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*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects all-round renovation of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image on Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township. — MNA*

## Prime Minister inspects all-round construction of Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image

YANGON, 18 Nov.—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, arrived at the Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image on Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township this afternoon.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, departmental heads and members of the pagoda board of trustees.

The General and party paid homage to the image. Members of the pagoda board of trustees and officials reported on tasks for all-round renovation of the hill. The General inspected the all-round renovation

tasks and left necessary instructions.

At 11.30 am today, the Prime Minister and party vis-

ited the white elephant house near the Mindhamma Hill and looked into the tasks for nurturing of white elephants

— Yaza Gaha Thiri Pissaya  
Gaza Yaza, Rati Malar and Theingi Malar.

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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

## Prime Minister inspects Union National Races Village Project

YANGON, 18 Nov — Chairman of the Border Areas and National Races Development Implementation Work Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, arrived at the Union National Races Village of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs near the Yangon-Thanyin Bridge this morning.

The Prime Minister was welcomed there by Yangon Division PDC Chairman

Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

At the briefing hall there, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt reported to him on the purposes of establishing the village, the background history and data of the project. He also reported on completion of construction of the houses of Kachin nationals, Kayah nationals, Chin nationals, Mon nation-

als, Rakhine nationals and Shan nationals as well as construction of regional edifices and landmarks, growing of regional crops and beautifying trees, collection of traditional goods and equipment, upgrading of rural roads, construction of the main hall, opening of handicraft shops, and raising of interesting animals, construction of a small waterfall and greening tasks, completion of Nannyint Tower, water supply tasks, construction of the recreation centre, future tasks and the visits of the public to the village.

Minister for Hotels and

Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw then briefed on the assistance to be rendered for the tourists to visit the village.

The Prime Minister made a speech. He said the village is being implemented for the youth of today to know, at one place, the literature, arts, customs and traditions and living styles of the national races residing in the Union for thousands of years, to further flourish Union Spirit and for the public to have a recreation centre. Moreover, the village is also intended for tourists to have knowledge about the formation of

the Union and arts, literature, traditional culture and customs of national races. In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged the officials concerned to cooperate for successful realization of the objectives of the project.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party enjoyed the entertain of the Youth Saing Troupe of the village, the song, Kayin Donyein dance, Kayah dance, Shan dance of the Cultural Troupe of the village and U Shwe Yoe dance to the accompaniment of music of the Youth Saing Troupe.

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*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Union National Races Village construction project near Yangon-Thanyin Bridge in Thakayta Township. — MNA*



## PERSPECTIVES

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## Boost production of import-substitute machinery

The State Peace and Development Council has been encouraging the industrial forces in the State, cooperative and private sectors for the development of the industrial sector, the key to the strong national economic life. In the industrial sector of the State, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Industry-1, the Ministry of Industry-2 and the Myanmar Economic Cooperation are building factories with the use of advanced technology.

The Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, on 14 and 15 November, visited the factories of the Ministry of Industry-2 in Pandaung Township, Bago Division, and Minhla Township, Magway Division, and inspected the trial production of import-substitute machinery. In his address at the hall of No (1) Machinery and Equipment Factory (Nyaungchaydaik) of the Ministry of Industry-2, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win said that the Government is fulfilling the requirements of various sectors for raising the living standard of the people, that it is trying to develop human resources necessary for an industrialized nation and that it is also striving for the emergence of modern industrial zones. The Ministry of Industry-2 is mainly responsible for the advancement of private industries, he added.

As the Ministry of Industry-2 is to take care of heavy industries, development of industries under the ministry is conducive to industrial development of the nation. Therefore, the Government and the private entrepreneurs have to work in concert for the emergence of an industrialized nation. Only when the private small- and medium-industries develop will the industrial development of the nation materialize.

Now, No (1) Machinery and Equipment Factory and No (2) Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Factory 4 (Malun) under the Ministry of Industry-2 have succeeded in producing import-substitute lathes and road rollers respectively.

We would like to urge all the responsible personnel as well as the technicians to try their best to produce machinery and equipment needed in national development work.

## U Soe Myint appointed as Ambassador to Arab Republic of Egypt

YANGON, 19 Nov — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Soe Myint as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Arab Republic of Egypt. — MNA

## U Kyi Thein appointed as Ambassador to Republic of India

YANGON, 19 Nov — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Kyi Thein as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India. — MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents a set of computer and printer to the basic education middle school in Hsapyi village, Taungup Township, through the schoolhead. — MNA

## Regional development projects inspected in Rakhine State

YANGON, 18 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, together with Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Chairman Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo and officials, arrived at the 100-acre model mixed crop plantation of pepper and pigeon pea at Yanmyo Village-tract, Taungup Township, on 16 November morning.

The Township chairman reported on planting of pepper. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on extended growing of pepper, prevention of the danger of pests

and insects, and conservation of the forests.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to the 100-acre model monsoon paddy field at Kintaung Village-tract in the township. Officials reported on production of natural fertilizers and pesticides, nurturing of pepper plants and methods on boosting per acre yield.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on extended growing of pepper and paddy, systematic use of four agricultural methods for boosting production of paddy, and raising local poultry on a small scale. They attended the teaching aids presentation ceremony

at Hsapyin Village Basic Education Middle School in the township. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than called on teachers and parents of students for educational promotion. The government has been realizing the five rural development tasks and placing emphasis on promotion of rural education standard, he added.

New primary, middle and high schools are being opened at the villages in rural areas. The plan on ensuring enrolment of all-school-going children has been laid down and so collective efforts are to be made to turn out more educated persons at respective villages and wards, he urged. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented a set of computer and printer to the school through the headmaster.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to Lamu bridge upgrading project on Taungup-Ma-ei Road. Officials of Bridge Construction Special Group 13 of Public Works reported on the project. On completion, the bridge will be 500 feet long with a 24 feet wide motorway and two three-foot wide walkways on it. It will be able to withstand 60-ton loads.

In the afternoon, they arrived at Ma-ei-Kyaukphyu road construction project in Pyinwun Village. Officials reported on progress in construction of Ma-ei Londawpauk-Mingyaung road section and bridges, more bridges to be constructed and fuel requirements. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

## Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wives of military attaches visit Shwepazun Co Ltd

YANGON, 18 Nov — The spouse of Dean of Military Attaches Malaysian Military Attache Col Hj Harun Bin Hitam and wives of foreign military attaches in Yangon led by Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wife of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, visited the cold drinks

and confectionery factory of the Shwepazun Co Ltd in Dawbon Township this afternoon.

Officials concerned reported to the guests on production processes of the Shwepazun Co Ltd and Pwint Kaung and Khin Nwe Yee Co Ltd. Next, the bak-

ers presented a demonstration of baking a Myanmar traditional snack.

Chairperson of the Shwepazun Co Ltd Daw Khin Nwe Yee and Managing Director U Tint Soe Lin and officials served the guests with the factory's products.

Dr Daw Khin Win

Shwe and party studied the production process at the factory. The managing director and officials conducted them round the factory.

Afterwards, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe signed in the visitors' book of the factory.

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## Hospitals inspected in Shan State

YANGON, 18 Nov — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, accompanied by officials of the Health Department, inspected the new patient

wards, the new labour room, the X-ray room, the lab, and the operation theatre at Shan State General Hospital in Lashio on 14 November. He also cordially comforted the patients receiving medical treatment and attended to the requirements of the hospital.

Yesterday, the minister inspected the people's hospitals in Hsipaw Township, Kyaukme District and Nawngkhio Township and Wetwun Station Hospital. The minister looked into the measures for upgrading the hospitals and fulfilled the requirements. He also met with local authorities and health staff from Kyaukme, Hsipaw and Nawngkhio townships and gave necessary instructions to them. — MNA



Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wife of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, and wives of foreign military attaches to Myanmar, observe the preparation of Myanmar traditional food demonstrated by Shwepazun Co Ltd. — MNA



## 419 US service members killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 18 Nov—As of Monday, on 17 November, 419 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defence.**

The British military has reported 53 deaths; Italy, 17; 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, 281 US soldiers have died in Iraq, according to the latest Defence Department figures.

Since the start of military operations, 2,024 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department's figures as of Friday. Non-hostile injured numbered 344.

The latest deaths reported by the US military:

—A 4th Infantry Division soldier was killed Monday morning when guerillas engaged a patrol with small-arms fire in Albu Shukur, Iraq.

—A 4th Infantry Division soldier was killed Monday morning when a convoy struck an explosive south of Balad, Iraq.

—A 1st Armoured Division soldier

died Monday from a non-hostile gunshot wound in Baghdad, Iraq.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defence and family members:

—Army Pfc Jacob S Fletcher, 28, Bay Shore, NY; killed Thursday in a bus bombing in Samara, Iraq; assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, Camp Ederle, Italy.

—Army Pfc Sheldon R. Hawk Eagle, 21, Grand Forks, N.D.; killed Saturday when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed in Mosul, Iraq; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

—Army Chief Warrant Officer Erik C. Kesterson, 29, Independence, Ore.; killed Saturday when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed in Mosul; assigned to the 9th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

—Army Spc John R. Sullivan, 26,

Countryside, Ill.; killed Saturday when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed in Mosul; assigned to the 626th Forward Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

—Army 2nd Lt. Jeremy L. Wolfe, 27, Menomonie, Wis.; killed Saturday when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed in Mosul; assigned to the 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

—Army Spc. Jeremy DiGiovanni, 21, Pricedale, Miss.; killed Saturday when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed in Mosul; assigned to the 4th Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

—Army Sgt Timothy L. Hayslett, 26, Newville, Pa.; killed Saturday when struck by an explosive while on patrol in Baghdad; assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 37th Armoured Regiment, 1st Armoured Division, based in Friedberg, Germany.—Internet

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## Two US soldiers killed in Iraq attacks

**BAGHDAD, 18 Nov—Two US soldiers were killed and two wounded in attacks north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad on Monday, the US military said.**

A US military spokesman said the soldiers were killed in separate attacks early Monday near the town of Balad, about 60 miles north of Baghdad.

The spokesman said one soldier was killed and two were wounded when they were ambushed with rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire at 7:40 am (0440 GMT).

A few minutes later a US soldier helping to transport detainees was killed by a roadside bomb a few miles away. The attacks brought to 162 the number of US soldiers killed in guerilla attacks in Iraq since President Bush declared major combat over on May 1.

That figure does not include the 17 soldiers who were killed when two US Black Hawk helicopters collided and crashed in the northern city of Mosul Saturday night. The US military says it is still investigating the incident.

Balad is part of the so-called "Sunni Triangle" north and west of Baghdad where ousted president Saddam Hussein has close tribal ties and anti-American resistance is strongest.—Internet

## China's experts warn of "New Happy Time" computer virus

Tianjin, 18 Nov — Chinese experts have warned individuals and institutions of paying more attention to a computer virus called "New Happy Time".

The virus, or "VBS—Redlof.A, VBS—KJ.A", which was first found in April 2002 and ranked the first among the top ten computer viruses in 2003 by the National Computer Virus Emergency Response Centre, has been spreading on the Internet and caused great damages, said Liang Hong, an expert with the centre.

The virus spreads through two e-mail systems of Microsoft, Outlook and Outlook Express. Virus-carrying e-mails had no attachment.

When a computer was infected with the "New Happy Time", two files, folder.htt and desktop.htm would appear in the computer and made many files lost.

Some 85 per cent of computers in China were affected by viruses this year, 1.59 percentage points higher than the level in 2002 and 25.57 percentage points higher than 2001, according to the latest nationwide survey conducted by the public information network security supervision bureau of the Ministry of Public Security.

Downloading through the Internet, visiting web sites, and opening e-mails tend to be the main means for the spread of computer viruses, said the survey.—MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi soldier holds his weapon in front of the United Nations headquarters at al Canal hotel in Baghdad, Iraq, on 16 Nov, 2003 file photo. The United Nations has pulled most of its staff out of Iraq because of security concerns since the on 19 Aug, 2003 attack on its Baghdad headquarters.—INTERNET

## India, Tajikistan to intensify defence cooperation

**DUSHANBE, 18 Nov—Underlining its strategic interests in Central Asia, India recently set up a Joint Working Group with Tajikistan to combat international terrorism with the two countries deciding to intensify their defence cooperation and to build a highway linking them.**

A Treaty of Extradition was among eight documents signed between India and its closest neighbour in Central Asia at the conclusion of talks between Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Tajikistan President E S Rakhmanov, who hailed these decisions as the "opening of a new page in the ancient bilateral ties".

A Joint Declaration on Friendship and Cooperation signed by Vajpayee, the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Tajikistan since it broke away from the erstwhile Soviet Union 12 years ago, and Rakhmanov condemned "supporters of terrorism and those that finance, train or provide support for terrorists".

Indicative of the desire of the two countries to construct a highway that will link them on an "urgent basis" was the decision to set up a working group for this.

Vajpayee announced an economic package of 40 million US dollars including a credit line of 25 million US dollars to Tajikistan. India will also assist in infrastructure development of the Military Training College in Dushanbe.

MNA/PTI

## New freeway to boost tourism in S-W China completed

**KUNMING, 18 Nov—A freeway connecting Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, and Shilin, or stone forest, a well-known karst scenic spot in the province, was completed and opened to traffic on Sunday.**

The 78-kilometre freeway, most of which is six lanes wide, cost 3.8 billion yuan (about 458 million US dollars) and is the first of its kind ever built in Yunnan to boost tourism, which plays an important role in local economic development.

MNA/Xinhua



Microsoft Corp Chairman Bill Gates talks about SmartScreen, a technology that filters unwanted e-mail, or spam, while giving the keynote address at the Comdex trade show on 16 Nov, 2003, in Las Vegas.—INTERNET

## China agricultural fair ends in Beijing

**BEIJING, 18 Nov—The First China International Agricultural Trade Fair concluded here Sunday with business volume reaching 15 billion yuan (about 1.8 billion US dollars).**

Fan Xiaojian, Vice Minister of Agriculture, said the fair had demonstrated new achievements from the adjustment of agricultural production and the application of new agricultural technologies.

The fair was an important measure the Chinese Government had taken to face the increasingly fierce competition in global agricultural products after China's entry into the World Trade Organization, Fan said.—MNA/Xinhua

## Annan preparing for possible UN role in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 18 Nov—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Monday he was preparing for a possible new UN political role in the hand over of power to a provisional Iraqi Government as the US-led coalition wants.

But he cautioned that despite weekend talks with Iraqi leaders and US Secretary of State Colin Powell, he still had not decided whether to send political staff back to Iraq after the bombing of UN headquarters in Baghdad.

Annan withdrew foreign staff from Baghdad after the August 19 bombing that killed 22 people, including his special representative, Sergio Vieira de Mello. He said he would name a replacement "in the not too distant future".

"So, if the situation improves, we will be ready to go back," Annan told reporters on return from a trip to Latin America.

"But we don't need to be in Iraq 100 per cent to do what we can do or offer assistance. So we are looking at what we can do outside and cross-border and eventually what we can do inside."

One UN official said the United Nations might be helpful in organizing a conference outside Iraq, like it did in

Bonn for Afghanistan two years ago, to choose an interim government and give it international legitimacy.

Annan said he had also spoken over the weekend to Sir Jeremy Greenstock, the senior British official in Iraq, as well as Jalal Talabani, the Kurdish leader who is this month's president of Iraq's interim Governing Council.

Talabani told him the Governing Council would "need UN assistance and advice in implementing the new decisions which have been taken". And Powell foresaw "an important role for the United Nations, Annan said.

Talabani has agreed with the Bush Administration's plans to to broaden the membership of the Iraqi Governing Council and create a provisional government by June.

"I think we have always indicated that we are prepared to play our role but of course the security condition has to be appropriate," Annan added.

MNA/Reuters

## British envoy says we warned US

LONDON, 18 Nov—Britain warned the Bush administration before the invasion of Iraq that it was not planning sufficiently for postwar reconstruction and pressed for the invasion to be delayed, a former British ambassador told a London newspaper.

Sir Christopher Meyer—ambassador to the United States from 1997 to just before the war—told *The Observer* in Sunday editions that the advice on postwar planning was ignored.

Meyer's comments emerged amid rising tension in London over the visit there by President Bush this week, which is spurring a massive security operation, attracting thousands of protesters and reviving resentment toward the Iraq war and the US President.

Meyer is a trusted adviser of Prime Minister Tony Blair and an admirer of Mr Bush, whom he first met he was Texas governor in 1998.

In a column in the *Times* of London this weekend, Meyer wrote that he learned that Mr Bush "was indeed far more impressive and fluent than he had been given credit for," and noted "his self-assurance, easy dominance of

heavyweight advisers like (national security adviser Condoleezza) Rice and Secretary of State Colin Powell."

But in the interview with *The Observer*, Meyer said elements in the Bush administration ignored British advice in the run-up to the war.

Meyer said that between the Security Council's passage of a resolution calling for new weapons inspections and the start of the war, British officials regularly told the Americans that more postwar planning was needed. "One of the things that did not work out between us was a properly agreed strategy," Meyer told *The Observer*. "I suspect that a lot of things that we were saying to the Americans when we had a number of meetings towards the end of last year on post-Saddam strategy, a lot of those things have now been shown to be right." —Internet

## India developing underwater robot

NEW DELHI, 18 Nov—The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and Central Marine Engineering Research Institute (CMERI) are building an autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) to collect oceanographic data with the aid of sensors to provide new insight into the world beneath the waves.

Scheduled for commissioning off the waters of Chennai in 2006, the 400 kilos unmanned AUV would collect data on bathymetry or measurement of depth, temperature and salinity besides video mapping marine plant and animal life in the Bay of Bengal, according to the *Press Trust of India* on recently.

"For the first time, India will be able to generate and maintain its own exhaustive marine data in line with similar projects being considered by countries like the United States, Britain, Russia and Japan," Professor of IIT's Ocean Engineering and Naval Architecture department L.R. Raheja said.

The robot modelled in the shape of a fish for better underwater navigation, could also be used for other purposes by attaching robotic arms, he said.

CMERI Director Gopal

Sinha said the AUV would store data from sensors in computers onboard.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Attacks against US forces in Iraq endanger Bush's re-election

SANJOSE, 18 Nov—The re-election process of US President George W Bush is being endangered by repeated attacks against US forces deployed in Iraq, a US expert on Arab issues told Costa Rica's newspaper *National* on Sunday.

The present troubling situation in Iraq and repeated insurgent attacks against US soldiers are threatening Bush's re-election process in November next year, said Husein Ibish, director of Communications of Arabian-American Committee against Discrimination.

The US forces' military occupation in Iraq is an important factor affecting next year's presidential election, despite the fact that Bush's re-election is heavily dependent on whether the US economy gains steam.

The Iraq war might be a potential tragedy for those who started the war as all excuses leading to the war are based on illusive infor-

mation, he said, adding that those people are losing credibility for they failed to show weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and to prove the ties between the former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein's regime and the terrorist group Al-Qaeda.

Ibish recalled that the United States once paid dearly when some US leaders brought the country into meaningless wars like the Vietnam War.

On the future of Iraq, Ibish said the saying that the main purpose of the Iraq war is to promote democracy in the Middle East is only illusions of some "new conservatives" in the United States.—MNA/Xinhua

A protester with a placard stages an anti-US rally during the visit of US Defence Secretary Donald H Rumsfeld, in front of the Defence Ministry in Seoul, on Monday, 17 Nov, 2003. Rumsfeld and South Korean Defence Minister Cho Young-Kil held an annual meeting on the two countries' military alliance and South Korea's planned dispatch of troops to help US forces rebuild and stabilize the war-torn Iraq.

INTERNET



## Singapore's foreign trade up in October

SINGAPORE, 18 Nov—Singapore's foreign trade totalled 44.2 billion Singapore dollars (about 25.5 billion US dollars) in October, up by 13.2 per cent from that of the same period last year, said a government Press release on Monday.

Non-oil exports grew by 20.6 per cent year-on-year in October, following a 25.9-per-cent growth in the previous month, said the Press release published by the International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore), or previously known as the Trade Development Board.

The exports of electronics registered a 16.6-per-cent rise in the month, which was attributed to the continued expansion in exports of ICs (Integrated Circuits) and parts, said the IE Singapore.

Oil exports posted an 8.0-per-cent growth in October, slightly moderating from the 9.6 per cent rise in September, it said.

Non-oil re-exports posted a fourth month of positive growth at 11.4 per cent, following the 16.9 per cent rise recorded in the previous month, said the release.

In view of the improving external environment, Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry has upgraded its 2003 economic growth forecast from 0-1 per cent to 0.5-1 per cent.—MNA/Xinhua



Huisheng Xie, a lecturer in veterinary medicine at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, performs acupuncture on Tripp, on Wednesday 12 Nov, 2003, a horse diagnosed with anhydrosis, a common and sometimes dangerous ailment that robs horses of the ability to sweat. Using acupuncture techniques developed in China thousands of years ago, Xie says he has been able to relieve symptoms of anhydrosis in about half the horses brought to him for treatment.—INTERNET



# IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



US soldiers of the 1st Armoured Division, 1st Battalion, 36th infantry Regiment, search a home in Baghdad's, Sunni Muslim neighbourhood of Azamiyah, Monday, on 17 November, 2003. — INTERNET



A US soldier secures the area near the site where two US helicopters crashed in Mosul, on 16 November, 2003. —INTERNET



A US Army soldier stands next to an M1 Abrams tank during a patrol in Baghdad's western end of Abu Ghraib, Monday, on 17 Nov, 2003. US forces have reacted to the increasing attacks in which dozens of Americans and their allies have died by mounting a massive show of force all over Iraq —INTERNET



Military might is not sufficient to tackle the security situation in Iraq, says Jeremy Greenstock, Britain's special representative to the war-torn country. An Iraqi boy stands inside his house while US soldiers prepare to enter it during a search for weapons as part of their "Iron Hammer" operation, in the Abu Ghraib neighbourhood near Baghdad on Monday.—INTERNET



A soldier of US Army's 4th Infantry Division, left and a member of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC) hold their weapons in the center of Tikrit, north of Baghdad, Monday, on 17 November, 2003. — INTERNET



An Iraqi policeman peers behind a gate while an Iraqi family stands in a corner during a search for weapons during the US Army's operation in the Abu Ghraib neighbourhood near Baghdad, on 17 November, 2003. US forces in Iraq have adopted tough new tactics this month in response to deadly guerilla attacks and the downing of several American helicopters. — INTERNET

## British Iraq envoy says military might not enough

LONDON, 18 Nov — Military might is not sufficient to tackle the security situation in Iraq, Britain's special representative to the war-torn country said on Monday. Jeremy Greenstock was speaking in London as US troops drove tanks and heavy armour through Saddam Hussein's hometown Tikrit to, as one US officer said, remind insurgents his troops "will absolutely crush the resistance".

Greenstock said a response to Iraq's security threat had to be two-pronged: political and military.

"We've got to have a comprehensive approach to turning around the security situation," Greenstock said, just days after Iraq's US-appointed Governing Council announced a new transitional government will take over running Iraq in June.

US President George W Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair will discuss Iraq during Bush's visit to London, which starts on Tuesday.

Blair was Bush's staunchest ally in the diplomatic wrangle leading up to the war and has committed the most troops besides Washington to the battlefield.

Bush declared major combat over on May 1 but US forces have continued to die — in the past six weeks alone, 78 US soldiers have been killed in combat.

Faced with the growing insurgency and the downing of several American helicopters, US troops have adopted tough

new tactics.

"I think the military response has to be part of it," Greenstock added to reporters. "In this part of the world you have to show strength."

Greenstock said the political approach entailed persuading the Sunni Muslim heartland — which surrounds Baghdad and has seen the worst of the violence against US-led troops — that it had a "political stake in the future of Iraq".

He stressed the need to get economic projects up and running, including the construction of factories, the expansion of the jobs market for Iraqis and stabilizing oil, electricity, transport and education infrastructure.

Greenstock also called for "good diplomacy with neighbours" as he stressed the importance of tightening Iraq's porous borders to crack down on insurgents. Troops must also accelerate work on controlling ammunition dumps, he said.

MNA/Reuters



A protester stands on the gates of Buckingham Palace in London after unfurling an upsidown US flag, carrying a slogan, on Monday, 17 Nov, 2003. Passers-by and the media were moved at least 100 metres away from the main gate during the protest, which came on the eve of US President George Bush's arrival for his state visit to the United Kingdom. President Bush and his wife will be staying in the Palace as guests of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.—INTERNET

## Pakistan to introduce "IT" education at government schools

ISLAMABAD, 18 Nov — The Pakistani Government has chalked out a plan to introduce information technology (IT) education in 2,000 government-run secondary schools, the Associated Press of Pakistan reported Monday.

Addressing a seminar on the information society held here, Minister of Information Technology Awais Ahmad Leghari said as part of the project, his ministry was also planning to establish modern IT labs and hire qualified teachers to offer quality education in such a major subject.

The minister said Pakistan is strongly committed to the process of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), adding that Prime Minister Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali has agreed to lead a delegation to the first phase of the WSIS to be held in Geneva in December.

Leghari said Pakistan considers the WSIS as a major milestone in creating a society where the benefits of information and communication technologies can be reaped by all the people around the globe.

The WSIS will be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and held under the high patronage of the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, with ITU taking the lead role in preparations.

In 2001, the ITU decided to hold the summit in two phases with the first phase to be held in Geneva on December 10-12 and the second on November 16-18, 2005 in Tunis, Tunisia.—MNA/Xinhua

## India, Vietnam agree to increase Navy cooperation

NEW DELHI, 18 Nov — India and Vietnam on Monday agreed to increase interaction between Navies and Coast Guards of the two countries.

The decision was taken at high level talks held here between the Armed Forces of the two countries in which New Delhi also agreed to increase the intake of Vietnamese Armed Forces personnel in military institutions, according to the Press Trust of India.

The Vietnamese delegation to the talks was led by Vice-Defence Minister Senior Lieutenant-General Nguyen Huy Hieu and the Indian delegation was headed by Defence Secretary Ajay Prasad.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Oil pipe on fire in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 18 Nov — A section of oil pipeline near Iraq's northern oil refinery city of Baiji was seen on fire, local residents said on Monday.

The residents said they heard a loud blast on Sunday and they believed saboteurs might have planted a bomb inside the pipe.

The explosion caused a fire and damaged power supply line to the Baiji refinery, 200 kilometres north of Baghdad, said the

citizens. The refinery, built in the 1980s with a capacity of 300,000 barrels per day, is Iraq's largest and newest refinery.—MNA/Xinhua

## Asian countries urged to boost tourism

HANOI, 18 Nov — Representatives of the Asian Network of Major Cities 21 (ANMC 21) put forth initiatives to promote tourism among Asian nations at the second session of the Council for Promotion of Tourism in Asia (CPTA) held in Hanoi on Monday.

At the session, Beijing, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur agreed with New Delhi's initiative to implement a tourism programme for the youth.

Under the programme, the cities will provide young people with information on hotel prices, air fares and entertainment sites.

Meanwhile, Kuala

Lumpur presented an initiative to form a web site on cities which have not yet suffered from earthquakes, terrorist acts and epidemics.

In addition, all delegates reached a consensus on adding more functions to the CPTA's Secretariat to attract more cities to the ANMC 21.

The official result of the

council's conference will be announced on Tuesday. A report on one-year implementation of the "Welcome to Asia" campaign will be presented at this conference.

The CPTA comprises Bangkok, Beijing, New Delhi, Hanoi, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Taiwan and Tokyo.—MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam's agricultural sector urged to prepare for WTO accession

HANOI, 18 Nov — More efforts are needed to prepare Vietnam's agricultural sector for the country's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

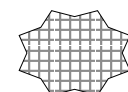
At a one-day seminar held here on Monday "The Accession of Vietnam to the WTO and its Impact on Agriculture", Dr. Jaeok Lee, expert of the Agricultural Research Institution of South Korea, said Vietnam needs to enhance its agricultural productivity through developing new varieties and technologies, and boosting the development of agricultural input industries including fertilizers and pesticides.

Together with agricultural restructuring,

the rural development to narrow the income gap between rural and urban areas should be focused on, he noted, adding that the construction of agricultural infrastructure such as roads and marketing mechanism should be considered.

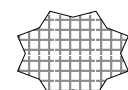
Additionally, harmonizing with WTO rules and limiting the intervention of the government into the market are quite necessary to Vietnam, Lee said.

MNA/Xinhua



An East African Crowned Crane forages for food in the Delhi zoo on 16 Nov, 2003. The 'crown' for which the bird is named is made of a fan of coloured bristle-like feathers.

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# “From Mount Natma to Danyawady”, a combined exhibition of paintings and photos

Kyaw Myo Naing

Painting exhibitions and photo exhibitions, displayed either individually or in group, are becoming increasingly common. There will soon be an exhibition to enjoy. The title of the exhibition is a little different from others, and that reads “From Mount Natma to Danyawady”.

The venue where the exhibition will take place is the Multipurpose Hall of the National Museum on Pyay Road, Yangon, and it will be kept open from 9 am to 5 pm daily from 20 through 30 November.

Artists and photographers who will display their works at the exhibition are Bagyi Maung Nyo Win, Zaw Min, Min Wai Aung, Kyaw Shein, Thein Shwe Kyi, Photo Sein Myo Myint, and Sein Min Naing. The exhibition is significant because there will be a combined display of paintings and photos.

Moreover, the story to organize the exhibition itself is interesting. All the artists and photographers who will display their works at the exhibition were on the same journey in last February.

They visited Hseikphyu, Saw, Kanpetlet, Mount Natma (previously known as Mt Victoria), Mindat, Matupi, Minbu, Padan, An, Minbya, MraukU, and

Kyauktaw. It took them over two weeks to travel to all these places in a large car. It was a very long trip. They all visited the southern part of Chin State and border areas of Rakhine State.

On their journey, painters took scratches of what they saw, and photographers also took photos. They also documented on video what attracted them. Finally, they organize this exhibition. The

after their journey.

The paintings will include oil and acrylic works of art whereas photographs will be made up of digital and digital inkjets copied from slides. They also include those developed from the colour negatives.

Some of the paintings on display at the exhibition are larger than those of any other previous exhibitions. For instance, Maung Nyo Win's



Maung Nyo Win's acrylic painting “The kiss of the morning sun”, which measures 46" by 96".



Kyaw Shein's acrylic painting “For Food”, which measures 48" by 36".

collection of works on display at the exhibition are the results of their creation in nine months

painting “The kiss of the morning sun” measures 46" by 96". Similarly, the size of the paintings of

Min Wai Aung is 60" by 72", and the size of the paintings of Zaw Min, Thein Shwe Kyi and

by 24".

The scenes of the photos and paintings on display are mountain ranges of Chin State, the nature of hill tribes in Chin State, their everyday social life, natural scenarios, famous pagodas and stupas and statues in MraukU of Rakhine State, the morning beauty of MraukU market, water-fetching scenes, the panoramic view of MraukU and many other scenes, unlike those of other exhibitions. Everything will be absolutely new to the eyes of beholders.

The exhibition “From Mount Natma to Danyawady” can also be called a “travelogue exhibition”. It is safe to say that the package tour of a group of artists who travelled together on the same



Zaw Min's oil painting “Under the rays of the sun”, which measures 48" by 36".



Sein Myo Myint's photo “A Chin national woman with tattooed face”, which measures 10" by 15".

Kyaw Shein are 72" by 48". Furthermore, there are photos as large as those measuring up to 36"

journey is something that makes the exhibition different from others.

Translation: KTY

## 83rd Anniversary National Day observed

YANGON, 18 Nov — The 83rd Anniversary National Day was observed at the basic education schools in Yangon today.

Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein attended the ceremony held at BEHS-2 in Sangyoung Township this morning and presented prizes to winners. Also present on the occasion were MRTV Director-General U Khin Maung Htay, News and Periodicals Enterprise Managing Director U Tin Kha and officials, teachers, students and others.

The township Peace and Development Council chairman read the message of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of De-

fence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

At the ceremony held at BEHS-2 in Kamayut Township, the township PDC chairman read the message. Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, the directors-general and officials presented prizes to winners.

At the ceremony held at BEHS-4 in Hline Township, the township PDC chairman read the message. Minister for Education U Than Aung and officials presented prizes to winners. After the ceremony, the minister presented ed cash award to the students who presented entertainment programmes. Then, he viewed teaching and learning of the students in the multimedia classrooms of the school. —MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects tasks to look after the white elephants at the White Elephant House near Mindhama Hill. — MNA

## Prime Minister inspects Union...

(from page 1)

The General visited the construction site of Nanmyint Tower where Deputy Superintending Engineer U Soe Ko Ko of the Development Affairs Department reported on construction of the 119-ft high reinforced building.

After leaving necessary instructions there, the Prime Minister inspected the construction tasks and visited Rakhine and Bamar villages. He greeted those present and viewed the scale model of Zweekabin Hill in Kayin village and greeted national people there. He also visited

Mon, Chin and Kachin villages and viewed the scale models of Mt Khakaborazi and the bird cage. He arrived at Shan village and Kayah village where he inspected the scale models of the Taungkwe Pagoda, the Ngwetaung Dam and Shan State Inlay Lake.

Afterwards, the General and party proceeded to Shwe Kaba housing project on Mindhama Road in Insein Township, jointly implemented by the Yangon City Development Committee and Shwe Kaba Maung Maung Construction Co.

Managing Director of the

company U Maung Maung reported on completion of a 12-storey twin tower condominium, five-storey buildings, six-storey building and separate houses. After giving necessary instructions, General Khin Nyunt looked into construction tasks.

The General and party then visited Mindhama Housing Project of Htoo Trading Co Managing Director of the company U Thiha reported on construction of the 12-storey condominium and separate houses.

The Prime Minister gave instructions. He said with a view to possessing characteristics of the city, the housing projects have been im-

plemented for the convenience of the dwellers as well as the developers. So, the developers have to take their interests as well as the interests of the dwellers into consideration. He then inspected construction tasks there. The General and party also inspected construction of the multi-purpose hall on Mindhama Road being constructed by the YCDC. Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials conducted them round the place. They also viewed low-cost houses of Tawwin Family Co at the corner of Lan Thit Road and Shwe Pyi Aye Road in the township. —MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein presents a prize to an award-winning student in the essay and painting competitions. — MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung awards a student who won a prize at the essay, poetry, poster and painting competitions. — MNA



Managing Director of NPE U Tin Kha awards a student who won a prize in the essay and painting competitions. — MNA

## Experts' meeting held to work out agreement on emergence of BIMST free trade area

YANGON, 18 Nov — The third experts' meeting was held to work out agreement on implementing the free trade area of the BIMST at the Hotel Nikko this morning. Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu attended the meeting and extended greetings on the occasion.

Present at the meeting were delegates from Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand. During the meeting, matters related to trade, services for trade and investment in the region were discussed. The first day session came to a close in the evening. It continues up to 20 November. — MNA

## UMFCCI president meets Chinese guests

YANGON, 18 Nov — The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry President U Win Myint, Vice-Presidents U Win Aung and U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and CEC members met the 8-member Chinese delegation led by President of the China Chamber of International Commerce, Guangxi Cham-

ber of Commerce of the People's Republic of China Mr Ye Xueming at the UMFCCI office this morning.

The meeting focused on promotion of investment and commerce, import of Myanmar's timber and wood furniture to the PRC and export of Chinese farm machinery and personal goods to Myanmar. The two sides signed an agreement. —MNA



The president of UMFCCI and members hold discussions with Chinese guests. — MNA



Nanmyint Tower under construction at the Union National Races Village of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. — MNA





Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt views the beauty of the Union National Races Village from the Nanmyint Tower being constructed by the Ministry of PBANRDA. — MNA

## Myoma Schools stand...

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The 83rd Anniversary National Day has seen three generations and much experiences were gained when compared with life expectancy. Myoma Schools were born out of the national freedom struggle together with national education and national spirit. This fact is worthy to take pride.

Old students of Myoma Schools discharged State duties conscientiously in successive eras whatever role they were in. This being the case, it is encouraging to see the emergence of those who do for the good of others in political, economic, education and social spheres in the course of history. The emergence of National Day and Myoma Schools is of great difficulty and efforts had to be made for flourishing of national character suffering great hardship. As records and publications on the National Day and the National Education were published on a wider scale they will still be in the mind of the youths of two generations. At present also, it is required to nurture the new generation youths on self-reliant basis to become intellectuals and intelligentsia.

In an effort to get out of the yoke of colonialists Myanmar had to oppose the education system that prolonged the colonialism. To be able to do so, the Myoma School has been able to produce a lot of youths capable of promoting nationalism. It is incumbent upon the new generation youths to continue preserving and upholding those fine traditions.

In addition, in serving the interest of the State and the people, Myoma Schools are to take part in the education promotion tasks in accord with uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation, uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character.

act, uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation laid down by the State.

Therefore, the government has laid down national education promotion programmes and is implementing them. New generation students will have to be nurtured to become outstanding ones to ensure the emergence of a modern and developed nation combining abundant national resources and outstanding human resources.

As is known to all that the government is bringing about the reform of national education in both basic and higher education sectors. Training and educating programmes are to be constantly implemented since step-by-step measures for all-round education promotion play a key role in the process.

With the advancement in science and technology, information and communication technology is being widely used across the nation.

Modern teaching and learning aids and computers are being used widely in the basic education schools. Among them, some basic education schools are making progress to the extent that they are able to study lessons through electronic data broadcasting system and satellite. This is a fruitful result of concerted effort of the State and the people.

Efforts are also to be made for the emergence of a constant learning Myanmar society through cooperation of the State and the people.

The Myoma School is a model school reflecting the cooperation among the Government, the school board of trustees and parents of students. Last year the Myoma diamond jubilee trust funds board presented awards to 254 outstanding students, and this year the number of students was increased to 311.

The parents and teachers

association also provided such aids as the Internet access and TV/DVD sets for convenient learning of students from the kindergarten to the fourth grade; the decoration of the school ceilings, floors, walls and staircases; and the making of flag poles, chairs and podiums.

As one of the endeavours of the school board of trustees, Myoma U Ba Lwin Commemorative Hall, for which stakes were driven on the 81st Anniversary of National Day, 8 December 2001, was constructed with the donation of over K 27 million and was handed over to the Ministry of Education on the 82nd Anniversary of National Day, 29 November 2002. Besides, other necessities including electricity and purified water were also facilitated to look the school grander at a cost of over K 29 million.

By inviting retired teachers to give lectures, arrangements are also made for the convenience of students who will take Myanmar/English essay tests.

It is known that constant efforts are also under way to promote education and sport activities of the school. As a result, the school ranked third in the interstate and division judo tournament. In fact, the Myoma School stands in the fore front in the practical implementation of the national education goal. Nowadays, big nations, trying to integrate the whole world, with "globalization" as an excuse. Making the most of their wealth and advanced technology, they are plotting to cripple the cultural and social values of small nations and inventing unpleasantness through media and satellite communication systems.

As for our country, efforts are to be made to keep abreast of the international community on a self-reliant basis. At the same time, our fine and noble characteristics, traditions and cultural heritage should also be pre-



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents a prize to Maung Yu Paing Thaw, a gold medalist in the harp contest. — MNA

served. At a time when rapid changes are on the go, national unity must be built while homing in on external instigations and the movements of internal destructive elements.

As the seven-point roadmap of the State has now been laid down, the entire people of national races are to do their bit energetically.

With the fine traditions handed down by older Myoma students, it is incumbent upon the new generation of the Myoma School to strive for the welfare of own race and religion. To sum up, all are urged to play any parts in the realization of the objectives of the National Day; preserve the prestige of the Myoma School; and render assistance to effective implementation of the education goal set by the State.

Next, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented prizes to Maung Kyaw Zin Thein of No 3 BEHS who ranked top in 2002-2003 matriculation exam, Maung Yu Paing Thaw of No 2 BEHS who stood first in harp contest (aged 15-20) in 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Com-

petitions and Ma Sabei Pyu Thein of No 2 BEHS who stood first in singing contest (aged 10-15) in 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and Ma Pyo Ei San of No 2 BEHS who won five distinctions in 2002-2003 matriculation exam.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented prizes to Maung Htein Aung of No 2 BEHS who stood first in piano contest (aged 10-15) in 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, Ma Eindre Kyaw of No 2 BEHS who stood first in dance contest (aged 5-10) in 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and Maung Zaw Ye Naing of No 3 BEHS who ranked second in 2002-2003 matriculation exam.

After that, Minister for Education U Than Aung presented prizes to Maung Kaday Htay of No 2 BEHS who

ranked third in 2002-2003 matriculation exam and Ma Shwe Yamin Oo of No 2 BEHS who stood first in harp contest (aged 10-15) in 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

Next, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa accepted K 1 million donated by Captain U Myo Nyunt-Daw Su Su Lwin and family for No 3 BEHS, K 400,000 by Htun Foundation Bank, K 100,000 each by U Aung Lwin-Daw Thet Thet, Shwe Than Lwin Trading Co, Temperance Trading Co, Htoo Family International Trading Co, Sun Myanmar International Impact Co and Dr Daw Yi Yi Hla (Yuwady Khin Oo) and family for No 2 BEHS. Next, Patron of Treasury for Funds of No 3 BEHS Ambassador (Retd) U Thet Tun spoke words of thanks, which brought the ceremony to a close. — MNA

## Myanmar beat Korea 3-2

YANGON, 18 Nov — Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint watched the second day match of Myanmar-Korea invitational soccer friendly at the football ground of the Youth Training Camp (Thuwunna) here this afternoon.

In the match, the Myanmar selected football team beat the ULSAN selected football team of Korea 3-2. — MNA

## A&I minister views demonstration of harvesters, winnowers

YANGON, 18 Nov — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin together with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Khin Maung viewed the demonstration of harvesters and winnowers, tractors, bulldozers and excavators produced by the Agricultural Mechanization Department at 90-acre Dhanna Theikdhi

high-class paddy fields of the department in Yaylalaung Village in Hlegu Township yesterday afternoon.

Model CH (1200) and CH (1600) winnowers with the power of 25 hp can winnow 0.25 acre to half an acre. It can harvest, winnow, cleanse and bag paddy and wheat. The minister and party viewed harvesting of paddy with the use

of harvester produced by the Farm Machinery Production Plant of Ingon Agricultural Mechanization Department. The minister then viewed demonstration of tractors, bulldozers and excavators produced by the Agricultural Mechanization Department and gave instructions and spoke words of encouragement to engineers. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin inspects the demonstration of farm implements. — A&I

## Ngwetha and Salingyi Dams in Salingyi Township

Article by Kyaw Sein; Photo by Thwin Aye (Kyemon)

Favourable geographical and climatic conditions of the Union of Myanmar are the sound foundations for development of agriculture. Moreover, the people of the country undertake agriculture as the main economic enterprise.

In undertaking the essential water supply tasks for agricultural purpose, the government is making efforts for the development of agriculture in arid zones which have to rely mainly on scanty rain for water.

To supply water for agricultural purpose and sufficient drinking water, and for the greening tasks of the region, Ngwetha Dam is being constructed in Salingyi Township, one of the eight arid townships in Sagaing Division.

As the township gets 30 inches of rainfall yearly and faces shortage of water for agricultural purpose and difficulties for drinking water in summer, the Irrigation Department conducted surveys for construction of Salingyi Dam and Ngwetha Dam in the town-



Modern machinery are used in building Ngwetha Dam.

ship to solve the water-shortage problem and for the greening tasks in the region. Salingyi Dam is being constructed on Salingyi Creek, and it has a 4,500 feet long and 56 feet high embankment, four furlongs west of the town. Now, temporary embankment of the dam has been constructed. The temporary dam has a maximum water level of 18 feet and surface area of 150 acres. The project started in September 2003 and will finish in 2004. On completion, it will be able to store 6,000 acre-feet of water and irrigate 600 acres of farms, solving

the water shortage problems and contributing towards the greening tasks of the region.

Ngwetha Dam is being constructed on Ngwetha Creek near Ngwetha Village in Salingyi Township on Monywa-Pakokku road.

Catchment area of the dam is 32 Sq-miles. A total of 12,800 acre-feet of water will flow into the 5,280 feet long and 58 feet high dam that can store 15,250 acre-feet of water. The spillway of the dam is 50 feet wide and is of reinforced concrete type. The conduit, with three feet in

diameter, can discharge water at the rate of 50 cubic feet per second. The dam will be able to irrigate 3,000 acres of farms near Ngwetha and Yinmaung Naing Villages. On completion, it will turn the dry cultivation farms into farmland. The project was launched in November 2002. As the floor of the dam was composed of lime stones that dissolve in water, they were dug out as deep as 56 feet. The embankment of the dam will be constructed with use of 200,000 pits of earth.

Translation: MWT  
(Kyemon: 14-11-2003)

## Christmas comedy "Elf" rules North America box office

LOS ANGELES, 18 Nov — Although Christmas is still more than one month away, it is being celebrated earlier than expected at the North American box office, with a human-turned Christmas Elf overwhelming a sea battle epic over the weekend.

The New Line Cinema's "Elf", starring comedy actor Will Farrell, scuttled Russell Crowe's "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World" to finish as the weekend's No. 1 movie, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"Elf", a tale about a man-child raised by Santa's helpers at the North Pole, took in 27.2 million US dollars, off just 12 per cent from its second-place debut the previous weekend.

The film's 10-day gross since release amounted to 71.3 million dollars.

"Master and Commander", a Napoleonic-era naval adventure about an intrepid British captain, debuted a close second with 25.7 million dollars.

Meanwhile, last weekend's champ, "The Matrix Revolutions", slipped to No. 3 position at 16.3 million dollars, down a steep 66 percent from its debut.

The total domestic gross of the final chapter in the Wachowski brothers' sci-fi trilogy grew to 114.2 million dollars two weeks after release.

Ranked at No. 4 was Disney's cartoon film "Brother Bear", which earned 12 million dollars, bringing its four-week gross to over 63 million dollars.

The semi-cartoon comedy "Looney Tunes: Back in Action" rounded up the Top Five with 9.5 million dollars.

The movie stars Brendan Fraser, Jenna Elfman and Steve Martin alongside Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and other cartoon characters. The total box office earnings of the top 12 movies amounted to be 124.2 million, down 23 per cent from the same weekend last year, when "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" debuted with 88.4 million dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

## Tanzanian president receives operation in Switzerland

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 18 Nov — Tanzanian President Benjamin William Mkapa has received operation on his left foot in Switzerland, local newspaper *The Guardian* reported on Monday.

A statement from the State House on Sunday was quoted as saying that the operation was carried out on Saturday by a team of doctors including his physician at Hirslander Clinic in Zurich, Switzerland.

Assistant Press Secretary to the President Maura

Mwingira said in the statement that the operation on President is to examine what has been troubling him for months from August until now.

Mwingira also said that the operation had been successful and that the doctors had expressed their sat-

isfaction over the progress of their patient.

She said that the President will remain in hospital for some time in order to give doctors enough time to monitor the condition of the President.

Last week, the medical experts advised the

President to remain in Zurich for further medical examination and determination of treatment for bone problems on his left foot.

Since last August, President Mkapa has been experiencing arthritis, using a walking stick.

MNA/Xinhua

### People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### Efficient use of electricity

- \* Use daylight as the main source of light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
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There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

### Efficient use of fuel

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

### All this needs to be known

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

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### Uganda drafts traffic plan

KAMPALA, 18 Nov — The Ugandan Government is processing a national transport master plan to improve the flow of traffic, local daily *The New Vision* reported on Monday.

Ugandan Minister of State for Transport Andruale Awuzu was quoted as saying that the plan would be ready by May 2004.

Awuzu said the plan included developing and maintaining adequate infrastructure and provision of safe and efficient transport services. He added that the project would check traffic jams, air pollution and pedestrian safety.

The plan is to check the deadly traffic accidents which continuously occur in the East African country due to bad road and vehicle conditions and speeding driving.

MNA/Xinhua



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

The government is trying to upgrade the health sector quantitatively and qualitatively. New hospitals have been opened across the country. The photo shows the 200-bed hospital in Myeik, Taninthayi Division.

PHOTO: MNA

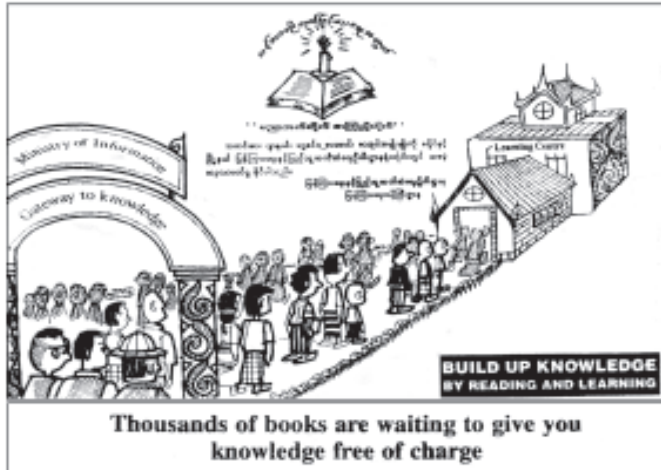


The Government has been striving for enabling the nation to keep abreast with the world's nations in terms of development. In the process, it has laid down national development projects and region-wise development plans and work is well under way for bringing about harmonious development in economic, health and education sectors across the nation and narrowing the development gap among all parts of the nation. The photo shows Dawei University in Dawei which was opened on 22-2-2002.

PHOTO: MNA



Kyweku-Kyaukphya Bridge spanning Kyaukphya River in Myeik, Taninthayi Division, was opened on 26 October 2003.— PHOTO: MNA



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Consignees of cargo carried on "MV MANDALAY" Voy No 112/N are hereby notified that the vessel arrives at Yangon port on 19-11-2003 and will be berthing on about 19-11-2003 and cargoes will be discharged into the premises of Myanmar Port Authority 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 11.30 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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### Wounded Portuguese female reporter returns home

LISBON, 18 Nov — A Portuguese woman reporter who was injured in a recent attack in southern Iraq returned to Lisbon Sunday evening.

Maria Ruela, a reporter with the Portuguese private TV network SIC, sustained injuries in the leg on Friday when a convoy of Portuguese journalists was attacked by unidentified gunmen shortly after entering southern Iraq from Kuwait, and was sent to a nearby British military hospital for surgery. — MNA/Xinhua

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## ပြည်တွင်းပြန်ကိုအားပေးပါ

### Brazil's FM says farm subsidies cause poverty

BRASILIA (Brazil), 18 Nov — Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said on Sunday defeating poverty in the developing world requires the reduction of subsidies by wealthy nations to their farmers, allowing agricultural exports from poor countries to rise.

Speaking during the opening of a conference on reducing poverty in Latin America, Amorim said it was not enough for poor countries to strive to help the poor but that rich nations have to participate, including by cutting farm subsidies.

"We do not want to diminish the importance of efforts at the national level, but it alone will not be sufficient if the international setting is not favourable," to reducing poverty and inequality, Amorim said.

"Among the causes (of poverty) are the different barriers that limit the world's international trade system, especially the billion-dollar agricultural subsidies in rich countries we are fighting so hard to reduce or eliminate," he said.

He was speaking a day after Latin American leaders acknowledged at a regional summit in Bolivia that they had failed to fight poverty over the last two decades.

At recent failed international trade talks in Mexico, Brazil spearheaded a push by leading developing countries for cuts in rich-country farm subsidies, which it says block its farm goods from markets. Some

rich nations blamed that insistence for the collapse of the talks.

Brazil is now locked in disagreement with the United States on the creation of a Free Trade Area of the Americas, where it wants cuts in farm subsidies to be negotiated. Trade ministers from the 34 countries participating in FTAA meet this week in Miami on how to conclude the talks by the end of 2004.

Amorim said "we continue finding difficulties in global and regional trade talks," on cutting farm subsidies. The US has said it will only discuss farm subsidies at the global level.

The minister said it was up to countries to define how globalization will develop.

"Globalization, this integration, may take place through the benefits of free trade, or by the dissemination of poverty, by social divisions, by organized crime and drug trafficking," he said. "The fight against misery, hunger and social injustice requires an alliance between developed and developing countries, it is the fight of all."

MNA/Reuters

### Foster wins deal to expand Beijing airport for 2008

BELING, 18 Nov — Beijing unveiled plans on Sunday for a two-billion-US-dollar airport terminal designed by Sir Norman Foster, the latest celebrity architect the 2008 Olympic hosts have hired to help remould a drab city overrun by smog and neon.

The Briton's firm, Foster and Partners, called their sleek creation a "modern gateway" to the Chinese capital, where just five years ago passengers were greeted by a cramped, musty structure that seemed a throwback to the spartan Maoist days.

Civil Aviation Administration Vice-Minister Yang Guoqing, in a ceremony for Chinese media on Sunday, pronounced Foster's firm winners of an international competition to build the 16-billion-yuan (1.93-billion-US-dollar) project, a British embassy spokesman said. Foster joins a constellation of contemporary stars installing futuristic icons in a city ravaged by construction — better known for its imperial landmarks, proletarian housing blocks and more recently, monstrous eyesores of tinted glass and lavatory tile.

Beijing has budgeted 37 billion US dol-

lars for Olympic-related infrastructure and clean-up projects, though it was not clear whether or not that figure included the airport extension.

The Chinese capital has also recruited the Swiss duo Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron to sculpt its Olympic stadium and the Dutch guru Rem Koolhaas to mint a new home for state television broadcaster CCTV.

Frenchman Paul Andreu's new opera house, a bubble of glass and titanium, will surface in a pool beside Tiananmen Square next year. Foster and Partners, in a statement on its Web site touted their design as user-friendly and energy-saving.

The structure's "soaring aerodynamic roof reflects the poetry of flight as well as being evocative of traditional Chinese colours and symbols", it said. — MNA/Reuters



Contestants of the 53rd Miss World Competition attend an evening party during their circuit tour of cities in China for a high profile publicity showcase in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 15 Nov, 2003. Some 110 contenders around the world, who are set to converge in Sanya, a tourist resort in China's southernmost Hainan Province for the final round of the Chinese first ever international beauty pageant on 6 December. — XINHUA



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## HK, Mainland sign MoU to foster information security cooperation

HONG KONG, 18 Nov— A memorandum of understanding was signed here Monday to foster collaboration in information security between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

Under the agreement, Hong Kong Computer Emergency Response Team Co-ordination Centre (HKCERT) and the National Computer Emergency Response Technical Team/Coordination Centre of China (CNCERT/CC) will launch a series of initiatives to share the latest updates on information security and recovery actions. The initiatives include a regional information security seminar to be held in 2004 in Hong Kong to foster exchanges among industry experts from the mainland, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, KK Yeung, executive director of Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC), said, "The secure transportation of information over the Internet is crucial to business operations. The establishment of a strategic partnership with CNCERT/CC is indeed a milestone in our efforts to promote information security for the business community in Hong Kong." — MNA/Xinhua

## China sets new monthly record in space launches

BEIJING, 18 Nov— China's record space launches from October 15 to November 15 indicate China's improved capability in technological development and manufacturing in the space field and space project management, a senior space expert said Monday.

Zhang Qingwei, general manager of the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp., the manufacturer of the country's Long March carrier rockets and spacecraft, said his corporation had successfully launched the Shenzhou-5 manned spacecraft and four satellites in the period.

Zhang said the launches represented a record high in a month both in the number of launches and the rate of successful launches.

China's first manned spacecraft was rocketed into space on October 15 and returned to the Earth safely the next day.

China's Long March IV B carried the second Earth resources satellite developed jointly by China and Brazil and another China-made small satellite into different preset orbits on October 21 from Taiyuan Satellite Launch

Centre in Shanxi Province, north China.

China launched a recoverable science experimental satellite into a preset orbit atop a Long March 2 D carrier rocket on November 3 from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in Gansu Province, northwest China.

On November 15, China launched a communication satellite into a preset orbit atop a Long March 3 A carrier rocket from Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan Province, southwest China.

The November 15 launch represents China's 32nd consecutive success in space launch using the Long March rocket series since October 1996. With 103,000 employees, the aerospace corporation is also the country's major satellite manufacturer.

MNA/Xinhua

## Tiger mauls Chinese worker to death near Great Wall

BEIJING, 18 Nov— A tiger mauled a Chinese man to death when he tried to take a short cut through a wildlife park near the Great Wall, the Beijing Youth Daily reported on Monday.

Rangers at the Beijing Badaling Wildlife Safari Park, near the wall's most popular tourist spot, rushed to the tigers' grazing area on Tuesday on hearing desperate cries of "Save me! Save me!", the newspaper said.

But by the time they arrived the man's neck was gnawed and his bloodied body showed no signs of life, the paper said.

MNA/Reuters

## Dubai plans to build world's biggest shopping mall

DUBAI, 18 Nov — Shopaholics take note — the Gulf Arab emirate of Dubai, already renowned as a shopping mecca for the Middle East, is planning to build what it says will be the world's largest shopping mall by November 2006.

Dubai real estate firm Emaar said in a statement received on Monday that the nine million square foot (836,100 square metre) Dubai Mall would be as big as 50 soccer pitches and resemble an ocean liner.

It will include the world's largest gold market and will be flanked by an artificial lake 4.3 million square feet in size as well as a residential facility.

The mall will be near Burj Dubai, a tower which Dubai says will be the tallest in the world.

Emaar, in which the Dubai Government holds a majority stake, said the mall would be bigger than Cana-

da's Edmonton Mall and the Mall of America in Minnesota. It declined to say how much the mall would cost.

"Tourism is the engine driving Dubai's growth," said Emaar executive Ibrahim al-Hashimi. "We are expecting ... 35 million visitors in the first full year of business and annualized growth of between 20 and 30 per cent."

Shopping is a national pastime in Dubai, where consumers can find anything from knock-off designer accessories to gold jewellery, electronics and haute couture.

The emirate, part of the United Arab Emirates, is the Gulf's trade and tourism hub and home to hundreds of

thousands of expatriates, mainly from the Indian sub-continent. Dubai is pouring millions of dollars into an ambitious infrastructure plan it hopes will boost tourism by offering visitors unique — and sometimes weird — experiences.

Tourism is a major source of income for the desert emirate, whose crude oil resources are running out. Last month, the emirate announced plans for the world's only luxury underwater hotel. It is also planning to build Dubai Land, a huge entertainment complex that will include a Formula One race track and the world's longest indoor ski slope. — MNA/Reuters



Mickey Mouse arrived on the world's cultural stage 75 years ago Tuesday as a scrawny but buoyant black-and-white product of the Jazz Age. —INTERNET

## Flood-hit central Vietnam to face typhoon

HANOI, 18 Nov— Vietnam's central region still dealing with aftermath of last week's floods which have claimed 58 lives has to face Typhoon Nepartak, Vietnam News reported Monday.

The typhoon, with estimated wind speed of 117 kilometres per hour near its centre, was identified in the South China Sea 500 kilometres from the central coast, by the Central Hydrometeorology Centre on Sunday morning.

The centre predicted that winds between Quang Binh and Khanh Hoa provinces would blow stronger and sea levels would rise on Monday.

To deal with Nepartak, the Central Steering Committee for Flood and Storm Control has sent a letter instructing central provinces in the possible path of the typhoon, and the Ministry of Fisheries is requiring a check of fishing vessels working in the danger zone. — MNA/Xinhua

## US, Europe at odds over Iran's nuclear policy

VIENNA, 18 Nov — Europe and the United States were at odds on Monday over how to deal with Iran's nuclear programme.

The European Union's foreign policy chief Javier Solana said in Brussels that Iran had been honest so far over its nuclear programme and he hoped it would not be reported to the UN Security Council for possible sanctions.

But the United States disputed Solana's conclusion on the programme, which Washington says is designed to make nuclear weapons — a charge Tehran strongly denies, saying its nuclear policy is entirely peaceful and devoted to generating power.

In Washington ahead of a trip to Europe, US Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed surprise at Solana's comment, saying: "I wouldn't have gone quite as far."

Powell, due to meet EU foreign ministers in Brussels, reiterated the State Department's stand that a leaked report from the UN's nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which said Iran was not developing nuclear arms was impossible to believe.

With time running out before a Board of Governors' meeting of the Vienna-based IAEA on Thursday, France, Britain and Germany have circulated a draft resolution for the board which does not meet US demands, diplomats said.

Iran has been under pressure from the IAEA to explain its nuclear policy and explain traces of enriched uranium on some equipment. Oil- and gas-rich Tehran says its nuclear programme is for power generation but the United States is sceptical.

Washington wants the IAEA to declare Iran in violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and escalate the issue by reporting Tehran to the Security Council for possible sanctions.

A diplomat from one IAEA board member state told Reuters the Security Council was not mentioned in the draft by the European trio. Nor was non-compliance, violation or breaches of the NPT.

MNA/Reuters



A conventioneer tries out a wireless i-Pen during the Comdex computer trade show in the Las Vegas Convention Center Monday, on 17 Nov, 2003. The pen works as a mouse or a 'digital pen,' inputting handwriting or artwork, but unlike other pens it can be used on any surface. A wired version is currently available for \$99. A wireless (radio frequency) version will be available in early 2004, a spokesman said. —INTERNET

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Second best time is now.**

## SPORTS

## Scotland beat Netherlands 1-0 in Euro 2004 playoff

GLASGOW, 18 Nov—Scotland were showered with plaudits on Sunday for an unlikely 1-0 win over the Netherlands in the first leg of their Euro 2004 playoff.

Everton winger James McFadden's 22nd minute strike clinched victory at Hampden Park on Saturday in their first competitive success against the Dutch since the 1978 World Cup finals.

But McFadden, 20, and part of a new generation, told *Reuters*: "I don't really care about beating Holland 25 years ago. We won this time, we have to be happy with it and that's all that matters."

"We can't keep looking to the past because every time we do something it's always about what some team did in the past. We are now out to make our own history and not be compared to anybody."

"It was an outstanding team display and we all fought for each other. We'll go over there (for the second leg) with confidence and I don't see why we can't score."

Defender Christian Dailly, whose yellow card for kicking the ball away means he will probably be suspended for the second leg, said: "You'll never beat our team for spirit and that's what carried us through." — *MNA/Reuters*

## Tomasson topples England in friendly

MANCHESTER, 18 Nov—Substitute Jon-Dahl Tomasson fired Denmark to a late 3-2 victory over England in a pulsating international friendly on Sunday at Old Trafford.

In a frantic opening nine minutes, teenager Wayne Rooney put England in front, Martin Jorgensen levelled for Denmark and Joe Cole restored the hosts' lead before Jorgensen equalized for a second time in the 30th minute from the penalty spot.

An inspired Rooney hit the post in the second half before leaving to a standing ovation, but his teammates were denied a draw by Tomasson's well-taken strike in the 82nd minute.

— *MNA/Reuters*



Rivaldo, left, of Brazil battles for the ball with Peruvian Marko Ciurlizza during their World Cup 2006 third qualifying round at the Monumental Stadium, in Lima, Peru, on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003. — *INTERNET*

## Growing pains hurt England, says Eriksson

MANCHESTER, 18 Nov—Coach Sven-Goran Eriksson put England's 3-2 friendly defeat by Denmark on Sunday down to a lack of experience in his young team.

England were twice ahead through teenager Wayne Rooney and 22-year-old Joe Cole but two first-half equalizers from Martin Jorgensen were followed by Jon-Dahl Tomasson's late winner.

Cole scored off a Rooney pass but shouldered part of the blame for Denmark's first goal after losing possession, while Matthew Upson conceded a penalty for the second and Glen Johnson's second half debut coincided with the Danish winner.

Asked about Rooney, Eriksson said: "He's not only a big talent, he's a fantastic footballer already and very mature for his age. He scored a very nice goal, provided one assist—you can't ask much more from a boy who's just turned 18."

"Joe Cole is another great talent. He's still got to learn about the game, as has Glen Johnson."

"Friendly games are good for those players, because you learn quick. Today you learned that if you make a mistake in international football against a team like Denmark you pay for it. And that's what we did."

"But it's better to pay for it in a friendly and give the chance to those young players." — *MNA/Reuters*

## Jubilo take J-League top spot with 2-1 win

TOKYO, 18 Nov—Champions Jubilo Iwata climbed from eighth to top spot in the J-League after a late Atsuhiko Miura own goal gave them a 2-1 victory at Tokyo Verdy on Sunday. Miura deflected a drive from substitute Yasumasa Nishino into his own goal in the 87th minute to give the away team a win they scarcely deserved in front of 33,000 at Tokyo Stadium.

Striker Kazuki Hiramoto had given Verdy the lead in the 18th minute, only for Brazilian forward Rodrigo Gral to equalize with a point-blank header for his 19th goal of the season. The result left Jubilo with 23 points from 13 second-stage matches, one point ahead of Urawa Reds and JEF United Ichihara. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Spain coach in danger of missing another important date

VALENCIA (Spain), 18 Nov—Spain coach Inaki Saez had to miss his son's wedding to be present for his side's 2-1 win over Norway in their Euro 2004 play-off first leg in Valencia on Saturday.

Spain's failure to claim a more emphatic victory leaves the coach in danger of missing the most important date in his professional diary as well, with a place at next year's European Championship finals in Portugal far from assured. The consolation for Saez as he prepares his team for Wednesday's second leg in Oslo is that the situation could be a lot worse. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Peru hold Brazil 1-1 with Solano equalizer

LIMA, 18 Nov—Nolberto Solano headed a second half equalizer as Peru held world champions Brazil to a 1-1 draw in their World Cup qualifier on Sunday.

Solano, who has been left on the bench at his English club Newcastle United in recent weeks, nipped in front of the Brazil defence to score at the near post in the 59th minute.

AC Milan's Rivaldo, who has also been deprived of first team football at his club this season, had put Brazil ahead with a 21st-minute penalty, his first international goal since last year's World Cup quarterfinal against England.

Brazil had chances to wrap up the game as they ran Peru ragged before halftime. But the home team, coached by Brazilian Paulo Autuori, fought their way back into the game after the break and Brazil were ultimately grateful for a point.

The draw put Brazil second in the South American World Cup qualifying group with seven points from three games, behind leaders Argentina on goal difference. Peru are fifth with four points.

Brazil had difficulty at the back as Peru looted in high crosses for strikers Claudio Pizarro and Andres Mendoza and were also short of ideas in midfield.

In a sign of their desperation, midfielder Gilberto Silva picked up his first yellow card in an international. He was one of four Brazilians to be booked as they committed 25 fouls.

"We created more chances," said Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira. "We could have scored three in the first half. But we needed to keep possession more in midfield."

## Owen happy with life at Liverpool

LONDON, 18 Nov—England striker Michael Owen has rubbished newspaper speculation that he wants to leave Liverpool after 12 years at the club.

Owen, who missed Sunday's friendly international against Denmark because of an ankle injury, has been linked with Real Madrid, Barcelona and Chelsea in recent weeks amid rumours that he is stalling on signing a new contract.

But the 23-year-old has pledged his loyalty to the Anfield club he joined as an 11-year-old even though they are not playing in the Champions League and are 13 points off Premier League Leaders Arsenal.

"I believe my ambitions can be fulfilled at Liverpool," Owen told the *News of the World*. "I find it a little insulting that after 12-year service my loyalty is being questioned. 'I wouldn't normally comment on gossip and speculation, but I felt I should put the record straight."

"We have slipped behind in the title race but it is too early to write us off. Of course I want to play in the Champions League, but

Brazil nearly went ahead after 45 seconds when Peru's Juan Jayo gave the ball straight to Ronaldo in midfield and he fed Kaka, whose shot flew wide.

Peru gave the world champions an uncomfortable opening, forcing half a dozen corners, until the 21st minute when Kaka won the ball off Jorge Soto and slipped a pass to Rivaldo who was upended by John Galliquio.

Rivaldo took the penalty himself and placed his shot to Oscar Ibanez' right.

Brazil created a flurry of chances before halftime as they capitalized on sloppy midfield play by their opponents.

Rivaldo crashed a volley against the crossbar from a cross by Cafu while Ibanez had to dive to block shots from Kaka and midfielder Emerson.

Bayern Munich's Claudio Pizarro had the best chance at the other end when he worked an opening and fired just over the crossbar. Peru also had a penalty appeal turned down when Rivaldo collided with Marko Ciurlizza.

Peru surged forward after halftime and Pizarro wasted one chance when he headed straight at Dida at the far post.

But they equalized from another aerial attack in the 59th minute when substitute left back Guillermo Salas crossed from the left and Solano scored with a near-post header.

After a nerve-wracking spell in which Peru threatened to force a historic win, Brazil regained their composure with Ronaldo and Rivaldo both being denied by Ibanez in the closing minutes. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Kasparov wins in computer chess match

NEW YORK, 18 Nov—Chess great Garry Kasparov on Sunday virtually shut down computer programme "X3D Fritz" to score a vital win in the third game of his latest man vs machine match.



Chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov has won game number three against a virtual reality supercomputer 'X3D Fritz,' tying the score in their four-game challenge at 1.5-to-1.5. — *INTERNET*

World No. 1 Kasparov, 40, had a winning position with the white pieces after only 16 moves and coasted until the computer's programmers resigned on its 45th turn after more than four hours of play.

In the early stages, Kasparov seized a black pawn and built a wall of pawns that restricted his opponent to ineffective moves that were ridiculed as "silly" by chess experts at the New York Athletic Club venue.

The grandmaster's victory was what he needed to stay in contention in the four-game match. The first game was drawn November 11 and the computer won the second game on Thursday after Kasparov blundered.

The match is tied at 1-1/2 points each. One point is given for a win and a half point for draws. The fourth and final game was scheduled for Tuesday with the winner to collect 200,000 dollars. "Many of black's (X3D Fritz) moves have been very strange," grandmaster Joel Lautier of France said in commentary on the web site. "It's amazing how computers can play so strongly sometimes and then produce silly moves like today."

— *MNA/Reuters*



**MRTV-3**
**19-11-2003 (Wednesday)  
(Programme Schedule)**
**Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greetings
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar  
Panorama & Myanmar  
Sentiment"
- 9:06 Potted Plants for  
all Occasions
- 9:10 National News**  
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Featherback  
Cake Salad)
- 9:15 National News**  
9:20 The Decoration of  
Lacquerware (Stylus-  
Drawing)
- 9:25 Myanmar Naional Race  
Cultural Dance  
(U Shwe Yoe & Daw  
Moe)
- 9:30 National News**  
9:40 Song "Blessed Myanmar"  
9:42 The Myanmar  
Turban-Unique
- 9:45 National News**  
9:50 A Journey to Research  
Taron Race
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**19-11-2003 (Wednesday)  
Regular Programmes for  
Viewers from Abroad  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 Potted Plants for all  
Occasions
- 15:40 National News**  
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Featherback  
Cake Salad"
- 15:45 National News**  
15:50 The Decoration of  
Lacquerware (Stylus-  
Drawing)
- 15:55 Myanmar Naional  
Race Cultural Dance  
(U Shwe Yoe & Daw  
Moe)
- 16:00 National News**  
16:10 Song "Blessed Myanmar"

- 16:12 The Myanmar  
Turban-Unique
- 16:15 National News**  
16:20 A Journey to Research  
Taron Race
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar  
Panorama & Myanmar  
Sentiment"

- 16:30 National News**  
16:35 Shwe Nan Daw Kyaung  
16:40 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Chicken with  
gourd curry bachelor  
style)

- 16:45 National News**  
16:50 How to Cook "The  
Nga-paine Fish Curry"
- 16:55 Magnificent  
Pindaingsan Dance

- 17:00 National News**  
17:05 The Unique Pindaya  
Shan Paper
- 17:10 Song "My Ardent Wish"
- 17:12 Papa Flat-topped Hill  
(Taung Ka Lat)

- 17:15 National News**  
17:20 Tiger Population  
Counting (Part-I)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**9-11-2003 (Wednesday)  
Regular Programmes for  
Viewers from Abroad  
Evening Transmission  
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar  
Panorama & Myanmar  
Sentiment"

- 19:36 Ancient Buddha Images  
Carved on stone walls  
(Akaik Mountain)
- 19:40 National News**  
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Prawn and  
Bamboo shoot fry)

- 19:45 National News**  
19:50 Kwin Chaung Bridge  
19:55 Kayah Dance  
19:58 Paper Toys

- 20:00 National News**  
20:05 Reminiscence in the  
Glow of Sunset
- 20:10 Song "Welcome to  
Treasure Land"

- 20:15 National News**  
20:20 Usefulness of Nipa Palm  
Songs on screen  
"Speaking through  
our eyes"

- 20:30 National News**  
20:35 Pickled Featherback  
20:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Prawn Curry"

- 20:45 National News**  
20:50 Archaeological Mu-  
seum, Pakhangyi (II)
- 20:55 Kontala-Aingnan
- 21:00 National News**  
21:05 Travelogue  
"Yangon to Bagan"

- 21:10 Song "To a Silvery  
Seagull"
- 21:15 National News**  
21:20 Rakhine State  
Cultural Museum

- 21:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
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20-11-2003 (Thursday)  
Evening & Morning  
Transmission  
(23:30 - 01:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic

- Sights "Mingalabar"
- 23:36 Potted Plants for all  
Occasions
- 23:40 National News**  
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Sentiment"

- 00:30 National News**  
00:35 Shwe Nan Daw Kyaung  
00:40 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Chicken with  
gourd curry bachelor  
style)

- 00:45 National News**  
00:50 How to Cook "The  
Nga-paine Fish Curry"
- 00:55 Magnificent  
Pindaingsan Dance

- 01:00 National News**  
01:05 The Unique Pindaya  
Shan Paper
- 01:10 Song "My Ardent Wish"

- 01:12 Papa Flat-topped Hill  
(Taung Ka Lat)
- 01:15 National News**  
01:20 Tiger Population Counting  
(Part-I)

- 01:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**20-11-2003 (Thursday)  
Morning Transmission  
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"

- 03:36 Ancient Buddha Images  
Carved on Stone Walls  
(Akaik Mountain)
- 03:40 National News**  
03:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Prawn and  
Bamboo shoot fry)

- 03:45 National News**  
03:50 Kwin Chaung Bridge  
03:55 Kayah Dance  
03:58 Paper Toys
- 04:00 National News**

- 04:05 Reminiscence in the  
Glow of Sunset
- 04:10 Song "Welcome to  
Treasure Land"
- 04:15 National News**  
04:20 Usefulness of Nipa Palm  
Songs "Speaking  
through our eyes"

- 04:30 National News**  
04:35 Pickled Featherback  
04:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Prawn Curry"
- 04:45 National News**  
04:50 Archaeological Mu-  
seum, Pakhangyi (II)

- 04:55 Kontala-Aingnan
- 05:00 National News**  
05:05 Travelogue  
"Yangon to Bagan"

- 05:10 Song "To a Silvery  
Seagull"
- 05:15 National News**  
05:20 Rakhine State  
Cultural Museum

- 05:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic

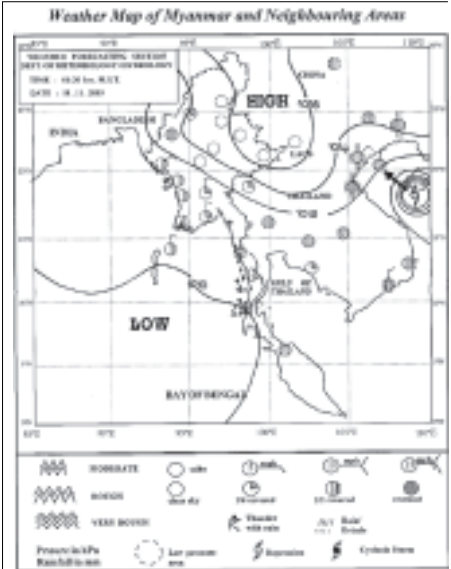
- Sights "Mingalabar"
- 05:35 Potted Plants for all  
Occasions
- 05:40 National News**  
05:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Featherback  
Cake Salad"

- 05:45 National News**  
05:50 The Decoration of  
Lacquerware  
(Stylus Drawing)
- 05:55 Myanmar Naional  
Race Cultural Dance  
(U Shwe Yoe & Daw  
Moe)

- 06:00 National News**  
06:10 Song "Blessed Myanmar"
- 06:12 The Myanmar  
Turban-Unique

- 06:15 National News**  
06:20 A Journey to Research  
Taron Race
- 06:25 Song "Tear drop Pearl"

- 06:30 National News**  
06:35 Shwe Nan Daw Kyaung  
06:40 Easily Cooked Tasty

**WEATHER**

Tuesday, 18 November, 2003

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, except for rain or thundershowers has been isolated light rain in Taninthayi Division and weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were 3°C to 4°C below normal in Kachin and Rakhine States, Sagaing Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, 6°C below normal in Shan States, 7°C below normal in Kayah State and Ayeyawady Division and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 17-11-2003 was 36.0°C (97°F). Minimum temperature on 18-11-2003 was 17.5°C (64°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 18-11-2003 was 66%. Total sunshine hours on 17-11-2003 was (8.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 18-11-2003 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 12 mph from Northwest at (15:05) hours MST on 17-11-2003.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Special Features:** According to the observations at 06:30 hours MST today, yesterday's Tropical storm "Nepartak" over South China Sea has centered about 240 miles South East of Hanoi, Vietnam. It is forecast move Northwest ward and cross Vietnam Coast next 24 hours commencing this morning. **Forecast valid until evening of 19-11-2003:** Except for the possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Division, weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair weather in the whole country. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-11-2003:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-11-2003:** Fair weather.



Wednesday, November 19

**View today:**

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးတင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်  
ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော် ယဉ်ကျေးမှု  
နယ်တစ်ခု အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်  
အတိစေဟောရန်အတွက် အဘိဓမ္မာ  
ဟောသဒ္ဓမ္မစာတော်က တိပိဋကတော်  
ဓမ္မာနုပဋ္ဌာနဂါရီက တပည့် ဝိဇ္ဇာ  
သင်တန်းသစ် ပရိတ်တော်တော်

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. တေးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်

8:00 am

6. အတိအကျပြော

8:10 am

7. ပြုပြင်ကြည့် ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအတတ်

8:20 am

8. ကျေးဇူးတင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Learning English the  
easy and happy way for  
children and beginners.

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold  
National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in Reading

4:40 pm

4. Musical programme

4:50 pm

5. အရေးသင်တန်းဆိုင်ရာ  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်တန်း  
- ဒုတိယပတ်

5:05 pm

6. Song of national races

5:20 pm

7. Classical songs

5:35 pm

8. လက်ထပ်ကမ်းစား ဂီတတေး

5:45 pm

9. (၂၂)မြို့နယ်အတွင်းအစုအစည်း  
အရ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲအကြံ  
ပြင်ဆင်လေ့ကျင့်မှု (ရိုးရာသီဦး)

5:55 pm

10. Musical programme

6:05 pm

11. ရွယ်လုံလင် အသံအစီအစဉ်

6:15 pm

12. Discovery

6:30 pm

13. Evening news

7:00 pm

14. Weather report

7:05 pm

15. Milo success in  
soccer

7:10 pm

16. Musical programme

7:25 pm

17. နိုင်ငံအခန်းသစ်တော့စုံဖြင့်  
စီးလန်းစေရည်

8:00 pm

18. News

19. International news

20. Weather report

21. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားစာတမ်း  
"နန်းသားကွက်ကွက်တစ်ပတ်  
ကဏ္ဍစုံ" (အပိုင်း-၂)  
ရန်အောင်၊ ခိုးသူ၊ မေသန်းနု၊  
နန္ဒာပိုင်

22. The next day's  
programme



Wednesday, November 19

**Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am** Brief news

- 8:35 am** Music

- 8:40 am** Perspectives

- 8:45 am** Music

- 8:50 am** National news/  
Slogan

- 9:00 am** Music

- 9:05 am** International news

- 9:10 am** Music

- 1:30 pm** News/Slogan

- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music

- The tide is high

- Atomic kitten

- The scientist

- Cold play

- 9:00 pm** Variations on a tune:  
"Feeling"

- Tray Huang

- Roger

- 9:15 pm** Article/Music

- 9:25 pm** Music at your request

- Hello (Evangene)

- Just like a pill (Pink)

- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan

- 10:00 pm** PEL

## Myoma Schools stand in fore front in practical implementation of the national education goal

### Secretary-2 attends ceremony to mark 83rd Anniversary of National Day and eighth year of diamond jubilee of BEHS Nos 2, 3 (Myoma Schools) in Dagon Township

YANGON, 18 Nov—The eighth annual ceremony of the diamond jubilee of No 2 Basic Education High School and No 3 BEHS (Myoma Schools) of Dagon Township was held in conjunction with the 83rd Anniversary of National Day at the No 2 BEHS this morning with an address by Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein makes a speech at 83rd Anniversary of National Day and 8th annual ceremony of the BEHS Nos 2 and 3. — MNA

Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, deputy ministers, members of Panel of Patrons for Education Funds of No 3 BEHS, offi-

cials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, school heads, teachers and students, members of the

School Boards of Trustees, old students, outstanding students and guests.

In his address, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that

efforts will have to be made to be able to constantly hand down the fine traditions of the Myanmar Schools gained in the course of

Myanmar History and Myanmar Education Sector to the new generation youths.

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## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects upgrading of hospitals in Mandalay

YANGON, 18 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Mandalay City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein and officials, inspected the Central Women's Hospital Renovation Project on 30th Street, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, yesterday morning.

Managing Director of Myanmar Industrial Construction Services of the Ministry of Industry-2 U Ye Tun reported on work progress and arrangements for building of a recreation hall for doctors, mortuary and

midwifery school. Medical Superintendent of the Central Women's Hospital (Mandalay) Dr Maung Win and Medical Superintendent of Mandalay General Hospital Dr Win Shein gave supplementary reports. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions and inspected construction

tasks round the project site.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander, the mayor and officials proceeded to the 300-bed hospital (academic) on 62nd Street in Chanmyathazi Township. Director of the MICS Daw Khin Swe Win and Medical Superintendent Dr Khin

Maung Pyone reported on work progress and future tasks for the project. The medical superintendent also reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on giving medical treatments, tasks carried out for cleanliness and beautifying of the hospital and academic matters. After giving neces-

sary instructions, Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into progress in constructing the three-storey main building.

They headed for Institute of Dental Medicine (Mandalay) Construction Project of the Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health. Rector of the institute

Professor Dr Mya Thaw and Managing Director of Thein Construction Co U Thein Aung reported on progress in construction of lecture halls and future plans.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the construction site and left necessary instructions. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects renovation tasks of Mandalay Central Women's Hospital. —MNA

## Construction of Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine) inspected

YANGON, 18 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Mon State Peace and Development Council Chairman and South-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and party, inspected the

progress in construction of Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine) on 16 November morning. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party first arrived at the construction site of Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine), where Chief Engineer (Bridge) U Han Zaw reported on progress in construction of the bridge, erecting of mid-

stream piles and installing iron frames.

After inspecting the construction of the bridge, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on timely completion of the bridge, safety measures and durability of the bridge, and minimizing loss and wastage.

Sixty-eight per cent of

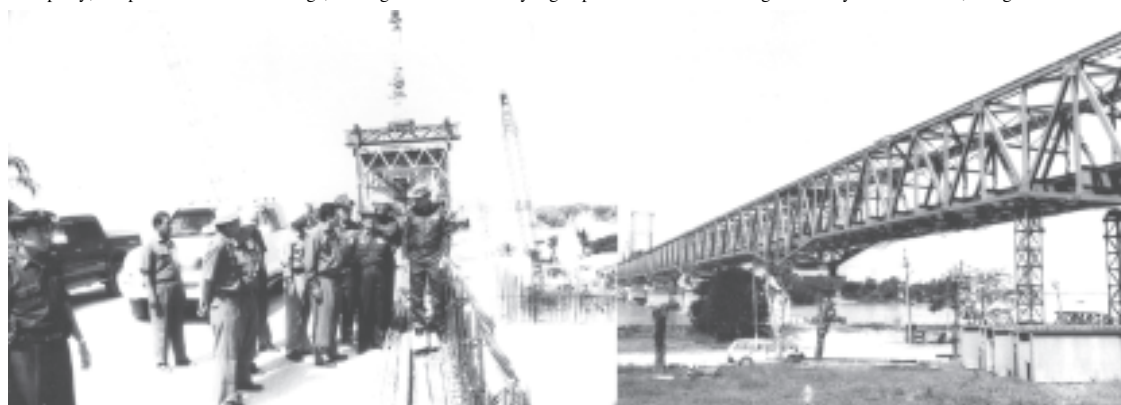
construction work has now been completed.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party presented an educational prize-attendance ceremony of the families of South-East Command. Present on the occasion were Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Commander of No 22 Light Infantry Divi-

sion Brig-Gen Ngwe Thein, Commander of No 44 LID Col That Naing Win, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Myo Hla, Brig-Gen Myint Soe of Thaton Station, Col Maung Shein of Kawkaik Station, senior military officers, commanding officers of local battalions and units and their wives, and guests.

Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung spoke on the occasion. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and the commander presented awards to outstanding students of matriculation examination.

The deputy commander also presented awards to outstanding students of basic education middle and primary schools as well as university students. —MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence inspects Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine) under construction. —MNA

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