produced a combined 392 fatal casualties from 1962 through 1964, when American troop levels in Indochina stood at just over 17,000.

By comparison, a roadside bomb attack that killed a soldier in Baghdad on Wednesday brought to 397 the tally of American dead in Iraq, where US forces number about 130,000 troops — the same number reached in Vietnam

by October 1965.

The casualty count for Iraq apparently surpassed the Vietnam figure last Sunday, when a US soldier killed in a rocket-propelled grenade attack south of Baghdad became the conflict's 393rd American casualty since Operation Iraqi Freedom began on March 20.

Larger still is the number of American casualties from the broader US war on terrorism, which has produced 488 military deaths in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Philippines, Southwest Asia and other locations.

Statistics from battle zones outside Iraq show that 91 soldiers have died since Oct. 7, 2001, as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, which President Bush launched against Afghanistan's former Taliban regime after the Sept 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington killed 3,000 people.

The Bush administration has rejected comparisons between Iraq and Vietnam, which traumatized Americans a generation ago with a sad procession of military body bags and television footage of grim wartime cruelty. —Internet

US forces fire at Iraqi official's car, hit driver

BAGHDAD, 14 Nov — US forces fired at the car of an Iraqi Governing Council member on Wednesday, wounding his driver in the foot, a council statement said.

The statement said Mohammad Bahr al-Uloum, an independent Shiite Muslim cleric, was not hurt when US forces mistook his car for a stolen vehicle while he was being driven across a Tigris River bridge in the Iraqi capital Baghdad. "A US forces spokesman apologized to Mr Bahr al-Uloum and to the Governing Council, and said that an investigation was ongoing," the statement said.

MNA/Reuters

Relatives say five Iraqis killed by US troops

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 14 Nov — US soldiers opened fire on a truck coming back from a chicken farm near the tense Iraqi town of Fallujah, killing five people and wounding three, relatives and hospital officials said on Wednesday.

A US military spokesman in the town said troops had shot and killed five "enemy militants" after coming under attack on the outskirts of the town on Tuesday night. He did not say if it was the same five people from the farm.

A subsequent news release from the US 82nd Airborne Division in the Fallujah area said paratroopers had killed six "aggressors" and wounded four in defending the Jordanian Hospital and a forward operating base on Tuesday from an attack by "Iraqi combatants".

Several vehicles were involved and there were no US casualties. It was not clear

whether this was the same incident as the one involving the truck reportedly returning from the chicken farm.

Relatives said the truck was fired at near a checkpoint on Tuesday evening, and hospital officials said five bodies had been brought in with gunshot wounds.

Emotions ran high after the deaths, with scores of relatives and others converging on the hospital where the bodies were taken to in Fallujah, 32 miles west of Baghdad. "There is nothing good about the occupation forces, they are attacking the innocents and children," screamed one man, Mohammad Abed Fayad. —MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi woman holds her child as US soldiers search their house for weapons during a pre-dawn raid in Baquba on 12 Nov. 2003. —INTERNET

"AIDS" research centre opens in Beijing

BEIJING, 14 Nov — An AIDS research centre was opened Tuesday by the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences and the Beijing Union Medical College in the Chinese capital.

Former president of the United States Bill Clinton, who is also chairman of the International Fund for Prevention of AIDS, inspected the centre and addressed the opening function. Clinton said that the establishment of the centre, as an important step in the process of enforcing AIDS prevention, control and research, would enhance the international cooperation in this field.

Gao Qiang, executive vice-minister of Public Health, congratulated the centre's establishment and expressed his hope that the centre would contribute to the prevention and control of AIDS by working in more close cooperation with the international research agencies.

The Chinese Government attaches close importance to the prevention work and has prioritized it and placed it high on its agenda, Gao said.

As a prestigious institute integrating medical education, scientific research and medical treatment in the country, the academy and the college have become crucial bases for clinical treatment of AIDS patients. — MNA/Xinhua

China uses \$43.56b overseas investment in first 10 months

BEIJING, 14 Nov — China has used 43.56 billion US dollars of overseas investment in the first 10 months of 2003, up 5.81 per cent year-on-year, according to statistics from the Ministry of Commerce.

In the first 10 months, newly approved companies with overseas investment reached 32,696, up 17.99 per cent compared with that of the same term of last year. Contracted overseas investment was 88.68 billion US dollars, up 33.75 per cent. By the end of October 2003, the total number of companies with overseas investment was 456,892. Contractual overseas investment totalled 916.7 billion US dollars and actually used investment was 491.5 billion US dollars. — MNA/Xinhua

397 US service members killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — As of Thursday, Nov 13, 397 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defense.

The British military has reported 52 deaths; Italy, 16; Denmark, Spain, Ukraine and Poland have reported one each.

On or since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 259 US soldiers have died in Iraq, according to the latest Defence Department figures. Since the start of military operations, 1,967 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to Thursday's Defence Department figures. Non-hostile injured numbered 342.

The latest deaths reported by US Central Command:

— A 1st Armored Division soldier died Wednesday after a military vehicle struck an explosive device in Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defense:

— Army Pfc Rayshawn S Johnson, 20, New York; killed on 3 Nov, by a landmine in Tikrit; assigned to the 299th Engineer Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Internet



Russell Crowe, star of the new film 'Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World', arrives with his wife Danielle Spencer at a screening of the film at Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences in Beverly Hills, Calif, on 11 Nov. 2003. —INTERNET

China has most telephone subscribers in world

BEIJING, 14 Nov — China had over 500 million telephone subscribers by the end of the third quarter of this year, ranking the top in the world, said sources with the Chinese Ministry of Information Industry on Wednesday.

The information communication industry has become a leading and basic industry in China, said Xi Guohua, China's Vice-Minister of Information Industry, at the opening ceremony of the 2003 China International Communication Equipment & Technology Exhibition held Wednesday in Beijing.

According to statistics with the International Telecommunication Union, China had 19 per cent of the world's telephone subscribers in 2002, compared to 9.6 per cent in 1998.

Every 100 people in China have 20.3 fixed telephones and 19.5 mobile phones. The number of Internet users reached 68 million in the first half of 2003, ranking the second in the world.

MNA/Xinhua

Charity says Iraq war killed 21,000-55,000 Iraqi civilians

BAGHDAD, 14 Nov— Between 21,000 and 55,000 people have died as a result of the US-led invasion of Iraq and its aftermath, according to a new report that also warned of rapidly deteriorating health conditions for those who survived.

London-based Medact, the British affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), concluded that the war's continuing impact — particularly the failure of occupation authorities to ensure security — has resulted in a further deterioration of the Iraqi population's health status. IPPNW's US affiliate, Physicians for Social Responsibility, joined in the report's release Tuesday.

The report's funding was provided by Oxfam and the Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation.

"The health of the Iraqi people is generally worse than before the war," according to an executive summary of the 12-page report, which noted that the state of health in Iraq was already poor by international standards.

It said women and children were particularly at risk due to the breakdown in law and order and damage to infrastructure and that women were also being affected by the emergence of religious conservatism after the war.

The report, entitled "Continuing Collateral Damage: The Health and Environmental Costs of War on Iraq 2003," is the follow-up to a pre-war study released last November that predicted at the time that between 49,000 and 261,000 people could be killed in an invasion of Iraq over three months.

The much lower estimated death toll in the seven months that followed the March 20 invasion is due primarily to the quick collapse of Iraqi military resistance and the fact that no weapons of mass destruction were used.

The report says that 172 US and British combatants were killed during the war period (March 20 to May 1) and another 222 died between May 2 and October 20.

It estimates the number of civilians killed during the war at between 5,708 and 7,356. From May 2 to October 20, the report estimates civilian deaths resulting from hostilities at between 2,049 and 2,209.

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Italian DM inspects bombed site in Nasiriyah

BAGHDAD, 14 Nov — Italian Defence Minister Antonio Martino flew Thursday to the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah to inspect the scene of a devastating blast at a military police base that killed 27 people, including 18 Italians.

Upon his arrival at the base, Martino told reporters that the attack was carried out by "the same hand" as that for the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington in 2001.

The Defence Minister went to a military hospital to visit the Italian soldiers wounded in the devastating suicide attack.

A truck packed with explosives crashed at the entrance of the Italian military base in Nasiriyah, 350 kilometres south of Baghdad, and was detonated by another car on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua



A poster reading "A Casa" (At home) is shown in front of Rome's Palazzo Chigi, the Italian government palace during a protest to bring Italian troops home from Iraq on 12 November.

INTERNET

Iraq oil demand buoyed by military, consumer durables

LONDON, 14 Nov — Iraq's postwar domestic fuel demand is gradually picking up, bolstered by sustained military demand and a flood of imported consumer goods, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Thursday.

"It appears that demand, after being initially crippled by war and the damage inflicted on the power generation infrastructure, has since recovered, albeit with significant changes in the product mix," said the IEA, the West's energy watchdog.

Persistent insecurity and repeated attacks on coalition troops has bolstered military demand for longer, and at higher levels, than anticipated, the IEA said.

The end of sanctions and the abolition of taxes have transformed Iraq into a vast duty-free zone, opening the floodgates to a stream of imports of energy-intensive consumer goods at prices well below inflated pre-war levels, the agency said.

Some 300,000 to 450,000 second-hand

automobiles have been imported into Iraq since the war from dealerships as far away as the United Arab Emirates, the IEA said.

Cheap consumer durable imports, including air conditioners, freezers, washing machines and televisions, have met robust pent-up demand, it added. Problems with electricity supplies have boosted imports of power generators, and thus diesel demand, it said.

Iraq's need to import light oil products has tightened the Mediterranean gasoline and middle distillate markets, even as Iraqi refinery runs have reportedly returned to within 75 per cent or more of pre-war levels of about 550,000 barrels per day (BPD), the IEA said.

MNA/Reuters

Asia, Europe urged to promote agricultural cooperation

BEIJING, 14 Nov — The ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) High-Level Conference on Agricultural Cooperation Wednesday issued a chairman's statement, calling on members to expand cooperation in the agricultural sector, given the differences in their natural, socioeconomic and technological conditions and forms of agricultural production.

This diversity should be taken into account when considering cooperation among ASEM members in trade and investment in the agricultural sector, said the chairman's statement.

According to the statement, agriculture and agricultural trade are of great importance to both Asia and Europe; the two continents are and will remain major players in the world farm products market. It is necessary to explore the possibility to expand inter-continental trade in a bid to increase farm products trade among ASEM members.

Officials in charge of agriculture from nine Asian countries, 15 European Union members and the European Commission partici-

pated in the conference, which reiterated the members' commitments to Doha Development Agenda and the establishment of a fair and market-oriented trading system.

The participants underscored the important role that a successful new round of World Trade Organization agriculture negotiations should play in promoting Asia-Europe agricultural trade, given the non-trade concerns. According to the statement, ASEM members consider it necessary to strengthen cooperation and coordination in the new round of agriculture negotiations and call on all WTO members to play an active role in negotiations on substantive issues to push ahead the negotiations toward a success. — MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan makes big seizures of heroin, morphine

QUETTA, 14 Nov — Pakistani authorities have seized a ton of heroin and a similar quantity of morphine worth tens of millions of dollars on the international black market, officials said on Wednesday.

Anti-Narcotics Force agents found the heroin in a raid in Baluchistan Province near the border with Afghanistan on Tuesday after a heavy exchange of gunfire with smugglers who late fled. "The heroin was brought from Helmand Province in southern Afghanistan and dumped near the border area," an official said.

According to UN estimates the heroin would have a wholesale value in Europe of about 38 million US dollars. — MNA/Reuters



US actress Susan Sarandon receives a gold statue from Spanish film director Pedro Almodovar as an honorary award at the closing ceremony of the Seville Cinema and Sports festival, in southern Spain, on 8 November, 2003. — INTERNET

Britain, Brazil bust international drug ring

BRASILIA, 14 Nov — British and Brazilian police have nabbed 11 members of an international drug ring including a baggage handler in London, Brazil's Globo television reported on Wednesday.

Brazilian police tracked the gang as its members came to Brazil and bought cocaine which was taken on commercial flights to Britain through an intricate scheme including the London baggage handler, Globo said.

"This should be seen as a model because the important thing in fighting the drugs trade is not only the quantity of drugs seized but the breaking and dismantling of the drug trafficking scheme, its production, its distribution and sale," police chief Wagner Castilho told Globo. — MNA/Reuters

IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



Italian soldiers of the Italian Joint Task Iraq set up a barbed wire fence around the area of the destroyed Carabinieri building on 13 Nov, 2003, a day after a suicide bomber blew up a truck packed with explosives at Italy's paramilitary base Wednesday, killing at least 27 people in Nasiriyah, Iraq. — INTERNET



Armed Iraqis gesture after a bomb blast in Nassiriya, about 290 km (180 miles) south of Baghdad, on 13 November, 2003. Suicide car bombers devastated an Italian military police base in the Iraqi town of Nassiriya on Wednesday, killing at least 18 Italians and nine Iraqis. — INTERNET



A soldier of US Army's 4th Infantry Division (Task Force Ironhorse) checks on an Iraqi baby left alone in a house during an early morning raid outside Baquba early on 13 November, 2003. US troops raided several houses outside Baquba just before dawn looking for supporters of former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein including an Iraqi man suspected of attacking coalition forces. — INTERNET



Soldiers of the Italian Joint Task Iraq prepare to set up a barbed wire fence around the area of the destroyed Carabinieri building on 13 November, 2003, a day after a suicide bomber blew up a truck packed with explosives at Italy's paramilitary base Wednesday, killing at least 27 people in Nasiriyah, Iraq. — INTERNET



Dutch Army soldiers arrive at the police headquarters of the southern Iraqi town of Samawah, that was attacked by some 300 locals, on 13 November, 2003. Iraqi police opened fire Thursday on the crowd of stone-throwing protesters angry about alleged police corruption, wounding one of them, witnesses said. Several protesters were arrested. — INTERNET



British Army soldiers and Iraqi police arrest an Iraqi man in the center of Basra, southern Iraq, on 13 November, 2003. — INTERNET

US expatriates in Britain hit by wave of "anti-Bushism"

LONDON, 14 Nov — The British abandoned their stiff upper lips and hugged Americans after on 11 September attacks. Now much of that goodwill has evaporated and the blame is being laid firmly at the door of George W Bush.

After the twin tower attacks, a military band broke with tradition and played the American national anthem at the Changing of the Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

Less than 18 months later, one million people took to London's streets to protest against the forthcoming war in Iraq.

Now with President Bush heading to these shores next week to see Tony Blair for what should have been a triumphal reunion with his closest ally, the 200,000 Americans living in London are reflecting on how times have changed.

They recall with wonder how the British dropped their innate reserve after the attacks on September 11, 2001.

But now, after wars in Afghanistan and Iraq where British and Americans fought

side by side, they face a wave not of anti-Americanism but anti-Bushism.

"It's tougher being an American in London than it used to be. Our President has made it so," said *Newsweek* magazine's London correspondent Stryker McGuire.

"Even among friendly Britons, there's a growing scepticism about the gun-toting, electric-chairing land that has let Dubya be Dubya for nigh on three years now."

Christine Swanson, back home after taking the kids on the morning run to school, said: "I am frustrated. As horrible as September 11 was, it was a real opportunity to move forward in a positive way.

"There was a lot of goodwill to tap into and it took the incredible talent of George Bush to piss it all away in two years."

MNA/Reuters

CIA report says US losing popular support in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — A CIA report concludes that ordinary Iraqis increasingly are siding with the insurgency amid doubts about the US ability to stamp it out, officials said on Wednesday, while the US administrator in Iraq said it was hard to figure out where the Iraqi public stands.

Word of the report came as President George W Bush's national security team held urgent meetings at the White House with Paul Bremer, the US civil administrator in Iraq, aimed at accelerating the transfer of power to Iraqis.

The CIA's classified field assessment concluded that many Iraqis are losing faith in American efforts in Iraq amid the US failure to crush an increasingly bold resistance, said US officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The report, warning of possible failure for Bush's efforts to establish Iraq as a democracy if the situation is not fixed, said aggressive US counter-insurgency measures were leaving many Iraqis disillusioned and pushing them to support the insurgency, one US official said.

Amid continuing violence, at least 17 Italians and nine Iraqis died on Wednesday when a suicide bomber wrecked an Italian military base in the town of Nassiriya, while in Baghdad, US forces killed two people

in a counter-insurgency strike called "Operation Iron Hammer".

The report, disclosed earlier by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, noted that no member of the US-appointed Iraqi Governing Council nor any other Iraqi politician had shown an ability to lead the nation following the US-led invasion in March that chased president Saddam Hussein from power, the official said.

But the official refused to fault Iraqi politicians for keeping a low profile amid a mounting insurgency.

"If they've got the smarts to be the future leader of the country, then they've got the smarts not to paint themselves as a target (for assassination), and to see how real is this American commitment to Iraq," the official said.

Asked about Iraqi disillusionment toward the US presence, Bremer told reporters, "I think the situation with the Iraqi public is, frankly, not easy to quantify."

MNA/Reuters

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A soldier of US Army's 4th Infantry Division (Task Force Ironhorse) guards a detained Iraqi man, during a night raid, after being taken from his home in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, north of Baghdad, on 13 Nov, 2003.—INTERNET

Solana says after Iraq, US less quick to use force

BERLIN, 14 Nov — EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana said on Wednesday that the experience of Iraq may make the United States less inclined in future to go it alone and resort to military force to remove its enemies.

Solana said the idea that the United States should be a "revolutionary actor", using force to oust governments around the world that it did not like, was not the dominant view in the Bush Administration.

"I don't think that this is going to be the majority now on foreign policy thinking. You cannot say (US Secretary of State) Colin Powell represents that," Solana told a foreign policy seminar in Berlin. He was speaking as President George W Bush held urgent talks with his National Security Council and Paul Bremer, the US civil administrator in Iraq, to discuss ways to accelerate the postwar handover of power to the Iraqi people.

Solana said he expected the message from those talks to be "Let's do it more rapidly, let's do it more a la Bosnia or a la Afghanistan" — a reference to the importance of multinational cooperation in rebuilding other war-torn states.

"Even the United States has realised the problems of today are too difficult, too complicated, and they cannot be solved by a country alone," the former NATO chief said.

US troops have been coming under constant attack in Iraq. At least 17 Italians and eight Iraqis were killed in a car bombing in Nassiriya on Wednesday, the latest deadly strike against foreign targets linked to the US occupation. In implied contrast to Bush's stated policy of military pre-emption, Solana said the thrust of a new European Union security doctrine, due to be adopted by the end of the year, was to head off potential threats by "preventive engagement".

"Threats cannot be tackled by purely military means," Solana said. He said the EU approach would involve a range of tools, including diplomacy, trade and sometimes economic sanctions, and cited Iran as an example where it was bringing pressure to bear.

Three EU foreign ministers last month persuaded Iran to suspend its uranium enrichment operations and accept tighter inspections of its atomic energy programme, which Washington suspects is masking a bid to acquire a nuclear bomb. "The first hurdle has been crossed. Let's hope that we pass all the hurdles," Solana said. — MNA/Reuters



Protesters protest against the possible dispatch of South Korean combat troops to Iraq in front of the Defence Ministry in Seoul on 13 Nov, 2003. The slogan on the banner reads: "We denounce the Defence Ministry which instigates the dispatch of South Korean combat troops to Iraq."

INTERNET

China improving copyright laws

BEIJING, 14 Nov — The National Copyright Administration is improving the nation's copyright laws by instituting four new regulations, including one to protect folk literature and the rights of net-work information distribution, reported Thursday's *China Daily*.

Regulations will also cover payments for radio and television broadcasting and for group management for copyrights of certain artwork, said the report.

The China Music Copyright Association, for instance, is in charge of authorizing copyright for music broadcast in hotels or other locations, according to the administration.

The administration will also intensify copyright legal enforcement by having regional intellectual property management departments join forces with local public security offices, industry and commerce officials, and Customs and culture sectors in an efforts to slash pirating activities, said

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Duan Yuping, an administration official. Authorities across the country have taken great steps to crack down on illegal activities, Duan said. From January to October this year, for instance, officials seized 22 illegal compact disk production lines, said the newspaper.

MNA/Xinhua

Two foreign climbers found safe in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 14 Nov — Two Chilean mountain climbers missing on Mount Aspiring near Queenstown on the South Island of New Zealand since Sunday were found Thursday morning by searchers.

They were both well and were taken by helicopter to Aspiring Hut and from there they would return to Wanaka later in the morning.

New Zealand Press Association quoted a police statement as saying that they spent

the last four nights in a snow cave.

Concern had been mounting for the Wanaka-based Chilean climbers and poor weather had hindered search efforts for the past two days.

Rodrigo Condeza, 30, and Matias Trieto, 23, who have both lived and worked in Wanaka since May, left French Ridge hut to climb Mount Aspiring via the southwestern ridge early on Sunday.—MNA/Xinhua

Two drug dealers arrested in Bangkok

BANGKOK, 14 Nov — Thai police have arrested two drug dealers and seized assets about 10 million baht (about 238,095 US dollars), local Press reported Thursday.

Some 100 policemen on Wednesday raided a community in downtown Bangkok, where was reportedly frequented by drug addicts.

Having searched some 13 places around the area, the police seized 800 methamphetamine pills, a number of firearms, 580,000 baht (13,809 dollars) in cash and bank accounts with 8.5-million-baht (202,381-dollar) deposit.

MNA/Xinhua



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence meets with departmental personnel at the hall of Theikpan Kongyi Village, Latbutta Township. —MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects ...

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Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than made a speech. He said the division is fertile and so agriculture is flourishing in the division. The State had designated 24 development zones for the harmonious

development of the entire country including the division. He urged the local people to safeguard peace and tranquillity in the village and the division.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donated K 300,000 to the de-

velopment fund of the village. Chairman U Aye Maung of the Village Peace and Development Council and Headmistress of the Basic Education Middle School Daw Thuang Yin accepted the donation. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to the

middle school and inspected the language lab, printed media room, reading corner, and domestic science room. The headmistress and teachers conducted Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party round the school. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party also inspected the

Affiliated High School of the village.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to Padaukgon Village in the village-tract and met with townselder and local people at the basic education primary school of the village. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on partici-

pation of local people in regional development tasks and tasks for tranquillity of wards and villages and the rule of law.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived back Labutta in the evening by boat and proceeded to Myaungmya by car. — MNA



On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein makes a speech at closing ceremony of No 65 Pilot Course. —MNA

Coord meeting for implementing ASEAN projects held

YANGON, 14 Nov — A coordination meeting for implementing the ASEAN projects of ASEAN Quiz (FY 2003-2004) and ASEAN Information Seminar Series (FY 2003-2004) was held at the meeting hall of the Myanma Radio and Television on Pyay Road here this afternoon.

Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein attended the meeting and delivered the opening address on the occasion.

Also present at the meeting were directors-general and the managing directors of the ministries concerned, the director-

general of the ASEAN Affairs Department and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, professors of the International Relations Department and the Institute of Education and guests.

First, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein made an opening speech.

At the meeting, the participants presented reports on general matters sector wise

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein attended to their needs. Later, he made the concluding remarks. — MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein presents outstanding pilot award to Lt Yaw Zeya Min (Air-2873) at the concluding ceremony of No 65 Pilot Course. — MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein presents outstanding literary award to Lt Khine Thant Moe (Air-2853) at the concluding ceremony of No 65 Pilot Course. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein makes a speech at the coordination meeting for implementing ASEAN projects. —MNA

"World Diabetes Day" observed

YANGON, 14 Nov — The Health Department of the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization jointly observed the "World Diabetes Day" at the hall of Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street here this morning.

Present on the occasion were deputy directors-general of departments under the ministries, rectors, directors, professors, medical superintendents, Chairman of Myanmar Academy of Medical Science Dr U Ko

Ko, members of the committee for the observance of the "World Diabetes Day", WHO Resident Representative Mr Stephen P Jost and officials, township health officers, and members of social organizations.

On the occasion, Deputy Director-General of the Health Department Dr Soe Aung explained facts related to the "World Diabetes Day", followed by talks commemorating the "World Diabetes Day 2003" given by Dr U Ko Ko. Next, Dr Tint Swe Lat,

project manager of diabetes control, explained about the history of "World Diabetes Day". Health officers also gave talks on notable facts about control and treatment of diabetes and renal diseases. Later, officials replied to queries raised by those present.

Pamphlets and gifts bearing the logo of the "World Diabetes Day 2003" and those present on the occasion were also given blood tests whether they had diabetes or not. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attends monsoon paddy harvests in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 14 NOV — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and departmental officials, arrived at the Government Technological College in Patheingyi on Yangon-Patheingyi road on 11 November morning and inspected the construction of the three-storey building of the college. Principal Daw Yi Yi Myint and officials conducted Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party round the college.



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence and party inspect the Government Technological College in Patheingyi Township. —MNA

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected the digging of irrigation canals on both sides of Kyonwa-Kyonthoung road for summer paddy fields in Myaungmya Township. Director U Tint Hsan of the Irrigation Department reported to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party on digging the canals, benefited acres on completion of the canals, and water pumping systems. The commander and the division manager of Myanma Agriculture service gave supplementary reports.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party attended the harvest ceremony of 400 acres of pilot monsoon paddy farms near Kyonwa Village in Myaungmya Township. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than viewed the harvest and inspected the arrangements for cultivation of summer paddy and irrigation tasks. The chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council and officials conducted Lt-Gen Khin

Maung Than and party round the farm.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with local farmers of the villages near Myaungmya and urged them to strive for increased production of paddy, pointing out the assistance rendered and arrangements made by the State.

Next, the commander explained the arrangements for smooth transportation and development tasks in the region. Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party cordially greeted the local farmers.

A total of 11.81 acres of Manawthukha paddy included in the 400-acre pilot farm yielded 110.50 baskets per-acre.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the commander proceeded to Myaungmya Bridge and inspected it. He gave instructions to the officials on maintenance of the bridge constructed spending a lot of fund.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin

Maung Than and party went to Bhamo-Thongwa river water pumping project. At the briefing hall of the project, Staff Officer U Htay Lwin of the Division Water Resources Utilization Department reported to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party on salient points of the project. The commander gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected pipelines, pumps and motors. On completion of the project, it will be able to irrigate 5,262 acres of farms in Bhamo-Thongwa region.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than arrived at Myaungmya Jute Mill and inspected the looms and machines there. Responsible officials conducted Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party round the mill. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on meeting the set standards and taking measures for worksite safety. They also inspected Myaungmya-

Labutta road by car and arrived at Labutta Bridge. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected the paddy fields and gave instructions on undertaking maintenance of Labutta Bridge.

Next, they arrived at the worksite of digging irrigation canals being carried out by the Irrigation Department. Staff Officer U Kyaw Win of the Irrigation Department and Chairman U Khin Maung Soe of the Township Peace and Development Council reported to them on arrangements for irrigation of summer paddy fields in Kyakan Station and Labutta Myaukyun region. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than fulfilled the requirements. The arrangements will be able to irrigate 5056 acres of summer paddy in Labutta Myaukyun region.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party attended the harvest of the pilot farm of U Talote and viewed the arrangements for cultivation of summer paddy and threshing and winnow-

ing of paddy with use of machine. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted the local people there.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with departmental personnel and members of social organizations at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Labutta. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived at the Ywaynady Hall in Labutta Township, where he met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders and gave instructions on measures for regional development and the enforcement of law and order.

At the meeting, officials reported on the location and area of the township, the population, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, livestock breeding work, production of salt, measures for health, social and economic sectors, and implementation of the five rural development tasks.

The commander later called upon departments, social organizations and local people to strive for regional development.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than also spoke of the need of the people to cooperate with the

Government in marching towards a modern and developed nation. Over 3.4 million acres of land have been put under cultivation of monsoon paddy in Ayeyawady Division. And arrangements are under way to extend the sown acreage to 3.5 million acres next month.

Moreover, fisheries and poultry farming should also be conducted on a broader scale as the township is near the sea.

It is also necessary to ensure stability and enforcement of law in the region while taking regional development measures, he said.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to the Labutta Township People's Hospital, where he inspected the newly-completed two-storey patient ward measuring 50 feet and 30 feet, which was constructed at a cost of K 25 million donated by Dr Sein Win and Daw Khin Khin Myint and family of Yangon.

He also met with patients receiving medical treatment at hospital and comforted them. He also inspected round the hospital.

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Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung makes a speech at the coordination meeting of management committee. —MNA

NCC Management Committee meets

YANGON, 14 NOV — National Convention Convening Management Committee held its meeting at the Union Hall at Kyaikkasan Ground this morning.

Present were Chairman of NCCMC Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Vice-

Chairmen Maj-Gen Than Htay and Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and members.

First, Chairman of NCCMC Maj-Gen Lun Maung made a speech.

Next, Secretary Maj Than Htay of the management committee reported on

duties and tasks to be carried out by the management committee in the National Convention. Members of the management committee discussed matters related to distribution and assignment of duties to the respective subcommittees.

Chairmen and officials of respective subcommittees also took part in the discussions.

The meeting came to a close with concluding remarks by Chairman Maj-Gen Lun Maung.

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41st Myanmar Gems Emporium to be held in March 2004

YANGON, 14 NOV — With the aim of boosting the incomes of the State and private sectors and GNP, the Myanmar Gems Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines will hold the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium in March 2004.

The MGE as the previous gems emporia will coordinate with the departments concerned for ensuring swift acquisition of earning, swift import of gems and jewellery that are bought from abroad

and fixation of the earnings of national gems merchants as export earning and others.

Scrutiny, acceptance and price fixation of the Jade, gems and jewellery that the national entrepreneurs want to sell at the 41st Myanmar Gems Emporium will take place from 26 November 2003 to 10 February 2004.

Those who wish to sell their jade, gems and jewellery are to contact the MGE (Head Office). —MNA

MRA to open special English classes

YANGON, 14 NOV — General English, Spoken English, English for Medical Students, English for Nurses and Doctors, and Medical English classes are being conducted by Principal and Teaching Director Dr Myint Hline of Myanmar Royal Academy (MRA) himself at the MRA Education Centre at No 57, ground floor, 9th Street (Mid-

dieblock), Lanmadaw Township, Yangon. Special classes for TOEFL, GCE (English), and English in Business Studies (Accounting, Finance, Marketing and Management) will also be opened at the middle of this month. For detailed information, those interested may reach the MRA at the phone number 222121.

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ULSAN football team of ROK arrives

YANGON, 14 NOV — ULSAN football team constituting 25 members from the Republic of Korea led by Mr Kim Dong Young

arrived here by air at 8 am today.

It will play friendly warm-up match against Selected Myanmar Team,

which will take part in the XXII SEA Games.

The football team was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Assist-

ant Director of International Sports Affairs Section of the Physical and Education Department and officials.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Einme...

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Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing met with departmental officials and members of social organizations at the meeting hall of Einme Township Peace and Development Council Office and gave instructions on regional development, community peace and prevalence of law and order. Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing also called on officials at different levels to make efforts for development of economic and social sectors in the township to ensure successful realization of the objectives laid down by the State.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than made a speech. He said that prevalence of peace and tranquillity the length and breadth of the nation is of paramount importance for successful realization of the future work programmes laid down by the State.

Measures will have to be taken for extended reclamation of land in every township in the division as 3.5 million acres of land are targeted to be put under monsoon paddy.

After viewing round Einme, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen

Soe Naing and party arrived at the local battalion at 1.30 pm.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with officials and other ranks and their families at the hall of the local battalion and gave instructions on livestock breeding and production. He also urged the officials and other ranks to engage in agriculture and livestock breeding undertakings on a manageable scale.

Next, they arrived at Einme Township People's Hospital and spoke words of encouragement to the warded patients.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing presented K 100,000 for the hospital through Township Health Officer Dr Ko Ko Maung.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to Einme Township Basic Education High School and viewed round learning of the students.

They were conducted round the classrooms by Headmistress Daw Naw L Maline and teachers.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived at the land reclamation project in the Mogokedidoke (North) wetland region being implemented by First Top and Olympic Co Ltd in

Pantanaw Township.

At the briefing hall of the project, the Project In Charge reported to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on land reclamation, arrangements being made for cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy and digging of fish and prawn breeding ponds. Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing gave a supplementary report.

In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than fulfilled the requirements. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party left the project by car and arrived back here in the evening. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Vice-Governor Mr Zhong Shan of Zhejiang Province of the PRC at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthar. (News on page 16) — MNA



Maj-Gen Myat Hein inspects the graduating companies and guards of honour. (News on page 1) — MNA



Minister U Soe Tha addresses opening of Project Proficiency Grade-1 Course. — MNA

Project Proficiency Grade-1 Course opens

YANGON, 14 Nov — The Planning Department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development opened its No 35 Project Proficiency Grade-1 Course at the training hall of the department this morning, attended by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development, directors-general of the department, deputy directors-general, directors and assistant directors, officials and trainees. The minister made a speech on the occasion.

A total of 74 trainees from the department of states and divisions are attending the two-week course. — MNA

Ngazun region in the process of development

Article by Tun Kyi (Agri)

Ngazun Township was once under Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council and it has been under Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council since 2000.

Under the guidance of the Head of State and due to frequent visits of the high-ranking officials, progress has been made in economic and social sectors of the region. Trading was not brisk in the region in the past as there was poor transportation.

With an annual average rainfall of 29.47 inches, the region is in constant need of water for agriculture purpose. In agricultural sector, there were 4,131 acres of paddy, 18,080 acres of cotton and 34712 acres of pulses and beans before 1988.

In the time of the State Peace and Development

Council, three river water pumping stations have been implemented and four reservoirs including Myaukpinle Reservoir constructed in the township.

Three river water pumping stations were Kyauktalon river water pumping station benefiting 100 acres of farmland, Ywathit river water pumping station benefiting 2,000 acres of farmland and Nganhmyagyi river water pumping station benefiting 500 acres of farmland.

The four reservoirs namely Myaukpinle Reservoir, Myotha Reservoir, Phaungkataw Reservoir and Natthadaw Reservoir were constructed with the aim of irrigating 963 acres of farmland. The sown acreage in the township has increased up to 6,406 in 2003 from 4,131 in 1988. With the ef-



Natthataw Dam seen near Natthataw Village, Ngazun Township.

fective use of water from the reservoirs and river water pumping stations paddy is now thriving in the region.

Ngazun condensed milk and butter are popular in the region and are being transported to other towns and cities in Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions. Other products in Ngazun are jaggery, cotton and pulses and beans.

There are four motor roads—the 6.6 miles long Ngazun-Kyauktalon motor road, the 16 miles long Ngazun-Myotha motor road, the 20 miles long Ngazun-Ngahmya motor road and the 13 miles long Ngazun-Ywathit-Htanaungkai motor road. Sagaing and Mandalay can be reached through the Ngazun-Kyauktalon motor road.

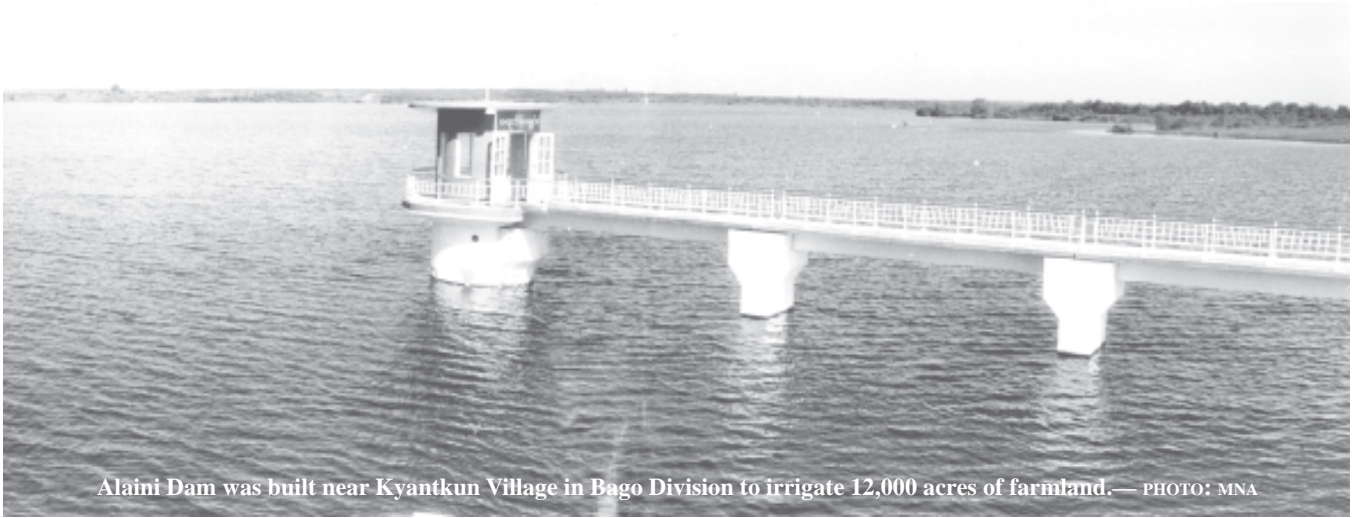
The most serviceable road is the 60 miles long Ngahmyagyi-Ngazun-Mandalay road. It is used by those from every village and village tract in the township. Two air-con buses of Man-Zun-Ngahmya Buses Association are plying on the road beginning 14-10-2002. The Bagan-NyaungU road leading to the ancient cultural zone via Mandalay links with

the Ngahmyagyi-Ngazun-Mandalay road.

With better transport, socio-economic life of the local people has improved and efforts for regional development are meeting with success, thereby contributing to improvement of health and education sectors.

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



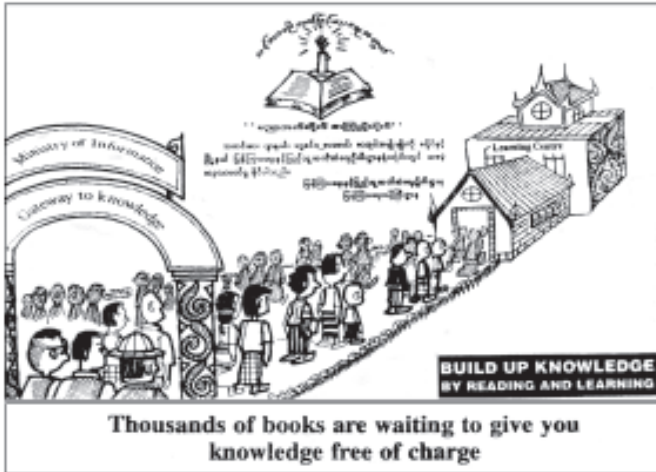
Alaini Dam was built near Kyantkun Village in Bago Division to irrigate 12,000 acres of farmland.— PHOTO: MNA



The 132 feet high and 3,044 feet long Minhla Dam in Okpo Township irrigates 5260 acres of farmland in Okpo Township and 9740 acres of cropland in Minhla Township.— PHOTO: MNA



Lagunbyin Dam built at the border of Yangon and Bago Division benefits 22,000 acres of farmland. PHOTO: MNA



NEWS OF THE WORLD

Some 73,000 Malaysians agree to donate organs

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Nov — Some 73,000 Malaysians have pledged to donate their organs since 1997, chairman of the public education committee on organ donation Lee Lam Thye said here Wednesday.

When the organ donation pledging campaign started in the country in 1997 there were only 2,568 pledgers and this increased yearly until it reached 72,999 pledgers nationwide as at October 31, Lee said in a statement.

"From this figure, 49,021 or 67.2 per cent of the pledgers are Chinese, 15,641 or 21.4 per cent Indians and 6,078 or 8.3 per cent Malays

and the rest are made up of others," he said.

Malaysia is a multi-racial country with a population of some 24 million. Of which, Malays, Chinese and Indians are three major races.

Lee said 44,571 people pledged all their organs and tissues while 5,555 agreed to donate their corneas and 1,294, their kidneys.

"The increase in the number of organ pledgers is made possible through various publicity drives, roadshows and working with public transport operators over the past few years," he said.

Lee said his committee hoped

to secure 80,000 organ pledgers by the end of this year while much needed to be done to increase the number of actual donors.

"If statistics are anything to go by, it would seem that public awareness of the significance of organ donation has increased due to the success of several organ transplantations carried out," he said. Since the commencement of the organ transplantation programme, 15 heart transplants, 980 kidney transplants and 45 liver transplants have been carried out by the government and private hospitals.

MNA/Xinhua

WHO's measures to control HIV transmission paid off in Nigeria

ABUJA, 14 Nov — The strategies adopted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and other development partners in the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV have paid off in Nigeria, a Nigerian well-known doctor has said.

Chris Agboghorma, a nationwide famous gynecologist of the National Hospital of Nigeria in the capital Abuja, said at the inauguration of the Women Against AIDS and Infectious Diseases (WAAIDS) here on Tuesday that the measures had reduced the rate of mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

He said that one of the measures was the primary prevention of HIV among

adolescents and youths through information, education and communication which would lead to behavior change.

"Measures to prevent HIV infection among adolescents and youths would eventually lead to significant reduction in HIV transmission to infants," he said, adding: "avoiding infection in women is the most effective way to prevent vertical transmission to infants."

According to Agboghorma, prevention of unintended pregnancy among HIV-infected women through appropriate family planning services will also help in curbing the transmission.

He called on women whose status had not been

determined to go for voluntary counselling and testing to be able to use this information in making decisions about their future reproductive life.

The gynecologist said specific intervention methods such as the use of anti-retroviral drugs, safe delivery practices and safe infant feeding practices had also reduced vertical transmission.

WAAIDS is a non-governmental organization with HIV positive women in Nigeria's federal capital territory as members.

The Nigerian federal government runs PMTCT centres in eight health institutions located in all the six geo-political zones of the country.

MNA/Xinhua

Fake goods endanger Vietnam

HANOI, 14 Nov — Fake goods available in Vietnam do harm to both its local consumers and economy, a report of the *Vietnamese News* said on Wednesday.

The cosmetic industry alone lost some 22 million US dollars in value added tax and import tariffs last year as a result of counterfeit goods. Many consumers

reportedly suffered from allergy and many skin diseases due to usage of fake products.

In recent years, the country has reported an increasing number of violations of industrial property rights relating to styles, brands and patents. It reported 151 cases of violations in 1999, 293 in 2001 and 399 in 2002, ac-

cording to the report.

Many businessmen and officials of the Department of Intellectual Property have proposed the government to establish an anti-fake good fund and impose heavier punishments on offenders.

Current fines of 640-1,280 US dollars imposed on violators are too light, they argued.—MNA/Xinhua

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV "SEA MERCHANT" VOY NO (481)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV "SEA MERCHANT" Voy No (481) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16-11-2003 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm into Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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Latin American officials, businessmen discuss FTA with US

SAN JOSE, 14 Nov — Officials and businessmen of Latin America met with US officials on Wednesday in Washington to discuss negotiations on a Central American Free Trade Agreement, local media reported.

The meeting was aimed at exchanging views over the negotiations on the free trade agreement between the United States and Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, said a statement released here by Costa Rica's Foreign Trade Ministry.

US Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, chief negotiators of the involved parties, some Latin American businessmen living in the United States, Central American ambassadors and ministers

attended the meeting.

During the meeting, Zoellick told Latin American entrepreneurs that the "negotiation goes beyond the commercial relations" and has to do "with the reduction of poverty, the strengthening of development and democracy".

Zoellick said the establishment of free trade between the United States and the Latin American countries for a "more united, strong and prosperous hemisphere" is a very important opinion of US President George W Bush.

Anabel Gonzalez, the chief negotiator of Costa Rica who also serves as the spokeswoman of the Central American delegation, said it is important to create new opportunities for the Central Americans.—MNA/Xinhua

Foreigners must pass language test before working in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 14 Nov — Foreigners who wish to work or study in Indonesia have to pass the Indonesian language test, head of the language centre in the National Education Ministry Dendi Sugono said on Wednesday.

"If the Indonesians who wish to work or study abroad must pass the foreign lan-

guage test, so must the foreigners who wish to work or study in Indonesia," Dendi was quoted by state news agency *Antara* as saying.

He did not elaborate when the procedure will be applied, but he said the language centre has been working with other institutions to prepare the implementation

of the rule.

He stressed that the Indonesian people must treat the language as an important thing in the country. He admitted that many Indonesian people have not used the language in accordance with the right grammatical rules.

MNA/Xinhua

Motorcycle stunt performed at record height in Macao

MACAO, 14 Nov — Four motorcycle players attending the 50th Macao Grand Prix Races here made a motorcycle stunt at the height of 233 metres Tuesday on the Macao Tower, which was said to be a new world record by the organizers.

The Macao Tower Convention and Entertainment Centre sponsored the adventure activity as a tribute to the Golden Jubilee of the racing event in Macao.

Four motorracers namely Cheung Vai On from Hong

Kong, Stuart Easton from Scotland, Jeremy Toye from the United States and Gus Scott from England volunteered to perform the stunt by riding a Yamaha motorcycle one by one to circle the outer rim measured only 1.4 metres wide outside the Observation Lounge of the tower. "As it is windy today, the motorcycle was a little tottering, which made it more scaring, but it was exhilarating," said Cheung.

All of the four will take part in a motorcycle race on

Saturday, which is a part of the Macao Grand Prix. Known as a cradle of Formula One stars, the Macao Grand Prix is the world's only automobile sporting event containing all of Formula Three races, motor races and classic car races. It is also the world's only street race. Some of the most successful international race drivers, such as Micheal Schumacher and David Coulthard, emerged in F1 events after winning the Macao Grand Prix.—MNA/Xinhua

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WHO to launch action against substandard, counterfeit medicines

GENEVA, 14 Nov — The World Health Organization (WHO) will launch an action plan against substandard and counterfeit medicines with countries from the Greater Mekong sub-region this week.

At a meeting from November 11 to 13 in Hanoi, Vietnam, WHO will kick-start joint activities to combat counterfeiting of medicines in the region, to promote advocacy activities directed at key decision-makers, health professionals and the general public and to strengthen inspection and post-marketing surveillance.

According to a WHO Press release on Tuesday, activities of counterfeiting and making substandard medicines are frequently detected in Southeast Asian nations and the problem seems to be increasing. WHO said that products most commonly counterfeited in this region include antibiotics and those used in the treatment of tuberculosis,

malaria and HIV/AIDS.

Substandard medicines are thought to account for 8.5 per cent of medicines on the market in Thailand. Eight per cent of randomly collected samples in Vietnam failed laboratory testing for quality assessment.

Experts said that use of poor quality or counterfeit medicines has little or no therapeutic effect and in poor settings often leads to death.

“Combating low quality or illegal medicines is now more important than ever. Expanding access to safe effective treatment for AIDS and other illnesses is no longer an option, it is an imperative,” urged Dr. Lee Jong Wook, WHO Director-General.

MNA/Xinhua



A man making himself like a birthday cake is among the parade of Lord Mayor Show in London, on 8 Nov. More than 6,000 people in London joined the traditional event, which has a history of 800 years. — XINHUA

GM to export \$1.3b of cars to China

DETROIT, 14 Nov — General Motors Corp. said on Wednesday it will export to China thousands of Cadillac, Buicks and other GM vehicles valued at about 1.3 billion US dollars in 2004 and 2005.

The world's biggest car maker said it also signed two agreements with its joint-venture company in Shanghai to export to China about 1.1 billion US dollars of auto components and parts for its Buick Regal sedans and Buick GL8 wagons. GM said it will export both completely built vehicles as well as partially assembled kits for final assembly in Shanghai. The 4,500 completely built vehicles that GM plans to export include the Cadillac CTS sedans, SRX mid-size sport utility vehicles, the next-generation Seville and the XLR roadster. GM said this makes its unit, GM China, the first China-based subsidiary of a non-domestic automotive company to sign such a vehicle contract. With this deal, the Chinese Government has authorized the granting of trading and distribution rights a year earlier than required by the World Trade Organization, GM said.

MNA/Reuters

US hospitals not using latest drugs in heart patients

ORLANDO (Florida), 14 Nov — Doctors are not using the latest heart drugs in nearly two out of three patients rushed to the emergency room, US researchers reported on Tuesday.

Hospitals also underuse proven lifesaving surgical procedures such as angioplasty, the team at Duke University in North Carolina told a meeting of the American Heart Association.

“Acting quickly with therapies that have been shown to be effective can save lives,” said Dr James Hoekstra, chairman of the department of emergency medicine at

Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

“If we stick with the guidelines and utilize all the proven therapies within the first 24 hours, our patients will do better.”

Dr Eric Peterson and colleagues at Duke analyzed data about more than 56,000 US patients who arrived at emergency rooms with heart attack symptoms for their report.

For instance, they found that in the first day, nearly two-thirds of patients were not given a new class of clot-inhibiting drugs called glycoprotein (GP) IIb/IIIa inhibitors.

Yet studies have shown that quick administration of such drugs can save lives.

These drugs stop blood platelets from clumping together into clots.

The in-hospital death rate was 2.7 per cent for those who got the drugs the first day, compared to 4.7 per cent for who got them later.

MNA/Reuters

China to import more cars, auto parts from US

DETROIT, 14 Nov — A delegation from China's auto industry and DaimlerChrysler signed letters of intent on Wednesday evening, in a move expected to boost United States exports and distribution of passenger vehicles to China.

DaimlerChrysler plans to export about 4,500 vehicles to China, including vehicles from the Chrysler Group and the Mercedes-Benz M-Class built in the United States, totalling in value about 300 million US dollars.

The signing of these letters is an important step in efforts to increase the export and distribution in China of Chrysler, Jeep and Mercedes-Benz vehicles, and significantly complements the company's future business plans there, said Dieter Zetsche, the Chrysler CEO.

“Our strategy in China — importing, building and selling passenger cars and commercial vehicles — will help ensure that we take advantage of many business opportunities in the world's fastest-growing automotive market,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua

China signs multibillion-dollar contracts with US companies

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — In a major effort to boost the US export, China signed two contracts Wednesday with US companies for the purchase of billions of dollars' worth of planes and aircraft engines.

Five Chinese airlines have decided to order 30 Next-Generation 737 jets valued at about 1.7 billion US dollars. The planes are scheduled to be delivered in 2005 and 2006 to Air China, Hainan Airlines, Shandong Airlines, Shenzhen Airlines and Xiamen Airlines.

The Chinese AVIC Commercial Aircraft Co. Ltd. also inked a deal with

GE Aircraft Engines to supply GE engines for ARJ21, China's new regional jet aircraft now under development and slated for flight-testing in 2006. Representatives from the two companies predicted that 500 ARJ aircraft will be produced in China over the next 20 years, creating approximately three billion dollars of business for GE engines.

The two aviation contracts are just part of a series of deals China is to make for purchasing US goods, said Zhang Guobao, vice-chairman of China's National Development and Reform Commission who is leading a Chinese delegation to the United States. The contracts were signed at the US Department of Commerce.

MNA/Xinhua

Experts say Asian navies poised for spending spree

SINGAPORE, 14 Nov — The Asia-Pacific Region could become the world's largest market for warships in the next six to seven years, eclipsing the United States and Europe, defence officials said at a conference in Singapore.

AMI International, a market research firm which tracks naval defence spending around the world, estimates new warship procurement will rise to 14 billion US dollars in 2009 in the Asia-Pacific Region from the seven-billion-US-dollar forecast to be spent this year.

“The Asia-Pacific naval market is going to be enormous,” said Alan Garwood, a top exports official at Britain's Ministry of Defence, said at the conference this week. “I think what's driving that is Exclusive Economic Zone protection as countries need to focus on protecting fisheries, mineral wealth; or protect-

ing their coastline against immigration, or drugs or terrorism,” said Garwood.

Jorgen Sandersen, sales executive at German shipbuilder Blohm+Voss GmbH, said Asian Armed Forces were in the process of modernizing and expanding their navies.

MNA/Reuters



Spanish actress Penelope Cruz signs autographs for fans as she arrives at the world premiere of her new film ‘Gothika’ in Los Angeles, on 13 November, 2003. The film stars Halle Berry as a dedicated and successful criminal psychologist who awakens to find herself a patient in her own mental institution and opens on 12 November in the United States. — REUTERS

SPORTS

Owen leaves Liverpool options open

LONDON, 14 Nov— Liverpool's joy over extending captain Steven Gerrard's contract has been dampened by England striker Michael Owen's refusal to commit himself to Anfield beyond 2005.

"It is impossible to say about my future at Liverpool," Owen was quoted as saying on the club's web site on Wednesday.

"If they are winning the league every year, there will not be any decision to make about playing abroad," the 2001 European Footballer of the Year added.

"There is no problem now and, in an ideal situation, Liverpool will do really well this season and challenge for the (Premier) League.

"But I really need to be playing in the Champions League and that is something we have to remedy."

The club are eighth in the Premier League standings, 13 points behind leaders Arsenal with two thirds of the season left.

Owen's England captain David Beckham has said he would like the 23-year-old striker along side him at Real Madrid and Barcelona have also been linked with Owen.

But Owen added: "I've moved into a new house, I've just become a father, and my family are close by. I've lived here all my life, and you don't just jump up and go."

Gerrard signed a new contract running until 2007 on Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters



Cristiano Zanetti (L) from Italy vies with (L-R) Mariusz Lewandowski, Mariusz Kukielka, Jacek Bak and Jacek Zielinski from Poland during a friendly match in Warsaw.—INTERNET

Poles beat Italy in friendly marred by Iraq bombing

WARSAW, 14 Nov— Poland beat Euro 2004-bound Italy 3-1 on Wednesday in a friendly international overshadowed by a bombing in Iraq which killed at least 18 Italians — mostly military police — and nine Iraqis.

Players held a minute's silence before the game as a mark of respect for the victims. From the kickoff, Italy looked shaky at the back as Poland put on the kind of attacking display lacking from their failed Euro 2004 qualifying campaign.

Champions Seongnam beaten 4-2 in K-League

SEOUL, 14 Nov— Champions Seongnam Ilhwa were humbled 4-2 at home by a determined Suwon Blue Wings in the penultimate round of matches in the K-League on Wednesday.

South Korean striker Kim Do-hoon, who is bidding to win the K-League "Golden Boot" for the first time in three years, scored his 26th goal of the season for Seongnam in the 71st minute.

But Brazilian striker Magno Alves was also on target for Chonbuk Motors in a 3-1 home victory over Anyang Cheetahs, taking his tally for the season to a league-best 27 goals.

Seongnam, who secured their third straight title on October 25, have 91 points from 43 matches, 21 points more than second-placed Chunnam Dragons.

South Korean midfielder Kim Nam-il scored a 41st-minute equalizer as Chunnam earned a 1-1 draw at lowly Taegu FC.

MNA/Reuters

The hosts scored from their first chance following a corner, defender Jacek Bak beating 'keeper Francesco Toldo from 15 metres after six minutes.

Fellow defender Tomasz Klos made it 2-0 with a glancing header from a Jacek Krzynowek free kick in the 18th minute. AS Roma's Antonio Cassano hit back straight from the restart, rounding goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek to score on his Italy debut.

Italy coach Giovanni Trapattoni switched his central defence at half time, bringing on Marco Materazzi and Massimo Oddo for Fabio Cannavaro and Giuseppe Pancaro but the Poles continued to threaten.

As the game looked like it would fizzle out amid a wave of substitutions, Poland made it 3-1 after 85 minutes when Krzynowek netted after a shot had rebounded off the post.

"They got an early goal which rather threw us. At a certain point we got the game back in hand. Cassano helped us get a bit closer to them and with a bit of luck we could have equalized. But the result was fair," said Trapattoni.

Cassano said: "The only positive thing for me today was the goal. It was a strange day with lots of problems. I didn't celebrate my goal out of respect for the victims of the tragedy today in Iraq."

Poland coach Pawel Janas said: "I'm delighted with this result. It will help the lads believe in themselves as we rebuild."

MNA/Reuters

1982 World Cup defeat by West Germany still hurts

PARIS, 14 Nov— Alain Giresse says France's 1982 World Cup semi-final defeat by West Germany was the greatest disappointment of his career — and it still hurts.

Speaking two days before France play Germany in a friendly, the former midfielder said he could not believe another match had rivalled the 1982 game for its intensity.

Germany, 3-1 down in extra time, came back to draw the game 3-3 and then won the subsequent penalty shoot-out 5-4.

"One can forget certain things but that was unforgettable. The more you think about the game and how it went, the more you feel regret," said Giresse, who scored France's third goal.

Giresse, who played 47 games for France, said even winning the 1984 European title had not made up for the loss of that match which took place on July 8, 1982 at the Sanchez Pizjuan Stadium in Seville.

"If I carry on talking about that match for an hour, I get angry purely because of this irritation - I have to stop it," Giresse told the web site.

Pierre Littbarski opened the scoring for the Germans after 18 minutes despite France playing by far the better football before Michel Platini equalised with a 27th minute penalty to level the score at halftime.

There were no further goals in the second half still remembered for one awful infamous moment — when German keeper Toni Schumacher flattened French substitute Patrick Battiston with a flying tackle that left the Frenchman concussed, injured and later taken to hospital.

France though, appeared to have gained their just rewards for their far better play with two quick goals in the first seven minutes of extra time from Marius Tresor and Giresse himself to go 3-1 up with 23 minutes to play.

With the French believing they were already through to their first World Cup final, the Germans struck back.

Substitute Karl-Heinz Rummenigge made it 3-2 after 102 minutes and Klaus Fischer equalised five minutes later.

Extra time finished level and the Germans held their nerve to win the first-ever World Cup penalty shoot-out 5-4.

Schumacher, who should not have remained on the pitch after his tackle on Battiston saved from Maxim Bossis, while Horst Hrubesch scored the winner for the Germans.

France went on to lose 3-2 to Poland in the third-fourth place game, the Germans lost to Italy 3-1 in the World Cup final.

"It was an historic match and when I'm abroad people only want to talk to me about that game.

"For us (the French team) and for me in particular this match and this adventure changed many, many things. But we could not have imagined how big the match would become."

Or how painful the memory would remain more than 20 years later.

MNA/Reuters

Ronaldo misses training, close to separation

RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 Nov— Ronaldo missed training with Brazil for personal reasons on Wednesday morning while his spokesman said the Real Madrid striker was close to separating from his wife Milene Domingues.

Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira confirmed that the 26-year-old striker had been excused on Wednesday as the world champions began their warm-up for Sunday's World Cup qualifier against Peru.

"We understand," Parreira told Brazilian television in the mountain retreat of Teresopolis.

"It's important that when

he arrives, his head is in the right place, that he is at ease, because he's very important for us."

Parreira, who has already lost left-back Roberto Carlos and striker Ronaldinho through injury, denied that Ronaldo was setting a bad example or being allowed privileges.

"How many times has he failed to turn up in the past? None," said Parreira.

Ronaldo's absence came as Brazilian media reported that he was close to separating from Milene, who he married in December 1999.

The couple have a three-year-old son called Ronald.

"They could end up

separating," his spokesman Rodrigo Paiva told Reuters by telephone from Teresopolis. Speculation has been mounting about the pair for the last year.

After scoring both goals in Brazil's 2-0 win against Germany in last year's World Cup final, Ronaldo dedicated the win to his physiotherapist Nilton Petroni but did not mention his wife.

Before she met Ronaldo, Milene had become known as the "Queen of the Keep-ups", displaying her talents for keeping a ball in the air on numerous TV shows.

Milene was at the centre of controversy in September when she was included in the Brazil squad for the women's World Cup.

Team officials admitted she had been included as much for the publicity she attracted as for her footballing ability.

MNA/Reuters

Gerrard ruled out of Denmark friendly

LONDON, 14 Nov — Steven Gerrard has been ruled out of England's friendly against Denmark on Sunday with a back strain, the Football Association said on Thursday.

The Liverpool midfielder withdrew after consultations between England medical staff and his club, the FA's web site said.

MNA/Reuters



Argentinian Soccer Star Claudio Caniggia (7) now playing for Qatar Sports Club appears in action with Al Ahli Club's Jabir Mohammed at their Qatar National League Football match on 13 Nov, 2003, at Rayyan Stadium Doha. Qatar Club beat Al Ahli, 3-0.—INTERNET

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**15-11-2003 (Saturday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greetings
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (Wang Maung
Camps 2 & 4)
(Part-V)
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Tenderized
Eggplant)
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Tha Mee Hla Island
9:25 Scenic Beauty of
Tiddim & Cultural
Dance
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Attractive Myanmar
Snacks
9:40 Myanmar Modern
Song "Love Slave"
9:42 Illustrious handiwork
in Kyeethe
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Ramayana in Myanmar
(Human Weakness in
the face of Tempta-
tions) (Part-XI)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**15-11-2003* (Saturday)
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 "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
15:36 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
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Camps 2 & 4)
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15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Tenderized
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15:45 **National News**
15:50 Tha Mee Hla Island
15:55 Scenic Beauty of
Tiddim & Cultural
Dance
16:00 **National News**
16:05 Attractive Myanmar
Snacks



Saturday, November 15

View today:

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw U
Ottamathara
7:25 am
2. To be Healthy
Exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:55 am
5. Delicacies
8:05 am
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:20 am
7. ဘောလုံးပွဲအားကစား
8:30 am
8. International news
8:45 am
9. Grammar made easy
11:00 am
1. Martial song
11:15 am
2. Musical programme

- 16:10 Songs in Screen
"Love Slave"
16:12 Illustrious handiwork
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- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
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16:30 **National News**
16:35 Inlay Blacksmith
Craftsmanship
16:40 Traditional Shwedaung
Noodle
16:45 **National News**
16:50 Glimpses At Myanmar
Movies
17:00 **Weekly News High-
lights**

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

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19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
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timent"
19:36 Bamboo Parquet
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19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
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with Asparagus)
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (Part-IV)
19:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu
(or) Paddy Winnowing
Dance)
20:00 **National News**
20:05 Building of a New
Nation Through Unity
Song "Come visit
Myanmar"
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Thu Wana Tha Ma
JATAKA Scene (3)
20:25 Song "Come to
Myanmar (The Golden
Land)"
20:30 **National News**
20:35 School of Fine Arts
Myanma Cuisine
"Banana Pudding"
20:45 **National News**
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- 11:30 am
3. News
11:40 am
4. Games for children
12:05 pm
5. Round-up of the week's
TV Local News
1:25 pm
6. မိုးခန့်ခွဲချက်အရ
အချိန်အတိုင်း (အချိန်-၁၅)
2:10 pm
7. ငါးကောက်စားသုံးရန်
ရေလောင်းတံ
2:15 pm
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2:30 pm
9. Dance of national races
2:45 pm
10. International News
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Songs for uphold
national spirit
4:30 pm
3. English for Everyday
Use
4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
4:55 pm
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2. Songs for uphold
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3. English for Everyday
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- and Ranges, in order
to achieve climate
change (Taung Thar
Hill)
21:10 Song "Shadow of
Love"
21:15 **Weekly News High-
lights**
21:20 Dry Dockyard in Patter
Island, Taninthayi Di-
vision
21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"

- 21:35 Good Prospects for
Myanmar Coffee
21:40 **Headline News**
21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Fry bitter
gourd with pounded
dried Prawn Powder)
21:45 **National News**
21:50 Tha Mee Hla Island
21:55 Scenic Beauty of
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22:00 **National News**
22:05 Attractive Myanmar
Snacks
22:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Love Slave"
22:12 Illustrious handiwork
in Kyeethe
22:15 **National News**
22:20 Ramayana in
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Weakness in the
face of Temptations)
(Part-XI)

- 22:20 Ramayana in
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(Part-XI)

- 22:25 Song "Golden Land,
Myanmar"
22:30 **National News**
22:35 Inlay Blacksmith
Craftsmanship
22:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Traditional Shwe-
daung Noodle"
22:45 **National News**
22:50 Glimpses At Myanmar
Movies
23:00 **National News**
23:05 Bamboo Toys
23:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Gaze Upon"
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- 15-11-2003* (Saturday) &
16-11-2003 (Sunday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 01:30)
23:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
23:36 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi Re-
gion (Wang Maung
Camps 2 & 4)
(Part-V)
23:40 **Headline News**
23:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Tenderized
Eggplant)
23:45 **National News**
23:50 Tha Mee Hla Island
23:55 Scenic Beauty of
Tiddim & Cultural
Dance
24:00 **National News**
00:05 Attractive Myanmar
Snacks
00:10 Songs in Screen
"Love Slave"
00:12 Illustrious handiwork
in Kyeethe
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(Part-XI)
00:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
00:30 **National News**
00:35 Inlay Blacksmith
Craftsmanship
00:40 Traditional Shwedaung
Noodle
00:45 **National News**
00:50 Glimpses At Myanmar
Movies
01:00 **Weekly News High-
lights**

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Craftsmanship
00:40 Traditional Shwedaung
Noodle
00:45 **National News**
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Movies
01:00 **Weekly News High-
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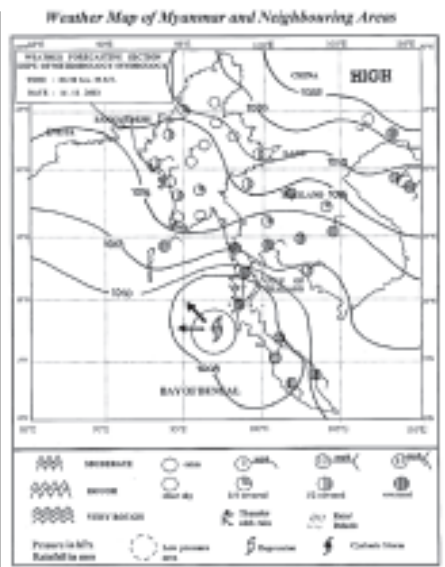
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WEATHER

Friday, 14 November, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, except for the isolated rain or thundershowers in the Taninthayi Division, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were 3°C to 4°C below normal in Kachin and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Bago and Magway Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 13-11-2003 was 35.0°C (95°F). Minimum temperature on 14-11-2003 was 19.5°C (67°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 14-11-2003 was 63%. Total sunshine hours on 13-11-2003 was (8.9) hours approx. Rainfall on 14-11-2003 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 13 mph from North at (09:30) hours MST on 14-11-2003.

Bay inference: According to the observations at 09:30 hour MST today, yesterday's. The low pressure area over Gulf of Thailand has moved into South Andaman Sea and intensified into a depression. It is centered about (200)miles Southwest of Kawthong and forecast to move west (or) Northwest ward slowly. Weather is cloudy South Andaman Sea, South east and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 15-11-2003: Except for the likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Division, weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (60%). **State of the sea:** Strong easterly wind with (35-40) mph and temporary rough seas are likely in the 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 or thundershowers in Taninthayi Division.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-11-2003: Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-11-2003:** Fair weather. **Weather outlook for third weekend of November 2003:** During the coming week-end, weather will be cloudy in Yangon Division and fair in Mandalay Division.

STORM NEWS

(Issued at 10:00 am on 14th November, 2003)

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**Asleep in Jesus
U Yu Khin (Stephen)
Age 82**

Supervisor (Retd)

Department of Civil Aviation

U Yu Khin (Stephen) of No 114, Third Floor, 52nd Street, Pazundaung Township, son of (U Aseik-Daw Sein Yin) of Danubyu Township, husband of Daw Thein Nwe (Daw Saw Site Eng), elder brother of Dr U Khin Maung Thi (Medical Superintendent-Retd)-Daw Khin Than Myint, father of Daw Hmwe Hmwe (BEHS-4, N/Okkalapa), U Tin Aung-Daw Than Than, Daw Hla Hla (Khit Myat Noe Textile Shop), Saw K'nyaw Plo Ta Pa-Daw Tin Tin (Grand Plaza Park Royal Hotel), (U Aye Ko)-Daw Myint Myint, U Tin Thein, Ma Shu Yin, U Tin Maung-Daw Nwe Nwe Aung, U Tin Maung Win-Ma Thida Khin, U Tin Htwe-Ma Htay Htay Khin and Ma Ohn Mar Khin, grandfather of 12 was called to His Heavenly Home at 5 AM on 14-11-2003. Service will be held at St. Tresa Catholic Church in Ahlon Township at 5.30 PM on 15-11-2003. The funeral cortege will leave St. Tresa Catholic Church of No 98, Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street, Ahlon Township, at 10 AM on 16-11-2003 for entombment at Yay Way Christian Cemetery.

Bereaved Family

Prime Minister General
Khin Nyunt receives Vice-
Governor of Zhejiang
Province Mr Zhong Shan
and party at Zeyathiri
Beikman, Konmyinthta.

MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Vice-Governor of Zhejiang Province and party

YANGON, 14 NOV — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt of the Union of Myanmar received Vice-Governor Mr Zhong Shan

of Zhejiang Province and party at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta at 4 pm today. Present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs

U Win Aung, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, Chi-

nese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun and Economic and Commercial Counsellor Mr Jin Honggen. —MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence attends the concluding ceremony of No 65 Pilot Course. —MNA

Pilot Course No 65 of No 1...

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The graduates are to be in constant pursuit of necessary practice as co-pilots to become able ones for qualitative as well as quantitative improvement.

Besides the study of flying lessons, they should strive their utmost to turn themselves into good officers and leaders of respectable personality.

Regarding the aerospace sector, human had to overcome a lot of great difficulties and problems to achieve success in space flight until 1903. People could launch a spaceship into the space in 1957 and have been able to send a manned spacecraft into orbit in 1961. In 1969, man could walk on the surface of the moon. With the development of aerospace technology, significant progress has been made in air strategies. Only if Myanmar keeps abreast with the advancing air strategies, can she achieve success in space wars, he remarked. Continuing efforts are therefore to be made not to lag behind in aerospace

advancements, he noted.

Good health and fitness is a must for a pilot and thus they are to constantly keep themselves healthy and fit to be able to efficiently fly their aircraft.

He called on the newly-graduated pilots to discharge duties by doing their bit with might and main in implementing the three objectives of the Defence Service (Air).

In conclusion, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) urged the graduates to carry out respective duties with added momentum with sense of duty based on Union Spirit and patriotism in building up a peaceful, modern and developed nation. The Commander-in-Chief (Air) presented Wings and completion certificates to the graduate officers and gave necessary instructions to them.

After the ceremony, Maj-Gen Myat Hein cordially greeted the graduate officers and their parents, and posed for a documentary photo together with the graduate officers. —MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Einme Creek crossing bridge construction project site

YANGON, 14 NOV — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and offi-

cials, inspected thriving of monsoon paddy along Myaungmya-Einme motor road and bridges on the road yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall of Einme Creek Crossing Bridge construction project site near Intamithetke Village in Einme Township, Township Engineer U

Phone Kyaw reported to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing on arrangements being made for construction of the bridge and condition of the bridges in Einme Township.

Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing gave a supplementary report.

In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions and attended to the needs.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and party inspected preparations being made for construction of the bridge and regional development.

Local authorities reported to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party on matters related to regional development.

On arrival at Kyogon Village Basic Education Middle School, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party looked into learning of the students with the use of electronic media video system and language lab.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donated a computer set for the school through Headmistress Daw May Lwin Lwin.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence and party view round Kyogon Village BEMS, Einme Township. —MNA