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Study at the condition of today's world will reveal that leading industrial nations also place top priority to peace and tranquillity
Nation possessing strong power can stand shoulder to shoulder with others of the world: strong and powerful nation must be built for perpetuation of the nation as long as the world exists

YANGON, 21 Nov—Following is a translation of the text of address delivered by State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe.

At this Annual General Meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, I would like to honour and greet all the Association members including you, the delegates to the AGM.

It has already been over ten years since the Association has been taking part in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, that is the national goal, as a firm national force.

During the ten-year period, the USDA has been formed at the central level,

state/division level, district level, township level and village/ward level, and its work programmes laid down and implemented extensively. At the AGMs, the future work programmes are being laid down and implemented in the whole nation.

Of the programmes, the youth training project plays a vital role. During the ten-year period, the courses conducted by the Association at different levels have trained and nurtured over 15 million youths. The courses that are being conducted by the Association, include the courses on the qualifications and the ability of a citizen, cultural and moral courses, international affairs courses,

vocational training courses, linguistic courses and technical courses.

Over 2.8 million youths attended the courses in various fields, which were opened by the USDAs at different levels at 22,843 venues in the entire nation in 2003 alone. Of the courses, over 2.4 million youths completed the cultural and moral courses.

Opening of two new courses — the public relations and management knowledge course and the Myanmar development study course — are significant this year. The Myanmar development study course has produced 160 instructors.

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Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe makes a speech at the Annual General Meeting of the USDA. — MNA

Excerpts from Senior General Than Shwe's address

- * The USDA is able to bring out a force of youths equipped with the qualifications including the good thought, the high national outlook, and the firm determination to build a new peaceful, stable and modern and developed nation.
- * In trying to keep the nation on development track we had to overcome many difficult and delicate situation in addition to a large array of work programmes. Urgent efforts had to be made to ensure the rule of law and prevalence of peace and stability.
- * Initially, understanding was built after seeking a solution to solve out the national races armed conflicts, which had lasted over 40 years. In consequence of it, there prevail tranquillity and stability as well as national unity in border areas. This can be seen as fruitful political results.
- * Unity and stability are key investment as well as political strength for turning the nation into a modern and developed one.
- * Only when the basic infrastructures are developed, there will rise the nation's economic-life.
- * The development of a nation means that there prevails law and order, and peace and tranquillity is restored in the nation and it must possess defence, economic and social forces.
- * Building of such basic infrastructures with added momentum means laying foundation for the future nation. The future nation must be built, based on the firm and strong foundation.

Senior General Than Shwe attends third day session of USDA Annual General Meeting 2003

YANGON, 21 Nov — Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe attended the third day session of the USDA Annual General Meeting 2003 at the Pyidaungsu Hall at the Central Training School of USDA in Hmawby Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were members of the Panel

of Patrons of USDA Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Prime Minister of the State General Khin Nyunt, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State

Peace and Development Council, the commander-in-chief (Navy), the commander-in-chief (Air) and the chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council the commander of Yangon Command, ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the auditor-general, the chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, members of the USDA Central Executive Committee, members of the National Convention (See page 16)



Those in attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association. — MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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Better transportation — key to national development

The opening ceremony of Snepauk Bridge built by Public Works under the Ministry of Construction on Yangon-Kyaukpyu road in An Township, Rakhine State was held on 17 November.

Due to barriers posed by Rakhine Mountain Range, rivers and creeks and marshland, people living in Rakhine State, in the past, had to rely mostly on waterway and air route to reach other states and divisions.

To overcome these difficulties, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, with goodwill, gave guidance on implementing Yangon-Sittway Highway construction project as a special one.

Nowadays, Sittway-Ponnagyun-Kyauktaw-MraukU-Minbya-An Union Highway has emerged and as a result, one can reach the whole part of the country using An Pass and Patheingyi Highway.

To connect southern and northern parts of Rakhine State; and Kyaukpyu and Yanbye via Taungup Pass, Yangon-Kyaukpyu Union Highway is under construction, with An at the centre of the route.

In implementing road construction projects, bridges of various sizes have been built in Rakhine State.

Sanepauk Bridge built on Taungup-Ma-ei-Kyaukpyu road section is 789 feet and 4 inches long.

Altogether seven bridges—Kaishe Bridge, Tanlwe Bridge, Hsabyin Bridge, Lamu Bridge, Ma-ei Bridge, Kyaukkipauk Bridge and Sanepauk Bridge—have been built on Taungup-Ma-ei-Kyaukpyu road section, out of 14 bridges with the length of 180 feet and above to be built on the road.

Strenuous efforts are being made for timely completion of Londaupauk, Dedok, Thanthamagyi, Thanthamache, Thazindan, Wanphaik and Mingyaung Bridges.

The Government, after laying down development projects, have been striving for emergence of a modern and developed nation.

Although there were An Pass, Taungup Pass and Gwa-Ngathaingyaung Road in the past, there were no motor roads to link them and the existing ones were not serviceable.

Therefore, the Government is building roads and bridges for the convenience of people living in Rakhine State. With the emergence of roads and bridges one after another, people are now able to travel from Rakhine State to Aeyawady, Bago, Yangon and Magway Divisions.

At a time when the Government is making relentless efforts for regional development and raising the living standard of local people, all the national people are urged to maintain roads and bridges for their durability.

Thai floriculturists to give talks

YANGON, 21 Nov — Under the arrangement of the Myanmar Floriculturist Association, Associate Professor M L Charuphant Thongtham of Kasetsart University will give talks on 'Bromeliads: From Amazon to the World Market' and Assistant Professor Dr

Pantana Thavipoke of Mahidol University, 'Cryopreservation of young *Platynerium ridleyi* H Christ Sporophytes' at People's Square and People's Gardens at 1 pm on 26 November.

Those interested may observe the talks.

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Patron of the USDA Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets those in attendance at the Annual General Meeting 2003 of the USDA. — MNA



Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar AB Manjoor Rahin greets Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence and wife attending the dinner hosted at Sedona Hotel on Pyay Road to mark the 32nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day of Bangladesh 21 November. — MNA

MMCWA President visits delivery room in Sagaing

YANGON, 21 Nov — President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and members viewed the delivery room of Sagaing Township MCWA yesterday afternoon.

They met Sagaing Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Patron Daw Wai Wai Khaing and members, Township MCWA members and medical staff and gave instructions on providing health care services to mothers and children systematically. — MNA

Women's affairs committees meet

YANGON, 21 Nov — The team led by member of Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs and Myanmar National Working Committee for Women's Affairs Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe arrived at the University for Development of Na-

tional Races in Ywathitgyi, Sagaing, yesterday morning.

Rector Col Zaw Min Thein reported on facts about the university. At the convocation hall of the university, MNCWA member and MNWCWA Vice-President Professor Dr Daw May May

Yee gave educative talks on women's affairs; and Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe on prevention of violence against women, life security and notable facts about Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

After greeting the train-

ees, they urged them to contribute towards tasks for development of local women and children in the regions where they were assigned duties. They posed for a documentary photo together with the trainees.

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Myanmar Tong Tah Trade Fair 2003 to be held

YANGON, 21 Nov — With the permission of the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar Tong Tah Trade Fair 2003 will be held on a grand scale at Yangon Trade Centre on Pazundaung Street from 26 to 30 November.

The trade fair will exhibit different kinds of cosmetic and personal goods, varieties of textiles, foodstuff and plastic ware, electrical and electronic gadget, stationery, automobile, home cleaning articles, agricultural pumps, carpenter tools, varnish, lawn mower, high quality glue, wood cutter, aluminium ladder and generator and engine.

For further information, dial 573148 and 722374. — MNA

Gifts for Ministry of Health

YANGON, 21 Nov — The Daewoo International Corporation donated medicines for the Ministry of Health at the meeting hall of National Health Committee at 3.30 pm today.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, the directors-general of departments

under the Ministry and the deputy directors-general, the rectors, the medical superintendents, Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lee Kyung-Woo, President of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Tae-Yong Lee and Vice-President Mr Chae-Moon Rim and members.

After explaining the

purpose of the donation, President Mr Tae-Yong Lee presented Alzental (Albendazole) 200 mg worth K 35 million to Minister Dr Kyaw Myint.

Director-General of Health Department Dr Wan Maung spoke words of thanks and the ceremony ended.

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint accepts Alzental (Albendazole) 200 Mg worth K 35 million donated by President Mr Tae-Yong Lee of Daewoo International Corporation. — MNA

Thousands in London protest war on Iraq

LONDON, 21 Nov—Tens of thousands of demonstrators marched through the heart of London on Thursday, toppling a 17-foot tall papier mache statue of President Bush and burning his life-size effigy to show their anger for the Iraq war and Prime Minister Tony Blair's support of the invasion.

As Bush and Blair vowed "not to flinch or give way or concede one inch" to terrorism in the wake of deadly bombings against British targets in Turkey, protesters said the close relationship between the two leaders made them deeply uneasy.

"We're angry that Bush appears to be leading our country," said marcher Ted Edwards. "Why Blair is allying himself to Bush I do not know."

Many in the crowd said Thursday's bombings in Istanbul, which killed more than two dozen people, strengthened their resolve to oppose U.S.-British policy in Iraq.

"There have been more and more bombings since the action in Iraq and more terrorism," said Mischa Gorris, a 37-year-old London lawyer. "You will never change the hearts and minds of terrorists by bombing them. This is what you will get."

Amid chants, the blast of foghorns and the beat of drums, protesters marched past the Houses of Parliament and through the heart of governmental London to Trafalgar Square.

The march took almost two hours

to clear its starting point at the University of London. The Stop the War Coalition, which organized the march, said 200,000 people participated; the police estimate was 70,000.

As the work day ended, many people who had not marched joined a rally in Trafalgar Square, where the bronze-painted statue of Bush was toppled to wild applause — a mocking reference to the toppling of Saddam Hussein statue after coalition troops took control of Baghdad on April 9.

After sundown, protesters burned placards and at least one life-size effigy of Bush. The 17-foot papier mache statue was shredded by organizers and given out to the crowd.

The protests were generally orderly, but as night fell police struggled to contain a few hundred demonstrators who broke away from the Trafalgar Square rally and darted down a nearby street. Officers linked arms surrounding the protesters and arrested several who refused to move off the road.

Other groups headed toward Regent's Park where Bush was hosting a dinner for Queen Elizabeth II at

Winfield House, the home of U.S. Ambassador to Britain William Farish.

Police outside the grounds of the mansion handcuffed and searched two men after protesters tried to jump the fence into the neighboring gardens. The men were bundled into police vans and officers scoured the gardens with flashlights for more possible intruders.

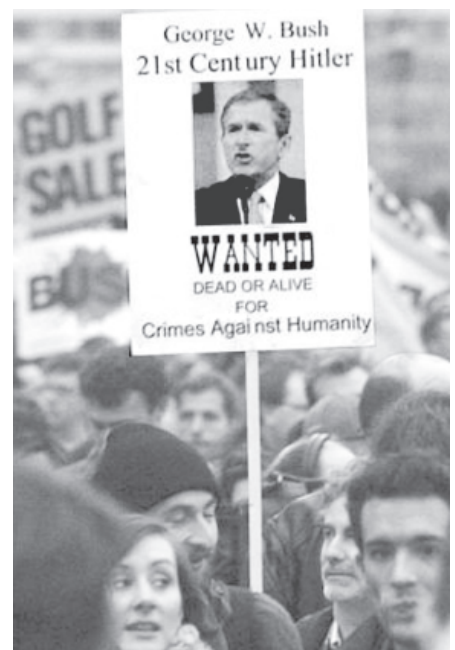
A cluster of about 20 cyclists blowing whistles pedaled up the road near Winfield House but were deflected a human cordon of police. They returned later and were allowed to pass, whistling and chanting anti-Bush slogans before police moved them on.

Opposition to Iraq war, and Britain's role as the largest partner of the United States, has been strong and vocal in Britain. The largest protest, in February, drew about a million people.

Security, which has been tight for Bush's state visit, was intense on Thursday, with more than 5,000 officers on duty in London. Rows of yellow-jacketed officers lined the march route.

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Protesters walk through central London with placards on 20 November 2003, where they demonstrated against the war in Iraq and President Bush's visit to Britain.—INTERNET



An effigy of President George W Bush is pulled down in Trafalgar Square, London, as part of a large protest over his state visit on 20 November, 2003. The protestors were mimicking the pulling down of a Saddam Hussein statue in Baghdad by US troops during the war on Iraq.—INTERNET

Bomb attack in Iraq kills US soldier, Army says

BAGHDAD, 21 Nov—A bomb that was detonated as a U.S. convoy drove past Thursday killed one American soldier and wounded two near the restive Iraqi town of Ramadi, a military spokeswoman said.

She said the attack happened east of Ramadi, in the "Sunni triangle" region where much of the resistance against US forces is concentrated. The attack brought to 180 the number of US soldiers killed in action in Iraq since major combat was declared over on May 1.—Internet

Two explosions hit central Baghdad hotel, say witnesses

BAGHDAD, 21 Nov—Two explosions on Friday morning rocked the Sheraton Hotel, used by many Western journalists and contractors, in central Baghdad, Reuters witnesses said.

The neighboring Palestine Hotel also appeared to have been hit around the 16th or 17th floor, a Reuters witness said.

Sheraton hotel guests, who evacuated the building, saw shards of glass scattered across the lobby. They said several people were at least slightly injured.

At least two holes were punched in windows at the Sheraton, witnesses said. A security guard at a nearby building said he had seen a rocket or rocket-propelled grenade fly through the air toward the hotel.

The Sheraton, which still uses the name of the luxury hotel chain although it is no longer part of it, is located in a fortified compound along with the Palestine, which is also used by Western journalists and contractors.—Internet

Iran to reject more IAEA demands to halt uranium enrichment

TEHERAN, 21 Nov—Iran will refuse any further demands from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to halt its uranium enrichment activities, a top national security official said.

"We have said clearly that any phrase in a resolution aimed at transforming the voluntary pledge by Iran to suspend uranium enrichment into a legal obligation will be unacceptable to us," said Iran's Supreme National Security Council Hassan Rowhani.

Rowhani made the remarks just one day before IAEA Board of Governors is to meet on Iran's nuclear programme, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Iran in October agreed to accept IAEA demands to suspend uranium enrichment, but made clear that the voluntary suspension was to show its goodwill to the international community and it reserved the right to resume the activity at any time. Iran also pledged to sign and implement an additional protocol to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) which would allow IAEA inspectors to carry out more strict checks on its nuclear activity.—MNA/Xinhua

Blair harried to explain what Britain gains from Bush

LONDON, 21 Nov — Prime Minister Tony Blair was harried in Parliament to explain just what Britain gains from his close ties with George W Bush, as the US President embarked on a three-day state visit.

In a stormy session, many of the questions were posed by members of his own Labour Party.

Blair's supporters hope Bush will use his visit to Britain to hand his staunch ally a concrete concession to prove the transatlantic "special relationship" is a two-way street. Critics say Bush is only here for photo opportunities to boost his campaign for next year's presidential elections.

"This visit shows our influence doesn't amount to much. I bet Blair is wishing he had never invited him," one senior Labour parliamentarian told Reuters.

Speculation had centred

on a deal to appease British complaints about Britons detained in Afghanistan and held without trial in the US base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

Another possibility was a declaration on British soil

that the United States would lift tariffs protecting its steel industry, which the World Trade Organization has declared illegal. But a US official said before Bush's arrival no announcement on steel would be made during

the visit. Blair has suffered at home for backing the US-led invasion of Iraq. Most Britons opposed the war and feelings run even stronger against Bush in the Labour Party.

MNA/Reuters

US air warfare officials report crash of two planes

WASHINGTON, 21 Nov—Two US military planes crashed over the past few days, but pilots of the two aircraft managed to survive the crashes, officials said Wednesday.

An A-10 Thunderbolt II single-seat aircraft crashed Tuesday on the Nevada Test and Training Range, in southern Nevada, the Air Warfare Centre said.

The pilot, a student at the US Air Force Weapons School at the Nellis Air Force Base, ejected from the aircraft safely. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Last Friday, a single-engine Canard

Pusher aircraft crashed into the ocean en route to Oakland, California, from Honolulu, Hawaii, following an in-flight emergency, the Pacific Air Forces said.

William Spears, the Coast Guard pilot, was rescued two days later by the Pacific Rescue Coordination Centre, which coordinates and controls US military search-and-rescue activities in the Pacific region.—MNA/Xinhua

Fraction of Iraq costs could feed world poor

BRUSSELS, 21 Nov— A fraction of the cost of the Iraq war would be enough to feed the world's poor and help boost peace and security, the head of the United Nations food agency said.

"We look at tens of billions being spent today in Iraq, the conflict... (With) even a small percentage of the commitment that the world has made to Iraq, you could feed every hungry child in the world," James Morris, executive director of the World Food Programme (WFP), told a news conference.

He said people who were hungry and "at their wit's end" were more susceptible to the message of people wishing to harm the world.

"The message of those who would do the world harm does not resonate as well with people who are not hungry as it does with those at their wits' end," he said.

Morris was in Brussels to launch a joint appeal with the European Com-

mission for 3 billion US dollars as part of the UN's annual global appeal, which is focusing on helping more than 45 million people in 21 crisis-hit countries.

The appeal focuses on nations suffering violence, hunger and drought including Sudan, Tajikistan and Uganda. "What we are talking about today are these dozens and dozens of silent crises the world needs to focus on with equal intensity," he said. "The two crises each year that get the media attention get two-thirds of the humanitarian support."

Morris said the WFP received 90 per cent of its funding from only 10 donors, the United States being by far the biggest. Other top donors were the

Commission, some European Union member states, Japan, Norway, Australia and Canada.

"There are another 25-40 countries that ought to be very concerned about the humanitarian agenda. They now have the resources and surpluses and ways of being helpful," he said.

Morris also urged donors to shift their focus from providing emergency relief for crises and emphasise long-term development investment, which would boost peace and help prevent disasters.

The WFP is undertaking its biggest ever emergency operation in Iraq and food aid to the country totalled two million tons in October.

MNA/Reuters

Pilot refugee convoy returns to Iraq from Iran

TEHRAN, 21 Nov— A small convoy of refugees crossed into Iraq from Iran on Wednesday to test the route for repatriating some 200,000 people, a UN spokesman said.

The pilot convoy of 69 people travelled from a camp near the southwest Iranian city of Ahvaz to return to the area around the southern Iraqi city of Basra. "They were more than keen to repatriate," said the UN spokesman.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi and US Army troops search the area in Daura suburb of Baghdad on 20 November, 2003. —INTERNET

EU Parliament says yes to embryo cell research

STRASBOURG (France), 21 Nov— The European Parliament voted on Wednesday to fund research using stem cells taken from human embryos, a controversial science opposed by anti-abortion campaigners.

The assembly's opinion sends a message to European Union ministers who are due to decide next month whether to lift a moratorium which prevents EU cash going to such experiments which are banned in several of the bloc's member states.

British Labour deputy David Bowie, who backs the research because of its potential to fight diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, was delighted.

"It will be a difficult decision (for ministers) but we are on the up at the moment," Catholic countries like Italy, Germany, Austria, Portugal, Spain, Ireland and Luxembourg, were likely to oppose Parliament's position, EU deputies said.

Parliament voted 298 for, 214 against, with 21 abstentions for a report which recommends releasing EU funds for experimenting on cells from human embryos, no more than 14 days old, left over from infertility treatments.

The move would allow money from the EU's 20 billion euros (23.83 billion US

dollars) research budget for the period 2003-2006 to go on the research.

While most of the body's cells can only make copies of themselves, stem cells grow into other types of cells — making them a potential source of hard-to-get cells for transplants.

Stem cells can be harvested from aborted embryos, embryos left over from in-vitro fertilization and embryos cloned specially for the purpose. This has led to objections from the Catholic Church, which believes destroying embryos is morally equivalent to killing people. The issue is highly politically divisive and in April the Parliament was hung — 232 votes in each direction — on a resolution calling for such research to be banned in the EU.

German Christian Democrat deputy Peter Liese, who drafted the report, voted against it when the assembly rejected his compromise proposal to allow such stem cells to be used only if procured before June 2002.

MNA/Reuters

Europe's tallest tower to be built in London

LONDON, 21 Nov— Plans for the construction of Europe's tallest occupied tower, to be built in London using shards of glass and over 1,000 feet high, won British Government approval.

The 66-storey London Bridge Tower, on the south side of the River Thames, is due to start construction in 2005 and be completed in 2009. The tower will be a third higher than the capital's Canary Wharf, now the Britain's tallest building, and will dominate views south from the City financial district.

"The building is a shaped spire of shards constructed from white optical quality glass, which will reflect the changing conditions of the sky as it moves from dawn to dusk," Barry Ostle, a director at developers Sellar Property said. — MNA/Reuters

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Parents of slain British troops could be hard on Bush

LONDON, 21 Nov— Reg Keys, whose son Thomas was killed in Iraq, is not on the list of family members of fallen British servicemen invited to meet George W. Bush this week, but he wishes he was: he has a message for the US President.

"I'd love to meet him, but I'd refuse his hand," he said. "I'd say: 'I can't shake that hand. It's stained with the blood of my son.'"

Bush's meetings with families of soldiers killed in Iraq have been billed as one of the centrepieces of his state visit to wartime ally Britain this week.

But as Prime Minister Tony Blair has already learned, the President is likely to find them a difficult audience.

Over the past months, parents and widows of slain soldiers have emerged as some of the war's most potent critics, many trying to balance pride in their husbands' and sons' sacrifice with anger over what they see as false justifications for war.

Lance-Corporal Thomas Keys, 20, was one of six British Royal Military Policemen who was killed by an angry mob while training Iraqi police on June 24 in a town near the southern city of Basra.

"I want to challenge Bush to meet me," Reg Keys told *Reuters* by telephone from his home in Wales. "I think I know more about what's going on in Iraq than he does, from phone calls with my son who was on the ground out there."

In interviews with British media ahead of his visit to London, Bush stressed his plans to meet the families of soldiers who died in Iraq, to "tell them their loved ones did not die in vain. The actions we have taken will make the world more secure and the world more peaceful in the long run".

But Bush's comments have been partly overshadowed by widows and parents, several of whom have said they want no part of what Keys called "a propaganda means for his re-election".

MNA/Reuters

Sweden appoints world's first HIV/AIDS ambassador

STOCKHOLM, 21 Nov— Sweden has appointed a career diplomat as its special ambassador for HIV/AIDS, making it the world's first country to appoint such an envoy, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs said on Wednesday.

Since the HIV/AIDS virus was detected 20 years ago, more than 60 million people worldwide have been infected and 20 million have died.

"If we cannot turn the trend, there's a risk that we will have another 45 million infected people around the year 2010," said Lennart Hjelmaker, whose past postings include five years at the Swedish Embassy in Kenya and five years in Zimbabwe. Africa is the continent hit worst by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. But the disease was now spreading fastest in Eastern Europe and Asia, said the new special ambassador. "You have to tackle this with your heart as well as your brain," he said, adding that his list of tasks included trying to convince the Catholic Church that condoms are needed. — MNA/Reuters



A protester, wearing a George Bush mask, is led away from the public gallery during a meeting of the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh, Scotland, on 20 November, 2003. The Scottish Parliament was suspended after the protester shouted anti-war slogans during a debate on Iraq. —INTERNET

US FACES INTENSIFIED RESISTANCE, PROTESTS



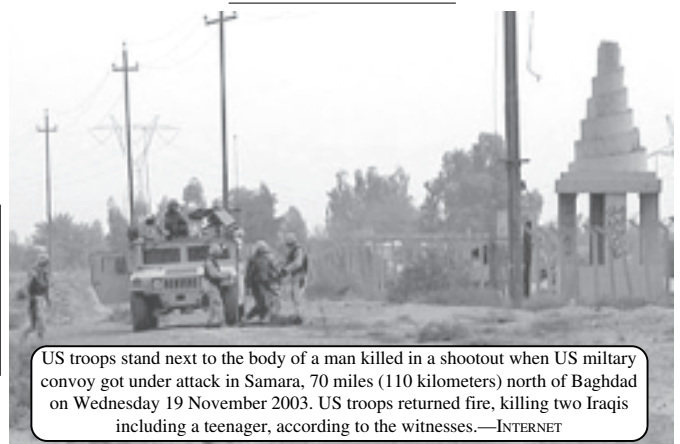
Salwan Ibrahim shows his home destroyed following the US bombing in Tikrit Tuesday night, on Wednesday 19 November 2003. Tuesday troops from the 4th Infantry Division fired mortars on areas allegedly used by guerillas to launch mortar and rocket attacks against coalition forces.—INTERNET



Protesters walk through Waterloo in central London on 20 November, en route to Trafalgar Square, where they demonstrated against the war in Iraq and President Bush's visit to Britain.—INTERNET



Protesters against the State visit to Britain of US President George W Bush march through central London on 20 November. Tens of thousands of protesters marched in London on Thursday in anger at George W Bush's visit. Many of them convinced that US and British policy in Iraq was to blame for bomb blasts in Turkey hours earlier.—INTERNET



US troops stand next to the body of a man killed in a shootout when US military convoy got under attack in Samara, 70 miles (110 kilometers) north of Baghdad on Wednesday 19 November 2003. US troops returned fire, killing two Iraqis including a teenager, according to the witnesses.—INTERNET



Two cars burned after a bomb attack in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk on 20 November. Three people were killed and six were wounded in a bomb attack outside the offices of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan Party, whose leader is currently head of Iraq's US-appointed Governing Council.—INTERNET

Ukrainian soldier in Iraq commits suicide

KIEV, 21 Nov — A captain of the Ukrainian Army committed suicide on Tuesday in Iraq, the Ukrainian defence ministry confirmed on Wednesday.

Olexei Bondarenko, who served as an Arabic interpreter for the 5th Independent Mobilized Brigade of the Ukrainian Army, shot himself dead with his pistol in the barrack of his unit in southeastern Iraq at about 3 pm (1200 GMT) on Tuesday, said a statement of the Defence Ministry.

The statement said the Ukrainian military has launched an investigation into the incident, the cause of which is still unknown.

About 1,650 Ukrainian troops have been deployed in the southwestern Iraqi province of Wasit since August as part of the international stabilization forces. Before the suicide incident on Tuesday, two other Ukrainian soldiers have been killed in accidents in Iraq, the Defence Ministry said.

MNA/Xinhua

423 US soldiers killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 Nov — As of Thursday, Nov. 20, 423 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 293 died as a result of hostile action and 130 died of non-hostile causes, the department said.

The British military has reported 52 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, 285 US soldiers have died - 179 as a result of hostile action and 106 of non-hostile causes, according to the latest Defence Department figures.

Since the start of military operations, 2,044 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 347.

Internet

Britain says second diplomat killed in Turkey

LONDON, 21 Nov — The British Government said it believed a second member of its diplomatic staff had been killed in Thursday's bomb blasts in Turkey, in addition to consul-general Roger Short.

It named her as Lisa Hallworth, without giving further details. "Although there are no absolute identifications (the Foreign Office is) reluctantly coming to the conclusion that a number of staff both British and Turkish at the British consulate-general have lost their lives in this terrible tragedy," the Foreign Office said in a statement. — MNA/Reuters

British Consul dies in Istanbul blasts

LONDON, 21 Nov — Britain's Consul-General to Turkey Roger Short was killed in the twin bomb attacks on Istanbul on Thursday, the consulate's chaplain told CNN.

"I have been with the family of the Consul-General since it happened and sadly, the British Consul-General is dead," Ian Sherwood, chaplain to Britain's consulate in Istanbul, said in an interview.

Short was a career diplomat, a fluent Turkish speaker and a former ambassador to Bulgaria.

The British consulate and HSBC Bank headquarters were apparent targets in the twin attacks that killed at least 26 people and injured hundreds.

Sherwood said the powerful blast killed about six people and injured many others in the consulate.

"I know about six people who have died in that office... Turkish staff have been killed, the consul-general's assistant and consular staff have died, and security staff," he said.

"The bomb was so colossal that it demolished two buildings at the entrance of the consulate compound and completely blew out every window in almost every part of the consulate... they're huge bombs." — MNA/Reuters

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A US Army patrol passes a mural depicting the logo of the Iraqi Air Force at the entrance of the military air base of Kirkuk, northern Iraq. US forces have arrested Arshad Yassin, a brother-in-law of Saddam Hussein who was also his personal helicopter pilot and a senior figure in his close protection force until the early 1990s, a high ranking Iraqi police officer said. — INTERNET



Man sits by a crater made by a car bomb explosion filled with water after damaging water pipes on 20 November, 2003 in Kirkuk, Iraq. At least three were killed and about 30 wounded in the explosion. — INTERNET

NATO, France divided over European defence

PARIS, 21 Nov — NATO Secretary-General George Robertson reiterated his opposition Wednesday to "useless duplication" between NATO and the European Union while French President Jacques Chirac insisted that a European military planning headquarters is necessary.

"Of course I am opposed to all useless duplication," said Robertson after a meeting here with Chirac, referring to the proposal of a European planning headquarters in the Brussels suburb of Tervuren presented by France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg in April.

"The United States is firmly opposed to this idea, which threatens NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization)," he said.

"But I would like to see

more European capacities, more soldiers that could be deployed, more guided arms of precision, so that the Europeans and we could burden," said Robertson.

"There are misunderstandings that need to be clarified. We should come to an end of the difficulties of perception if we want to have a united trans-atlantic community," he said.

For his part, Chirac said the European defence will in no way put the Atlantic solidarity in question," said

Chirac's spokeswoman when briefing on the meeting.

"France has the conviction that a stronger Europe will contribute to the vitality of the alliance, which is, as we have often said, an essential element of our security," said Chirac.

Robertson and Chirac have also discussed the NATO operations in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Kosovo, said the spokeswoman.

MNA/Xinhua

Citi, Credit Suisse shut in Istanbul temporarily

GENEVA, 21 Nov — Two of the world's largest financial conglomerates, Citigroup and Credit Suisse, temporarily shut their Istanbul offices as a security measure following bomb blasts on Thursday.

Other banks, including Deutsche Bank AG and Standard Chartered Plc, said they had no plans to alter operations after the deadly blasts destroyed HSBC Bank's Istanbul headquarters and the British consulate.

A number of large international banks including JP Morgan, Standard Chartered, Deutsche Bank, ABN AMRO, UBS AG and ING said they planned no change in operations following the blasts.

German flagship bank Deutsche Bank

said the blasts would not affect its operations. "We have an office in Istanbul but it is not affected by the blasts. It's business as usual," said a spokesman.

British-based Standard Chartered said it still planned to open a corporate banking representative office in Turkey.

Swiss-based conglomerate UBS said its Istanbul operations were far enough away from the blast sites that they were not affected and that all of its four staff members were unharmed and accounted for. — MNA/Reuters

Russian dies after winning vodka-drinking contest

MOSCOW, 21 Nov — A vodka-drinking competition in a southern Russian town ended in tragedy with the winner dead and several runners-up in intensive care.

"The competition lasted 30, perhaps 40 minutes and the winner downed three half-

litre bottles. He was taken home by taxi but died within 20 minutes," said Roman Popov, a prosecutor pursuing the case in the town of Volgograd. "Five contestants ended up in intensive care. Those not in hospital turned up the next day, ostensibly for

another drink." Popov said the director of the shop organizing this month's contest had been charged with manslaughter. He had offered 10 litres of vodka to the competitor drinking the most in the shortest time.

MNA/Reuters

Spain, Morocco to set up anti-Mafia office

MADRID, 21 Nov — The governments of Spain and Morocco said that they would set up a permanent office for cooperation against Mafia and human trafficking organizations.

Spanish Interior Minister Angel Acebes and his Moroccan counterpart Mustapha Sahel signed an agreement to establish the joint agency, which will start operation on December 3 and meet at least once a month.

The first meeting will concentrate on appointing liaison officials and exchanging information on border pro-

tection, Acebes said at a joint Press briefing.

The two sides also agreed that cooperation against human trafficking organizations should be expanded to neighbouring countries.

The agreement was signed after at least 36 people were drowned less than a month ago when attempting to cross from Morocco to Spain after

their vessel sank off the Spanish port of Cadiz. Since the mid 1990s hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants crossed into Spain annually, mostly from North Africa and Latin America. In 2002 alone Spain repatriated 75,000 illegal immigrants, one third of them Moroccans.

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Kamayut, Yangon Division, who stood fifth in the entire Myanmar; Maung Min Soe Ko Lwin of No 6 BEHS, Mawlamyine, Mon State, who stood sixth in the entire Myanmar; Maung Kyaw Htet Aung of No 3 BEHS, Kamayut, Yangon Division, who stood sixth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Wut Yi Lin of No 2 BEHS, Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Division, who stood sixth in the entire Myanmar and first in Magway Division; Ma Chin Min of No 5 BEHS, Chanayethazan, Mandalay Division, who stood seventh in the entire Myanmar; Ma Hsu Mon Cho of No 2 BEHS, Kamayut, Yangon Division, who stood seventh in the entire Myanmar; Maung Kyaw Min Oo of No 1 BEHS,

Dagon, Yangon Division, who stood seventh in the entire Myanmar; Maung Thaw Zin Oo of No 9 BEHS, Mawlamyine, Mon State, who stood eighth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Thu Thu Cho of No 16 BEHS, Mandalay, who stood eighth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Kyaw Thet Lwin of No 1 BEHS, Meiktila, Mandalay Division, who stood eighth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Thiri Wai of No 2 BEHS, Sangyoung, Yangon Division, who stood eighth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Su Mon Thwe of No 2 BEHS, Sangyoung, Yangon Division, who stood eighth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Zun Mo Hsu of No 16 BEHS, Mandalay Division, who stood ninth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Ei Mon Win of No 3

BEHS, South Okkalapa, Yangon Division, who stood ninth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Wint Wint Aung of No 2 BEHS, Sangyoung, Yangon Division, who stood ninth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Ei Khine Lat of No 4 BEHS, Taunggyi, Shan State (South), who stood ninth in the entire Myanmar; Maung Tin Tun Aung of the high school at Yangon Education Institute, Yangon Division, who stood tenth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Ni La Min of No 2 BEHS, Sangyoung, Yangon Division, who stood tenth in the entire Myanmar; and Ma Yin Yin Mon of No 6 BEHS, Myaungmya, Ayeyawady Division, who stood tenth in the entire Myanmar.

U Htay Oo also presented gifts to students, whose positions ranked from first to tenth in the matriculation examination with the art combination in the entire Myanmar. The outstanding students were Maung Tun Min of Zayatpyin BEHS, Yanbye, Rakhine State, who stood first both in the entire Myanmar and Rakhine State; Maung Tin Maung Win of Pyin Oo Lwin BEHS, Mandalay Division, who stood first both in the entire Myanmar and Mandalay Division; Maung Kyaw Thu Ya of No 1 BEHS, Bogale, Ayeyawady Division, who stood second in the entire Myanmar and first in Ayeyawady Division; Ma Hay Ma Myint of No 1 BEHS, South Okkalapa, Yangon Division, who stood third in the entire Myanmar and first in Yangon Division; Ma Nan Hsok of No 3 BEHS, Pyin Oo Lwin, Mandalay Division, who stood fourth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Yi Wai Htet of Dagon Myothit (South) BEHS, Yangon Division, who stood fifth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Wai Wai Khine of Kamaing BEHS, Kachin State, who stood sixth in the entire Myanmar and first in Kachin State; Maung Ma Nar Htan of Kale BEHS (Branch), Sagaing Division, who stood sixth in the entire Myanmar and first in Sagaing Division; Maung Aung Thu Ya of No 2 BEHS, Hinthada, Ayeyawady Division, who stood seventh in the entire Myanmar; Ma Thin Thin Myat of No 6 BEHS, Myaungmya, Ayeyawady Division, who stood eighth in the entire Myanmar; Maung Sa Ai Htwe of Kyonpyaw BEHS, Ayeyawady Division, who stood ninth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Khin Moe Lwin of Sakhangyi Village, Myaungmya, Ayeyawady Division, who stood ninth in the entire Myanmar; and Ma Nyein Nyein Aye of No 1 BEHS, Nyaungdon, Ayeyawady Division, who stood tenth in the entire Myanmar.

Next, he also gave away gifts to students who stood

first in the matriculation examination with science combination. The students were Ma Le Yi Mon of Myitkyina, Kachin State; Ma Htwe Htwe Soe of Loikaw, Kayah State; Ma Inza Li Soe of Hpa-an, Kayah State; Maung Htan Shan Khine of Tiddim, Chin State; Ma Lin Thiri Tun of Taze, Sagaing Division; Ma Thin Thin Soe of Myeik, Taninthayi Division; Ma Sanda Phyu of Minhla, Bago Division (West); Ma Zu Thet Soe Min of Toungoo, Bago Division (East); Maung Kyaw Yu San of Kyaukpadaung, Rakhine State; Ma Nan Saung Hnin Aye of Kyaukse, Shan State (North); and Maung Myint Nyan Htein Lin of Kengtung, Shan State (East).

He also gave away gifts to students who stood first in the matriculation examination with art combination respective States and Divisions. The students were Ma Naw Berry Htoo of Loikaw, Kayah State; Mi Siza of Kawkaik, Kayah State; Maung Sa Lai J Yon of Falam, Chin State; Maung Htay Lin of Hkaka, Chin State; Ma Aye Aye Mu of Dawei, Taninthayi Division; Maung Yan Naing Win of Shwetaung, Bago Division (West); Maung Ye Lin Aung of Waw, Bago Division (East); Maung Myo Myint Win of Taungdwingyi, Magway Division; Maung Aung Kyaw Oo of Thanbyuzayat, Mon State; Ma Nan Khan Lao Hline of Taunggyi, Shan State (South); and Maung Than Soe of Kengtung, Shan State (East).

He gave away gifts to students who won five gold and above in the performing arts competitions. The students were Maung Thura Kyi Moe (a) Po Thingyan of Yangon Division, winner of 15 gold medals; Ma Thida Moe of Rakhine, winner of 13 gold medals; Maung Kyaw Kyaw Han of Yangon Division, winner of 13 gold medals; Maung Star Bo Htet of Yangon, winner of 12 gold medals; Maung Ye Hteik of Yangon, winner of 11 gold medals; Ma Wint Thinzar Stin of Yangon, winner of 11 gold medals; Maung Zeya Tun Wai of Yangon, winner of 11 gold medals; Ma Thuza Aung of Yangon, winner of 8 gold medals; Maung Aung Pyi Sone, winner of 8 gold medals; Maung Aung Myo Oo of Yangon, winner of 7 gold medals; Ma Thiri Hline of Yangon, winner of 7 gold medals; Maung Zeya Pyi Phyo, winner of 6 gold medals; Ma Aye Myat Noe Khin of Yangon, winner of 6 gold medals; Maung Htet Myat Soe of Yangon, winner of 6 gold medals; Ma Khine Zar Kyi of Yangon, winner of 5 gold medals; Maung Thet Aung of Yangon, winner of 5 gold medals; and Ma Ei Ei Mon of Yangon, winner of 5 gold medals.

U Htay Oo also presented gifts to outstanding athletes.



Secretary-General of the USDA U Htay Oo presents a prize to Maung Tun Min who stood first not only in Matriculation Examination 2003 with arts combination in entire Myanmar but also in Rakhine State at the Annual General Meeting 2003. — MNA



Secretary-General of the USDA U Htay Oo presents a prize to Maung Saing Khan Soe Leik who stood second in Matriculation Examination 2003 with science combination in entire Myanmar and first in Mandalay Division at the Annual General Meeting 2003. — MNA



Secretary-General of the USDA U Htay Oo presents a prize to Ma Htwe Htwe Soe who stood first in Kayah State with science combination. — MNA



Secretary-General of the USDA U Htay Oo presents a prize to Maung Salai J Rone who stood first in Chin State with arts combination. — MNA

First, he gave away gifts to the Myanmar Youth Football team, which won championship title in the first U-18 ASEAN Youth football tournament. Myo Min Tun, on behalf of his team, accepted the gifts. He later gave away a gift to Yin Yin Khine, who secured two gold from women's 400m and 800m events of the 15th Asian Track and Field Championship held in Manila, Philippines.

He also presented gifts to aviation and marine outstanding youths of 2002. They were Maung Kyaw Hline Win of Htantabin, Bago Division, student of the basic aviation youth course; Maung Nyein Chan of Thazi, Mandalay Division, student of the basic aviation youth course; Maung Lwin Myat Moe of Pazundaung, Yangon Division, student of the ad-

vanced marine youth course; and Maung Myo Thet Htet of Pazundaung, Yangon Division, student of the basic marine youth course.

He also presented gifts to outstanding members of the Red Cross Societies and auxiliary fire brigades for the year 2003. They were Maung Thein Han Win, company officer of the Kamayut Red Cross brigade, and Ma Su Su Win, company officer of the Bogale Red Cross brigade; and U Kyaw Min, second company officer of the Mahlaingmye auxiliary fire brigade in Mandalay Division, and Ma Tin Tin Htwe, platoon officer of the Mogoke auxiliary fire brigade in Mandalay Division. Afterwards, the morning programmes of the third day session of the USDA Annual General Meeting 2003 came to a close at 10.10 am. — MNA



Secretary-General of the USDA U Htay Oo presents a prize to an outstanding trainee Maung Chan Nyein of Basic Aviation Youth Course at the Annual General Meeting 2003. —MNA



Secretary-General of the USDA U Htay Oo presents a prize to Maung Kyaw Kyaw Han, winner of 13 gold medals in Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the Annual General Meeting 2003. —MNA

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With the help of these instructors, the USDA Headquarters has opened the Myanmar development study course at 48 different places in the whole nation, and trained over 4,200 trainees.

I believe that thanks to the training programmes, the USDA is able to bring out a force of youths equipped with the qualifications including the good thought, the high national outlook, and the firm determination to build a new peaceful, stable and modern and developed nation.

The USDA has been dutifully taking part in the task to develop human resources of high caliber.

Employing the strength of the youths it has nurtured, the USDA has been taking part with might and main in the rural development tasks, which are included as a sector in the nation-building en-

deavour.

In addition to the labour, the Association is also raising funds for the rural development tasks. It has energetically participated in the rural water supply projects, the building of gravel and earth roads, the agricultural and livestock breeding tasks, the renovation of the basic education schools, the school enrollment programmes for children and public health activities.

Now, I would like to deal with the nation-building task. It has been a common knowledge that the building of a peaceful, modern and developed nation is the goal of the entire people.

When the Government took over the State duties, the nation was included in the least developed countries of the world.

Not only in the world, but also in the region, it was a less

developed country.

If a nation is poor, the people will have no dignity and their social standard will be low. The nation has been able to free herself from that situation and steer towards development and modernization.

In trying to keep the nation on development track we had to overcome many difficult and delicate situation in addition to a large array of work programmes. Urgent efforts had to be made to ensure the rule of law and prevalence of peace and stability.

Initially, understanding was built after seeking a solution to solve out the national races armed conflicts, which had lasted over 40 years. In consequence of it, there prevail tranquillity and stability as well as national unity in border areas. This can be seen as fruitful political results.

Unity and stability are key investment as well as political strength for turning the nation into a modern and developed one. Work began to develop the State in every sector making the most of these favourable conditions. A study at the condition of today's world will reveal that leading industrial nations also place top priority to peace and tranquillity.

When it comes to fostering the development, emphasis is also placed on the effort to see that there was no development gap between one region and another. Special plans have been laid down and are being implemented to develop the regions which lagged far behind in development owing to various reasons in the past.

Not only were a central committee and a work committee formed to carry out development tasks for raising the living standard of national races residing in border areas, a separate ministry was also set up to accelerate these measures continuously. As especially concentrated efforts are exerted to ensure development in all sectors, fruitful results are now in sight.

In modernizing the State, steps are being taken to make sure that not a single region is left. Accordingly, 24 development zones were set up in all the states and divisions to speed up development measures in every sector. Plans were also laid down to ensure equitable progress among regions.

For the same reason, with the five rural development tasks laid down to fulfil the most fundamental needs in rural areas, the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people are working together for the development of rural areas where the majority of the country's population reside. The USDA is also extending itself with great vigour in this sector.

Close relations and co-ordination between one region and another as well as between one sector and an-

other were built for national development.

A huge investment was also poured into the most pivotal sectors for the development of the State. The economic infrastructure is being built in the same way as growing of perennial trees at the present time so that the generations to come will be able to enjoy the fruits.

As the national economy is currently based on agriculture, various ways and means are sought to ensure the supply of irrigation water, the most essential infrastructure for agricultural development. As is known to all, an immense amount of investment was put into the implementation of dam projects, river water-pumping projects and underground water tapping projects. As a result, the number of irrigated sown acreage is now on the considerable increase. A total of 153 dams and reservoirs and 265 river water-pumping projects were completed in a span of more than a decade, while another 38 irrigation facilities are under construction and 84 others under planning stage.

Owing to the investments made in more than a decade, we can now look forward to "double to triple cropping". As the agricultural infrastructure is becoming greater, agricultural production will increase continuously.

Efforts are under way by setting hope on the improvement of industrial sector under the present short-term economic plan. With the establishment of 18 industrial zones nationwide, encouragement is being given to the development of State-owned as well as private-owned industrial sectors. The productive capacity of the industrial zones has been on the rise over the past few years. The capacity of the industrial sector of the State doubled in a decade.

Encouragement is being given to every approach to ensure a remarkable increase in the industrial sector as its potential is key to the establishment of a modern nation.

The transport sector also plays a crucial role in building a modern nation and boosting the socioeconomic life of the people.

After being laid down, new plans are being implemented to reinforce the road and bridge sector, the rail transportation sector and the aviation sector. Greater efforts were exerted in individual sectors, resulting in the emergence of a transport network linking areas in all four directions of the State.

The transport sector has built a network of roads as Union Highways, and it is expected to broaden the scope of the sector reaching up to neighbouring countries in future.

Similarly, the local communication sector has made progress and has connected

international communication network in harmony.

The government also places great emphasis on electric power and natural energy power sectors for the development of the nation. In building up a modern developed nation, it is needed to upgrade all sectors, and hence measures are being taken with added momentum for development of electric power sector and exploitation of more natural resources.

Endeavours are being made with might and main for ensuring full scale exploitation of the nation's natural resources.

The above-mentioned points play the most fundamental role in raising the economic-life of the entire nation.

These investments will yield a wide range of fruitful results one after another in future.

Only when the basic infrastructures are developed, there will rise the nation's economic-life. You have to make a thorough study of the conditions of the nation comparing with some parts of the world which are gaining a rapid development momentum.

Only such a nation possessing strong power can stand shoulder to shoulder with the world's nations. In other words, a nation needs to keep on trying to be capable and strong for perpetuation of the nation as long as the world exists.

It is required to produce a great deal of highly-qualified human resources for ensuring modernization as well as greater development of the nation.

In the process, the 30-year national education promotion plan is being implemented so as to create human resource capable of constructing a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Measures are being taken to maintain the momentum in producing highly-qualified human resources for national and regional devel-

opment.

There emerge greater opportunities to pursue basic and higher education since basic education schools as well as universities and colleges were opened the length and breadth of the nation. Concerning the higher education sector, the 24 development regions have got educational facilities in which arts and science, computer and engineering technology subjects can be studied. As a result, the enrolment rate of the nation has increased significantly.

At the same time, the government, in its drive to ensure health and fitness of the people, has remarkably increased the number of medical institutions. So far, a total of 15 medical institutions have been opened across the nation, compared with four similar institutions in the past.

Now, the number of universities and colleges has increased to 154 and that of the prescribed subjects, to more than fivefold. So, the horizon of the higher education sector has been expanded to some extent.

Now, even doctorate courses have been opened and Myanmar's education system has been upgraded to a certain extent in which highly-qualified human resources necessary for the nation are being produced in a wider scale.

The above-mentioned facts are a rough outline of the endeavours of the government with regard to basic economic structures and human resources being developed for ensuring emergence of a modern developed nation.

The government has been striving with might and main for the development of the nation day in, day out for more than a decade in cooperation with the people.

Consequently, the people have enjoyed fruitful results in all spheres in all parts of the nation.

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Executive of Phashuso Township of Kayah State Daw Su Thida acted as master of ceremonies and Executive of Bago Division (East) Nyaunglaybin Daw Lin Lin Thant, co-master of ceremonies at the third day session of the Annual General Meeting 2003. —MNA

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Competitions, those from Myanmar Youth Football Team that won gold in the first U-18 ASEAN Youth Football Match and those who won gold in the 15th Asian Championship Track&Field Meet held in Manila, the Philippines, the 2003 outstanding Red Cross members, the outstanding new generation youths in the 2002 aviation and marine courses, the 2003 outstanding auxiliary fire brigade members, artists, vocalists, the chairmen of social and economic organizations and officials who have already arrived there.

Present on the occasion were members of Panel of Patrons of USDA (Central) Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt, member of the State

Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council the Commander of Yangon Command, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the USDA CEC members, members of the National Convention Convening Commission, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers, the directors-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President's Office, the Government Office and the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, advisers of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the directors-general



Secretary-General of the USDA U Htay Oo presents a prize to Maung Thein Han Win of the Red Cross Society at the Annual General Meeting 2003.

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Secretary-General of the USDA U Htay Oo presents a prize to Ma Tin Tin Htwe of the Auxiliary Fire Brigade at the Annual General Meeting 2003.

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and managing directors of departments and enterprises, the chairmen of the respective sub-committees for organizing the Annual General Meeting 2003 of USDA and members, journalists, the

chairmen of social and economic organizations and officials, artists, vocalists, the secretaries of state and division USDAs, the representatives from state/division/district/township

USDAs, the outstanding youths in 2002 and 2003 and guests.

Before and during the dinner, those present were entertained by artists of Myanmar Motion Picture

Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon. After the dinner, those present were entertained by artists of Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence inspects Hpa-an University. — MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects development tasks in Kayin, Mon States

YANGON, 21 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence and party inspected the construction of Adipati Road on Hpa-an University Campus on 19 November morning. Director U Thet Hnin Oo of Kayin State Development Affairs Department reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo on completion of works and future tasks. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on planting shady trees on both sides of the road.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected round the construction

site of the university. Pro-rector U Saw Han Shein and Chairman of Yuzana Construction Co U Htay Myint conducted Lt-Gen Maung Bo round the construction site. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to the construction site of the Government Technological College in Hpa-an. At the briefing hall, the principal and the chairman of Yuzana Construction Co reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo on salient points of the college. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on timely completion of the college.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party attended the opening ceremony for 2003-2004 milling season of No 14 Sugar Mill in Bilin Township, Mon State. Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Com-

mand Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung spoke on the occasion. The commander and General Manager of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise U Ye Htut formally opened the milling season. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected round the mill.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected Naungyo sugarcane plantation in the township and gave instructions on distribution of quality strain sugarcane to growers.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party attended the opening ceremony of multimedia classrooms in No 2 Basic Education High School, Kyaikto Township. The headmaster and the chairman of the school board of trustees formally opened the classroom. The commander formally unveiled the signboards of the classrooms. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party later viewed round the teaching and learning activities

and skill demonstration of the students in the school. After hearing reports by officials, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented teaching aids to the schoolmaster. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech. He said education will facilitate the teaching and learning activities of schools and enable the students to learn through modern teaching methods. Opening of multimedia classrooms will contribute towards the promotion of national education and emergence of an education system of international standards.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party posed for a documentary photo together with the headmaster, teachers and students of the school. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected the development of Kyaikto by car. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived back here in the evening. —MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence and party inspect No 14 Sugar Mill, Belin Township, Mon State. MNA

Committee for Nation-Building Endeavours Booth meets

YANGON, 21 Nov — The Committee for Opening Booth on Nation-Building Endeavours at the 59th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day Exhibition heldt meeting at Defence Services Museum here today.

Chairman of the committee Minister for Labour U Tin Winn delivered a speech on the occasion. Joint-Secretary of the committee Staff Officer (Grade II) of DSMHRI Major Kyaw Kyaw Myint reported

on arrangements for holding the booth. Members of the committee deputy ministers presented reports sector-wise. The chairman delivered concluding remarks.

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Mone Creek Dam project will supply 300 million kilowatt hours of electricity per annum

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

Altogether 284 civil staff including directors, deputy directors, assistant directors, staff officers and officers, 176 mechanical staff, 20 geologist staff, 14 quality control staff, 203 skilled workers and 1,600 blue-collar workers are implementing the multi-pur-

in Myanmar.

The second most difficult task is construction of less-pressure afflux dam which is 222 feet deep and has the diameter of 87 feet.

Constructing the dam is the most important task. The 6,490 feet long dam including the 740 feet long dyke No-1, the 1,430 feet long dyke No-2 and the 4,320 feet long main dam is being constructed to be 200 feet in height because it will have the catchment area of 1,468 miles and it will have maxi-

chinery work 22 hours a day. Two hours a day is set aside to maintain them.

Installation of necessary machinery, construction of buildings and installation of high-pressure conduits have been completed for Mone Creek hydel-power project which is being implemented simultaneously.

As Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and other leaders of the State are interested in the project, daily reports are to be presented to them. The minister and the

Nyunt Tin on 14 September arrived at Bagan and on the next morning visited the project to inspect work done. At the briefing hall, Managing Director U Kyaw San Win of the Irrigation Department reported on tasks being implemented. The minister met staff and gave instructions.

To construct the dam, water in the Mone Creek has been diverted through the diversion tunnel. In the early part of this monsoon season, the project area was in flood for four times. So, outfall channel was extended and boulders were used to prevent erosion of the training walls.

The multi-purpose Mone Creek Dam project will have three 25-mega watt generators which will generate about 330 million kilowatt hours of electricity per annum. The dam is built to store and control the water from the already-built Mezali Diversion Weir. The project is the one that will not only supply water for agricultural use but also for generating electricity. In addition, it is built to prevent flooding of Mone Creek. So, staff of the Construction Group-8 of the Irrigation Department are making efforts with added momentum for timely completion of the project.

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Construction site of Mone Creek Dam.

pose Mone Creek Dam project in an area of three square miles.

The most difficult task is construction of the diversion tunnel with the diameter of 37.4 feet. It is 3,625 feet long and the biggest one

mum water storage capacity of 674,400 acre feet, dead water storage capacity of 110,000 acre feet and watershed area of 10,620 acres.

Being a big project, staff using heavy machinery have to work in shifts. The ma-

deputy minister for Agriculture and Irrigation and the director-general of the Irrigation Department constantly inspect the dam and give necessary instructions.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen

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Defence strength, economic strength and social strength including the rule of law and prevalence of peace and tranquillity are major factors which a developed nation is to be defined. Building of such basic infrastructures with added momentum means laying the foundation for the future nation. The future nation must continue to be built based on the firm and strong foundation.

Learning lessons from the political experience since the nation has re-

gained the independence, efforts are to be made to fulfil the three basic requirements, namely, ensuring peace and tranquillity, strong economy of the nation and the people, and promotion of the national education standard.

The people unanimously supported the State's future policies and programmes at the mass rallies held in States and Divisions.

Then, the representatives from the States and Divisions and the local people also held the Bagan Mass Rally and unani-

mously passed resolution calling for cooperation for successful implementation of the State's seven-point policy programme.

The Bagan Declaration reflects the necessity of Our Three Main National Causes as well as the strong desire of the people for emergence of a modern developed nation.

In conclusion, I would like to call on you to take note of the three points. The first point is to enhance and polish the skills and efficiency of member youths. In the process, the associa-

tion is to constantly nurture and guide the youths to become ones equipped with good morality and efficiency.

Secondly, I would like to call on you to continue to participate in the national and rural development tasks hailing the association's concept to serve the interest of the people.

And finally, I would like to urge you to actively participate in the tasks by doing your bit fully equipped with Union Spirit for successful implementation of the State's seven-point roadmap. — MNA

People's Desire

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

Efficient use of electricity

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

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



Myanmar women engineers of the Ministry of Construction have opened a new page in history. They successfully built the Yenwe Creek Bridge with the length of 360 feet in Pyuntaza Township, Bago Division.
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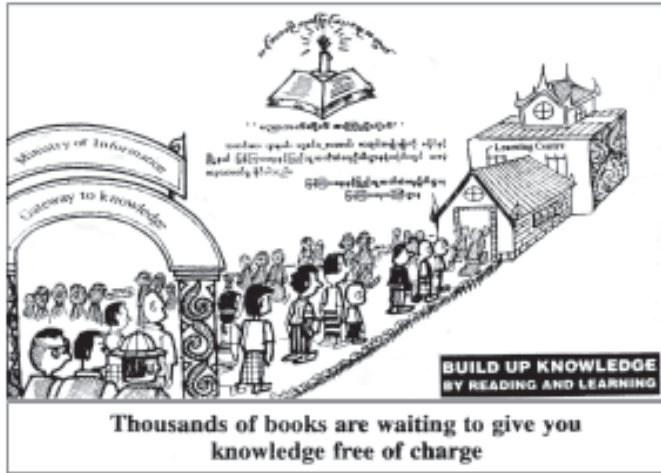
Daka Bridge which was opened on 6 July 2003 on Yangon-Pathayin road is 1400 feet long and has 28 feet wide motorway with 5 feet wide pedestrian lanes on both sides. — PHOTO: MNA



A ceremony to inaugurate Wakema Bridge constructed by the Bridge Construction Special Group-7 of Public Works, the Ministry of Construction was held in Wakema, Ayeyawady Division, on 5 January 2003. The photo shows an aerial view of 3020 feet long Wakema Bridge.

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Science, Technology University set up in Inner Mongolia

BEIJING, 21 Nov—A university of science and technology was set up Tuesday in Baotou, north China's Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region, the largest higher education institution in the region.

The Inner Mongolian University of Science and Technology is the merger of the Baotou Iron and Steel Colleges, Baotou Medical College and Baotou Teachers College, all established in the region more than 40

Electronic technology boosts China's banking system

BEIJING, 21 Nov—China's banking system has seen rapid progress since China launched a project 10 years ago to promote use of credit cards. Zhang Qi, director of electronic and information products division of the Ministry of Information Industry (MII), spoke at a ceremony on Tuesday marking the 10th anniversary of the project, adding that the project has boosted the nation-wide banking business and service, the application of IC technology and the electronic and information industry.

She said China first issued credit cards in 1986, and by the end of 1993, there were only four million cards issued by state-owned commercial banks. However, by the end of this June, China had issued 569 million bank cards with deposits totalling 994.1 billion yuan (120 billion US dollars) through 91 financial institutes. About 200,000 Chinese shops, restaurants and hotels accept credit cards.—MNA/Xinhua

years ago.

The university is equipped with the latest teaching and laboratory facilities, a modern computer centre and libraries housing 1.25 million books.

MNA/Xinhua

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China, Russia to honour commitments on oil pipeline

BEIJING, 21 Nov—China and Russia will honour their commitments on the construction of the oil pipeline between the two countries, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao here Tuesday.

The cooperation in the oil sector, consistent with the

economic development of the two countries, was the most important part of bilateral economic and energy cooperation, said Liu.

He said that when Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao met with his counterpart Mikhail Kasyanov this September, China and Russia chose to

continue to implement their cooperation in the energy field, boost cooperation between companies in oil pipeline construction, oil field exploitation, and oil and natural gas exports to China according to the joint declaration signed on 27 May.

MNA/Xinhua

Toilet organization seeks to be a flushing success

SINGAPORE, 21 Nov—Flushed with the success of making the island's lavatories amongst the cleanest in the world, a Singapore-based organization marked "World Toilet Day" on Wednesday with a call for more hygiene in public facilities.

"What we are trying to do is break the taboo over toilets," said Jack Sim, a founding member of the non-profit World Toilet Organization.

"Everybody talks about what goes into the body and no one talks about what comes

out," he said.

The two-year-old World Toilet Organization, which aims to raise global awareness of toilet and sanitation standards, marked its annual World Toilet Day with a call for people to speak out against poorly designed or filthy latrines.

The group is collecting tips ahead of a World Toilet Summit to be held in Beijing next year. The group—whose members include the British Toilet Association and 17 other similar organizations from 13 countries — has a

top-10 list of latrine essentials that Sim says will lead to "happy people".

The average person, according to the group's web site, visits the toilet 2,500 times a year — meaning you spend nearly three years of your life in the lavatory.

To make the experience more enjoyable, parents should teach children to aim properly, toilet seats should be wiped clean before and after use and flush handles that don't work should be reported.

MNA/Reuters

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Tiger Woods plays off the third tee during the Presidents Cup Golf Tournament at the Fancourt Golf Estate in George, South Africa on 20 November, 2003. The pairing of Woods and Charles Howell III beat Internationals Stuart Appleby of Australia and South's KJ Choi 4 and 3, but the Internationals lead 3-1/2 to 2-1/2 after the first day.

INTERNET

Woods starts Presidents Cup campaign with victory

GEORGE (South Africa), 21 Nov — World number one Tiger Woods started his Presidents Cup campaign with a victory in his foursomes match on Thursday and also managed to win over the partisan South African crowd.

The American pairing of Woods and partner Charles Howell III beat Internationals Stuart Appleby of Australia and South Korea's KJ Choi 4 and 3, but the Internationals lead 3-1/2 to 2-1/2 after the first day.

Woods, 27, improved his win/loss ratio at the Presidents Cup to six and five overall and four and one in foursomes.

In searing heat, massive galleries followed the eight-time major winner over the dusty mounds of the long 7,489-yard, par-73 Links course at Fancourt.

Not even local favourite and world number three Ernie Els, playing ahead of Woods, could draw the same volume of support.

People stood five deep to catch a glimpse of the man who last played in South Africa at the Sun City Challenge in 1998 and frequent cries of "you're the man" and

"great shot Tiger" could be heard from the galleries.

The crowds, who were fervently supporting the Internationals in the other five matches, clearly showed more support for Woods' pairing — the last out.

Woods, despite some loose shots off the tee, notably on the par-four seventh when he went on to a fairway pot bunker and the par-five ninth, produced some vintage play.

On the seventh, after Howell chipped out of the bunker, Woods turned to him and said, "Sorry Charles... you won't have to putt this one. I promise."

He promptly put his approach from 150 yards to 18 inches, leaving Howell a simple tap in.

On the par-four 10th Woods hit a brilliant second to a foot, after Howell's drive split the fairway, which put the pair two-up.

MNA/Reuters

Mexico held to 0-0 draw by Iceland in Campos farewell

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Nov — Mexico produced another uninspired performance when they were held to a goalless draw by Iceland in a much-criticized friendly on Wednesday night.

Mexican clubs had protested about losing players to the national team only three days before a decisive round of matches which will decide who qualifies for the quarterfinals of the domestic championship.

Scoring chances were few and far between in a lacklustre encounter played in front of around 15,000 people at the stadium usually used by the San Francisco Giants baseball team.

The match was a farewell for flamboyant former national team goalkeeper Jorge Campos, famous for wearing outrageous

luminous kits.

Campos, who played in the 1994 and 1998 World Cups, came on as a 64th minute substitute — but played as a striker rather than in his more familiar position.

Mexico have played three games since winning the CONCACAF Gold Cup, losing the other two to Peru and Uruguay.

They finished the year under Argentine coach Ricardo Lavolpe with a record of five wins, six draws and four defeats in 15 matches.

MNA/Reuters

Flying Dutchman Sneijder reveals Netherlands joy

AMSTERDAM, 21 Nov — Dutch teenager Wesley Sneijder was walking on air on Thursday after helping the Netherlands to qualify for Euro 2004 with a 6-0 demolition of Scotland.

The 19-year-old scored the opening goal and set up three more as the Dutch overturned a 1-0 playoff first leg deficit in style on Wednesday in front of their own fans to secure a place at next year's finals in Portugal.

The Dutch squad refused to talk to the media after their win following reports, denied by the Dutch FA, that some of them had been partying after their 1-0 first leg defeat in Glasgow on Saturday. — MNA/Reuters

GENERAL INTEREST

Skin cancer rate doubles in two decades in Australia

CANBERRA, 21 Nov — The number of Australians treated for the most common forms of skin cancer has doubled during the past two decades, according to figures released by the Cancer Council of Australia Wednesday. Figures shows that 374,000 Australians over the age of 14 were treated for at least one non-melanoma skin cancer in 2002. This compares with 270,000 in 1995 when the last national non-melanoma survey was done, and 168,000 in 1995 when the first survey was conducted.

The report was released on the occasion of the National Skin Cancer Action Week, an

initiative of the Cancer Council. The report's author, Margaret Staples of the National Cancer Control Initiative, said rates of non-melanoma cancer were higher among men than women and most common in northern parts of Australia. The report said the number of Australians treated for non-melanoma skin cancer in 2002 was more than four times the number of people with all other cancers combined.

Of all cancers, skin cancer is already the most expensive burden on the health system in Australia, costing around 300 million Australian dollars (213 million US dollars) a year to treat. —MNA/Xinhua

US plans to study stillbirths

WASHINGTON, 21 Nov — US Government researchers said on Wednesday they are planning to start counting stillbirths and look into the causes.

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, one of the National Institutes of Health, said it had parcelled out nearly three million US dollars to fund the national research effort.

"Parents who suffer the loss of a foetus are often desperate for information about the cause," Dr Catherine Spong, Chief of NICHD's Pregnancy and Perinatology Branch, said in a statement. "We hope this research will give us better information about stillbirth and its causes."

The Stillbirth Research Collaborative Network will consist of five research centres to collect data and an independent data centre to

collect and analyze statistics. An estimated 26,000 American women have stillbirths every year — defined as the loss of a pregnancy at 20 weeks or more.

"To date, it has been difficult to collect information on stillbirths because the criteria for reporting them vary from state to state, and the issuance of foetal death certificates is not required," the NICHD said in a statement. "The number of reported deaths from stillbirth is equal to that of all infant deaths combined. Some causes of stillbirth are known, such as diabetes or high blood pressure affecting the mother. However, the cause of more than half of all stillbirths is unknown." —MNA/Reuters

Report says US relies on foreign-born scientists

WASHINGTON, 21 Nov — A growing percentage of scientists and engineers in the United States come from other countries, the National Science Board reported on Wednesday.

While saying it was not necessarily alarming to have foreign-born scientists working in the United States, the Board said the government should look at ways to train more citizens in these fields.

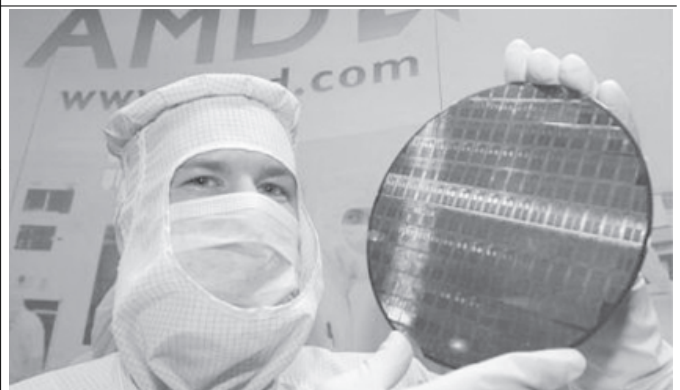
The board, appointed to advise the federal government, used National Science Foundation figures taken from Census estimates of foreign-born workers.

It found that foreign-born workers with bachelor's degrees represented 17 per cent of all science and engineering positions held by people with bachelor's degrees, 29 per cent of master's degree positions and 38

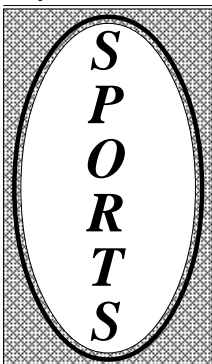
per cent of PhDs.

The NSF said global competition for scientific and engineering expertise was becoming more intense while the number of US-born graduates choosing science, engineering or technology careers was declining.

"These trends provide policymakers with the unusual challenge in the coming years of producing enough talent from pools of both US and foreign-educated professionals to fill the important and growing numbers of positions we expect in critical fields," National Science Board chairman Warren Washington said in a statement. —MNA/Reuters



Technician Thomas Altnickel poses with a 200-mm-wafer after a news conference in the AMD factory, Advanced Micro Devices, in Dresden, eastern Germany, on 20 November, 2003. AMD, based in Sunnyvale, California, a semiconductor producer, announced the new building of a manufacturing facility for 300-millimeter wafer production within the next three years in Dresden. The investment will cost US\$ 2.4 billion (2 billion euros). —INTERNET



SPORTS

Croatia book ticket to Euro 2004 finals

LJUBLJANA, 21 Nov— Ten-man Croatia booked their place in next year's European championship with a 1-0 win in Slovenia in the second leg of their playoff on Wednesday.

Croatia reached the finals in Portugal by 2-1 on aggregate after Saturday's first leg in Zagreb ended in a 1-1 draw.

Monaco striker Dado Prso scored the decisive goal for Croatia on 61 minutes with a shot from 10 metres after Tomislav Sokota had set him up with a pass from the right.

Two minutes earlier Croatia's Igor Tudor was sent off after receiving his second yellow card for a foul on Amir Karic.

The visitors had enjoyed the better start and midfielder Robert Kovac hit the post after just six minutes with a strike from just outside the box.

Slovenia had settled into the match by midway through the first half but it was Croatia who again went close to scoring just before the break when Giovanni Rosso struck a rebound from a corner that cleared the bar by five metres.

Baric said his team's superiority on the right hand side of the pitch and in defence were key to the victory. — MNA/Reuters



Brazil's Ronaldo, who plays for Spain's Real Madrid, center, kicks to score a goal as Uruguay's goalkeeper Gustavo Munua, right, jumps unable to stop him during a 2006 World Cup qualifying game at the Pinheirao Stadium in Curitiba, Brazil, on 19 November, 2003.—INTERNET

Afghanistan lose 11-0 to Turkmenistan in World Cup qualifier

ASHGABAT, 21 Nov— Afghanistan slumped to an 11-0 defeat away to neighbours Turkmenistan as they made their World Cup debut in an Asian zone preliminary qualifier on Wednesday.

About 500 Afghan fans, mostly local residents, were among the crowd of 10,000 in the capital of Turkmenistan, a secretive ex-Soviet state, but they had little to cheer in the first leg.

The match was held in the bizarre surroundings of the Olympic Stadium, named Turkmenbashi or Father of the Turks after President-for-life Saparmurat Niyazov.

Playing under a huge portrait of Niyazov, which took up a large part of the stands, the spirited but inexperienced Afghan side crumbled after conceding two early goals.

A portrait of Niyazov flashed on the electronic

scoreboard each time a goal was scored.

The Afghans were trapped in their own half for most of the match and the home fans in a stadium less than a third full were treated to hat-tricks by Begench Kuliyeu and Rejep Agabayev.

Guvanch Ovekov (2), Nazar Bairamov, Omar Berdeyev and Muslim Agayev got the other goals, while Afghanistan's Basher Ahmad Sahdal was sent off after getting two yellow cards for pushing.

Afghanistan host the second leg in Kabul on Saturday with the winners on aggregate going through to the 32-team Asian preliminary World Cup qualifying competition.

"We'll win 2-0 in Kabul," Afghanistan coach Mohamed Kargar told Reuters ahead of Wednesday's match. — MNA/Reuters

Japan hang on for 0-0 draw with Cameroon

OTTA (Japan), 21 Nov— Japan survived a second-half onslaught by Cameroon to hang on for a 0-0 draw in a friendly on Wednesday, failing to record a second home win in nine attempts under Brazilian coach Zico.

Cameroon striker Jean Makoun was denied a certain goal two minutes into the second half by a superb covering tackle from Keisuke Tsuboi, who slid in bravely to block a point-blank shot.

Japan goalkeeper Seigo Narazaki then produced a scrambling save to keep out a free kick from Geremi Njitap in the 63rd minute and substitute Nana Falemi shaved the post with the follow-up as Cameroon

turned on the pressure.

At the other end, striker Naohiro Takahara brought a low save from goalkeeper Idriss Kameni with a shot on the turn as Japan tried to respond under a closed roof at Oita World Cup Stadium.

But in the 73rd minute, Narazaki was forced to rescue Japan again with a courageous save at the feet of in-rushing substitute Achille Webo after another swift move from the African champions.

Japan had the best chance of a frenetic first half, set up by a neat exchange between Atsushi Yanagisawa and captain Hidetoshi Nakata in the 12th minute.

MNA/Reuters

Late Ronaldo equalizer helps Brazil deny Uruguay

CURITIBA (Brazil), 21 Nov— An 87th-minute equalizer by Ronaldo helped Brazil salvage a 3-3 draw at home to Uruguay after throwing away a two-goal lead in Wednesday's World Cup qualifier.

The world champions ripped Uruguay to shreds in the first half, going 2-0 up after 29 minutes through Kaka and Ronaldo and also missing a hatful of chances.

Uruguay, apparently down and out, hit back to lead 3-2 as Manchester United striker Diego Forlan scored twice and Arsenal's Gilberto Silva headed a bizarre own goal.

But the home team were saved from their first-ever home defeat in a World Cup qualifier when Ze Roberto set Ronaldo free and the Real Madrid striker scored his second goal of the game with an angled shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Brazil, the only country to have played at every World Cup finals, have eight points from four matches in the South American group, while Uruguay have seven.

Uruguay coach Juan Ramon Carrasco stunned his compatriots by making five changes to the team which beat Chile 2-1 on Saturday.

His other surprises included picking three strikers and dropping top scorer Javier Chevanton. After half an hour, it seemed that Carrasco's gamble had backfired.

Ronaldo, Rivaldo and Kaka produced dazzling form as Brazil sliced through the Uruguay defence almost at will.

Brazil went ahead after 20 minutes, Kaka bundling the ball home from a Ronaldo cross.

Ronaldo, who had earlier hit the post, added the second goal nine minutes later. He latched on to a Ze Roberto pass, flicked the ball past goalkeeper Gustavo Munua with his shoulder and scored into the empty net for his 50th international strike.

But the match changed when Uruguay inspiration Alvaro Recoba, who has been troubled by a hamstring problem, came on in the second half along with Chevanton.

The visitors reduced the arrears in the 57th minute when Roque Junior's clearance hit Chevanton and rebounded at the feet of Forlan, who volleyed home.

Forlan took advantage of slack defending when he equalized with a close-range header in the 76th minute. Three minutes later, Gilberto Silva, under no pressure, deflected a harmless Recoba free kick into his own net.

MNA/Reuters

Colombia hold Argentina despite bizarre World Cup goal

BARRANQUILLA (Colombia), 21 Nov— Colombia held Argentina to a 1-1 draw on Wednesday, picking up their first point in the World Cup qualifiers despite gifting the visitors a first-half lead.

Colombia, who lost their opening three games, could not believe their bad luck when Hernan Crespo put Argentina ahead in the 28th minute following an unusual mix-up in the home defence.

Turkish-based goalkeeper Oscar Cordoba attempted to take a quick goal kick but his clearance struck a teammate on the back of the head and rebounded straight to Crespo.

The Chelsea striker, on the edge of the penalty area, put the ball into the net with Cordoba desperately trying to regain his ground.

Aston Villa's Juan Pablo Angel, though, equalized for Colombia when he flicked in a David Montoya corner three minutes into the second half.

Colombia stayed bottom of the South American qualifying group with one point from four games while Argentina moved into second place with eight points, ahead

of Brazil on goal difference.

It was not immediately clear whether the result would be enough to save Colombia coach Francisco Maturana.

Officials said earlier in the week that Maturana was set to resign.

Colombia produced a vastly improved performance compared with Saturday's shock home defeat by Venezuela, especially after lively striker Eulalio Arriaga came on at halftime.

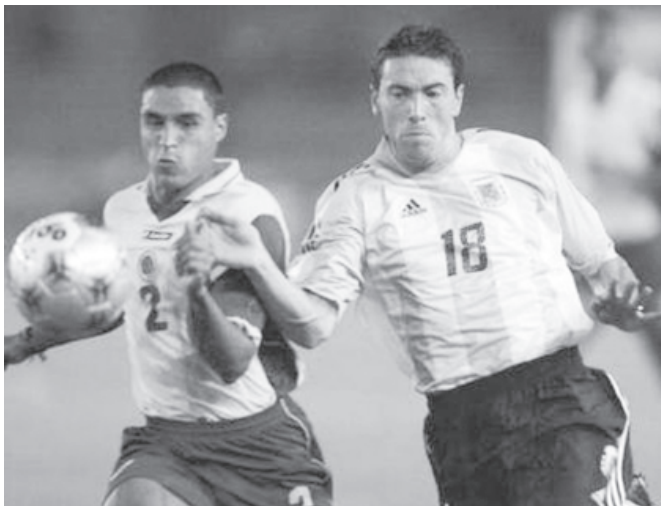
Argentina coach Marcelo Bielsa surprisingly left midfielders Juan Sebastian Veron and Andres d'Alessandro on the bench at the start but both players joined the fray in the second half.

Colombia's equalizer led to a hotly-contested second period with several flying tackles and bad-tempered exchanges.

The home team went close to snatching a winner when Argentina goalkeeper Pablo Cavallero stopped a Freddy Grisales shot and then fisted an Angel drive over the crossbar.

But Veron also had a shot blocked by a defender at the other end.

MNA/Reuters



Argentine Cristian Gonzalez (R) and Colombian Ivan Ramiro Cordoba battle for the ball during their qualifying match for World Cup Germany 2006 in Barranquilla, Colombia, on 19 November, 2003. The game ended tied at 1-1.—INTERNET

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**22-11-2003 (Saturday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greetings
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 ASEAN Food Festival
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes
(Short-headed Fish
with Roasted Rice
Soup)
- 9:15** **National News**
9:20 IT Education Promo-
tion Trip to Ayeyaw-
ady Division
- 9:30** **National News**
9:35 A Gift to Mark a visit
to Myitkyina
(Kachin-Snack)
- 9:40 Song "Magnificent
Darka Bridge"
- 9:45** **National News**
9:50 Telefood Project in
Myanmar
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**22-11-2003 (Saturday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma"

**Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"**

- 15:36 ASEAN Food Festival
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes
(Short-headed Fish
with Roasted Rice
Soup)
- 15:45** **National News**
15:50 IT Education Promo-
tion Trip to Ayeyaw-
ady Division
- 15:55 Sound of the harp
attracting Love
- 16:00** **National News**
16:05 A Gift to Mark a visit
to Myitkyina
(Kachin-Snack)
- 16:10 Song "Magnificent
Darka Bridge"
- 16:15** **National News**
16:20 Telefood Project in
Myanmar
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 16:30** **National News**
16:35 Three Dimensional
Gems Studded Painting
- 16:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Potato Pudding"
- 16:45** **National News**
16:50 Myanmar Movies
Impact "Luck Gift"
- 17:00** **Weekly News
Highlights**
17:05 Women with Remark-
able Necks
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Let's go of me"
- 17:12 Kayin Traditional
Weaving Industry
- 17:15** **Weekly News
Highlights**
17:20 National Races Village
(Shan & Bamar)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic

**Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"**

- 22-11-2003 (Saturday)
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 "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Myanmar Traditional
Tamarind Juice
- 19:40** **Headline News**
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Loach Fish
Curry in oil)
- 19:45** **National News**
19:50 Putao Surrounded by
Natural Scenic Beauty
- 19:55 Shutaing Thaswa
Nandar Kan Ahla
- 20:00** **National News**
20:05 Thanakha, a Myanmar
Cosmetic
- 20:10 Song "Ngwe Hsaung
Beach Resort"
- 20:15** **National News**
20:20 Traditional Food of the
Region Myeik
- 20:25 Song
"Golden Shangaing"
- 20:30** **National News**
20:35 Prospective Ostrich
Farming
- 20:40 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes
(Tenderized Eggplant)
- 20:45** **National News**
20:50 The Source of the
River Ayeyawady
- 20:55 Kayin Dance
(Ton Pana (or) Kywe
Min Don Dance)
- 21:00** **National News**
21:05 Myanma Green Tea
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern

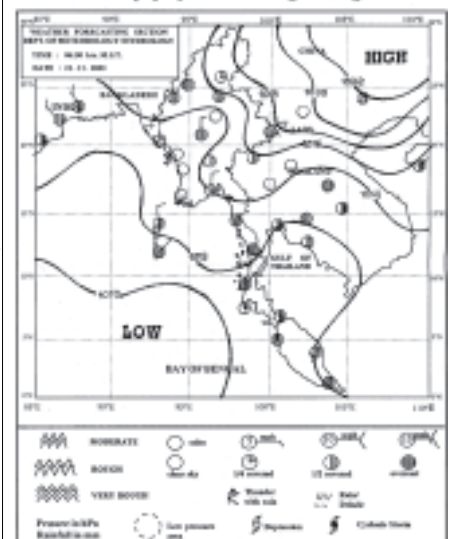
- Song
"Golden Myanmar
Golden Welcome"
- 21:15** **Weekly News
Highlights**
21:20 National Races Village
(Chin, Mon, Rakhine)
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
- 21:35 ASEAN Food Festival
21:40 **Headline News**
21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes
(Short-headed Fish
with Roasted Rice
Soup)
- 21:45** **National News**
21:50 IT Education Promo-
tion Trip to
Ayeyawady Division
- 21:55 Sound of the harp
attracting Love
- 22:00** **National News**
22:05 A Gift to Mark a visit
to Myitkyina
(Kachin-Snack)
- 22:10 Song "Magnificent
Darka Bridge"
- 22:15** **National News**
22:20 Telefood Project in
Myanmar
- 22:25 Song "Smoke of
Sorrow (Lwan Ngwe
Wai Wai)"
- 22:30** **National News**
22:35 Three Dimensional
Gems Studded Paint-
ing
- 22:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Potato Pudding"
- 22:45** **National News**
22:50 Myanmar Movies
Impact
- 23:00** **National News**
23:05 Women with Remark-
able Necks

- 23:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Let go of me"
- 23:12 Kayin Traditional
Weaving Industry
- 23:15** **Weekly News
Highlights**
23:20 National Races Village
(Shan & Bamar)
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**22-11-2003 (Saturday) &
23-11-2003 (Sunday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 01:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
- 23:36 ASEAN Food Festival
23:40 **Headline News**
23:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes
(Short-headed Fish
with Roasted Rice
Soup)
- 23:45** **National News**
23:50 IT Education Promo-
tion Trip to
Ayeyawady Division
- 23:55 Sound of the harp
attracting Love

- 24:00** **National News**
00:05 A Gift to Mark a visit
to Myitkyina
(Kachin-Snack)
- 00:10 Song "Magnificent
Darka Bridge"
- 00:15** **National News**
00:20 Telefood Project in
Myanmar
- 00:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 00:30** **National News**
00:35 Three Dimensional
Gems Studded Paint-
ing
- 00:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Potato Pudding"
- 00:45** **National News**
00:50 Myanmar Movies
Impact
- 01:10** **Weekly News
Highlights**
01:05 Women with Remark-
able Necks
- 01:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Let go of me"
- 01:12 Kayin Traditional
Weaving Industry
- 01:15** **Weekly News
Highlights**
01:20 National Races Village
(Shan & Bamar)
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas
**WEATHER**

Friday, 21 November, 2003

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

Maximum temperature on 20-11-2003 was 34.0°C (93°F). Minimum temperature on 21-11-2003 was 16.0°C (61°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 21-11-2003 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 20-11-2003 was (8.8) hours approx. Rain-fall on 21-11-2003 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 6 mph from Northwest at (18:30) hours MST on 20-11-2003.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the Southwest Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 22-11-2003:** Weather will be fine in the whole country. **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of night temperatures decreasing are likely in the whole country. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-11-2003:** Fine weather. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-11-2003:** Fair weather.



Saturday, November 22

View today:

- 7:00 am**
1. ဂေဟဗေဒနှင့် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်
ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော် သံဃမဟာ
နာယကအရှေ့အထူးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊
အဘိဓမ္မာပတ်စပို့၊ အဘိဓမ္မာ
မဟာသုဗ္ဗမဟာဝိသုဒ္ဓိ၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မ
ဓမ္မာနုပတ္တိ၊ ဆရာတော်ဘုရား
ဝိမ္ဗိယသုတေသနပညာရပ်တော်
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. Delicacies
- 8:05 am**
6. အရေးကြီးသော
8:15 am
7. သမ္မတနိုင်ငံတော်နေ့လှည့်ကဏ္ဍ
8:30 am
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am**
3. News
11:40 am
4. Games for children
12:05 pm
5. Roundup of the week's
TV local news
1:25 pm
6. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"အချစ်သံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
1:50 pm
7. ထုတ်ပြန်ကြေညာရေးဌာန
ဓမ္မနုပတ္တိ
2:00 pm
8. "တစ်ခုခုပြောသွားရင်အကြောင်း"
သုတေသန၊ သွားသွား၊ ရန်ပိုင်စိုး၊
ပြန်ပြန်စိုး၊ ရတနာစင်
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)
2:35 pm
9. Dance of national races
2:45 pm
10. International news
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. English for Everyday Use
4:45 pm
4. တေးသရုပ်ဆောင်အစီအစဉ်
5:00 pm
5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသင်တန်းလုပ်ငန်း
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်တန်းစာ
- ပထမအပိုင်း (သိပ္ပံအထူးပြု
အားလုံး) (ရုပ်စေ့)
5:15 pm
6. Dance variety

- 5:30 pm**
7. Musical programme
5:40 pm
8. နာမည်တော်သံသရာ
5:50 pm
9. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"အချစ်သံသရာ"
6:00 pm
10. Musical programme
6:10 pm
11. (၂၂)ကြိမ်ပြောဆိုနေသော
အရှေ့အာရှစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ
ပြန်ပြန်စိုး (ရုပ်စေ့)
6:20 pm
12. Delicacies
6:30 pm
13. Evening news
7:00 pm
14. Weather report
7:05 pm
15. Discovery
7:20 pm
16. Musical programme
7:35 pm
17. တေးသံ (အပိုင်း-၂)
8:00 pm
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. လောကဓာတ် (၅)
"လောကဓာတ်အစီအစဉ်"
ချိန်စက်ကြည့်ကပ်အစီအစဉ်
ပိုင်စိုးထွန်း၊ စည်သူထွန်း၊
လင်းစာရည်စော်၊ စင်စည်ထွန်း
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်စော်)
22. The next day's
programme



Saturday, November 22

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
9.05 am Music
9.10 am International news
9.15 am Music (Spotlight on
the star)
- Selenia
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Music at your request
- Tell me how to make
you smile
(Aeron Carter)
- Love is strange
(Kenny Rogers +
Dolly Parton)
- We love to love
(PM Simpson +
Double Key)
9.00 pm ASEAN review
- Exchanged news
Article/Music
9.10 pm Myanmar Culture by
Dr Khin Maung
Nyunt
- Collecting old books
on Myanmar
9.30 pm Souvenirs
- Learning about love
Brenda Lee
- Vocation
Connie Francis
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL



Patron of the USDA Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets representatives from the State, Division, District and Township USDAs and officials attending the Annual General Meeting 2003 of USDA at the dinner. —MNA

Senior General Than Shwe hosts dinner in honour of USDA representatives to 2003 AGM

YANGON, 21 NOV—Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe hosted a dinner in honour of the representatives from state/division/district/township Union Solidarity and Development Associations who attended the Annual General Meeting 2003 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association at the Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta here this evening.

On arrival at the venue at 6.45 pm, Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Senior General Than Shwe greeted the secretaries of state and division USDAs, the representatives from state/division/district/township USDAs, outstanding

students who ranked position 1 to 10 in the 2003 matriculation exam, outstanding students who stood first in science and arts combinations state/division-wise

in the 2003 matriculation exam, those who won five gold medals and above in the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts (See page 9)



Senior General Than Shwe attends...

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Convening Commission, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers, the directors-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President's Office, the Govern-

ment's Office and the Pyithu Hluttaw, the rector of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi), advisers to the State Peace and Development Council Office, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises, chairmen of work committees and subcommittees for USDA Annual General Meeting 2003, media men, the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Myanmar Women Sports Federation, the Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, the Myanmar Dramatists Asiayon, the Myanmar Music Asiayon, the Myanmar Motion Pictures Asiayon, the Myanmar Floriculturists Association, the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs

Association, the Myanmar Hoteliers Association, the Myanmar Fisheries Federation, secretaries and representatives of USDAs from states and divisions, outstanding youths of 2003 and guests.

At the meeting, Daw Su Thida, executive of Pruhsod USDA of Kayah State acted as master of ceremonies with Daw Lin Lin Thant, executive of Nyaunglaybin Township USDA of Bago Division (East) as co-master of ceremonies.

At first, the master of ceremonies declared the third day session of the meeting open with the permission of the USDA Patron, who later addressed the meeting.

Next, U Htay Oo, Secretary-General of USDA, presented prizes to students who stood first to tenth with science combination in the entire Myanmar.

The outstanding students were Maung Sai Kham Soe Leik of No 1 BEHS, Aungmye-thasan, Mandalay

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives President Mr Christophe de Margerie of TOTAL SA Exploration and Production

YANGON, 21 NOV — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt of the Union of Myanmar received President Mr Christophe de Margerie of TOTAL S A Exploration

and Production and party at Zayethiri Beikman, Konmyinthta at 4 pm today.

Present at the call together with the Prime Minister were Minister for For-

eign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet. — MNA



Division, who stood second in the entire Myanmar and first in Mandalay Division; Maung Saw Htut of No 2 BEHS, Kamayut, Yangon Division, who stood second in the entire Myanmar; Ma Soe Wai Wai of PhaungdawU Affiliated BEHS, Aungmye-thasan, Mandalay Division; Maung Saw Al Pho Htoo of No 4 BEHS, Taunggyi, Shan State (South), who stood third in the entire Myanmar and first in Shan State (South); Ma Zin Ma Naing of No 8 BEHS, Mawlamyine, Mon State, who stood fourth in the entire Myanmar and first in Mon State; Ma Khine Swe Shan of No 2 BEHS, (See page 7)

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