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## Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and A&I Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin attend concluding ceremony of Tatmadaw Agricultural Course

YANGON, 25 Nov — Jointly organized by Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, concluding ceremony of the No 49 Tatmadaw Agricultural Course was held at Myanma Paddy Research Department of Myanma Agriculture Service, Hmawby, Yangon North District this morning. Present on the occasion

directors-general, managing directors, senior military officers of Hmawby Station, course instructors and altogether 161 trainees of Defence Services (Army).

A&I Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin made a speech on the occasion.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented prizes to outstanding trainees and completion certi-

digging the 6,400-foot main canal of Kankalay river-water pumping project which is irrigating 5,000 acres of land to grow double crops.

After that, the minister gave instructions on water supply for cultivation of summer paddy, systematic digging, durability of canals, water supply for Hmawby Paddy Research Department and Hlapada paddy planta-

with the use of harvesters and gave instructions on concerning the sales of crops to the farmers.

Next, the minister and party viewed sugarcane conducted by Fortune International Co Ltd's sugarcane plantation. The minister also inspected plantations of Fortune International limited.

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Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin inspects the harvest of sugarcane in Taikkyi Township. — A&I

were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin,

cates to trainees leaders.

Afterwards, A&I Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin and party inspected Kankalay river-water pumping project. The minister heard reports on

tions.

Later, the minister and party comprising the peasants and staff of Agricultural Mechanization Department viewed paddy harvesting

## Triangle Region Command Commander inspects regional development in Kengtung

YANGON, 25 Nov — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, accompanied by officials, went to Wanlin model village, Kengtung Township, on 22 November morning. At the library of the village, the commander heard reports on measures being taken for Wanlin village to become a model one presented by Kengtung District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Kyaw Min and officials. The commander gave necessary instructions.

Next, the commander inspected Wanlin village clinic and delivery room, roads in the village and tube-wells dug in houses for sufficient water supply

and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the commander proceeded to Kengtung Government Technological College. At the briefing hall, he heard reports on construction tasks for the college presented by U Sai Tint Aung of Naungton Construction Company and Engineer U Thein Aung and attended to the needs.

At the brick factory of the command, the commander inspected production of bricks. Lt-Col Khin Maung Myint explained about the production of bricks. The commander gave instructions on production of high quality bricks, minimizing loss and wastage and worksite safety.

It is known that the

brick factory can produce 5,000 bricks per hour by using coal. 30 tons of coal have to be used to get 100,000 bricks.

Next, the commander arrived at the construction site of Kengtung Government Computer College. At the briefing hall, he heard reports on educational matters presented by Principal Daw Khin Sandi Bo and construction of the main building of the college by Engineer U Win Tin. And then, he viewed round the building.

After inspecting the roads in Kengtung, he gave instructions to officials on taking measures for the buildings so that Kengtung possesses characteristics of a major town, greening of roads and extension of roads.

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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

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## Bicycle factory inspected in Mingala Taungnyunt Township

YANGON, 25 Nov — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, together with Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Thein Tun and Brig-Gen Kyaw Win, inspected the bicycle factory (Yangon) at the Myanma General and Maintenance Industries in Sathsan Ward, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, this morning.

At the factory, the minis-

ter looked into the production of bicycle frames, rims and its accessories. He also inspected trishaws innovated by the factory, and Maung Myanmar bicycles.

Next, the minister and the deputy ministers oversaw Maung Myanmar bicycles and baby bicycles displayed at the factory.

The minister also in-

spected the measures being taken for extension of the factory, and finished goods warehouses. After inspecting the production of trishaws, the minister gave instructions to officials.

He also inspected Myangonmyint Garment Factory and left necessary instructions.

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Minister U Aung Thaung inspects the bicycle factory (Yangon) in Mingala Taungnyunt Township. — INDUSTRY-1

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 26 November, 2003

### To realize the national goal

The Annual General Meeting 2003 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association which was held from 19 to 21 November at the Central Training School in Hmawby Township successfully concluded.

The USDA was formed on 15 September 1993 with the strength of new generation youths and now it is more than ten years. In other words, participation of the association as a national force in endeavours for building the nation to become a peaceful, modern and developed one has been over ten years. Delegates to the meeting participated in the seminars and group discussions of the meeting. They discussed matters relating to organizational, administrative, economic, social and cultural and educational sectors as well as participation of the association in successful implementation of the seven-point policy programme of the State and the future tasks.

At the Annual General Meeting 2003 of USDA, two resolutions were passed, one approval made and two matters put on record.

The seven future work programmes laid down at the meeting were as follows:

- The USDA members upholding Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty—are to build a peaceful modern and developed nation.
- The USDA members are to adopt the 12 political, economic and social objectives laid down for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation which is the goal of the State as the policy of the association.
- The USDA members are to ensure the active participation of the entire national people by doing their bit with Union Spirit for successful realization of the seven-point political roadmap of the State in accord with the resolution of Bagan Mass Rally held on 21 October 2003.
- As peace and stability of the State, strong economy of the State and the people and high standard of the national education are the basic requirements, the USDA members are to actively participate in successful realization of the requirements.
- USDA members are to participate in the third short-term five-year project and the five rural development tasks in the respective role.
- The USDA members are to fully engage in the organizational work by enhancing the four capabilities of the association.
- The USDA members are to adopt the guidance of the USDA Patron as their work guidelines.

Members of the USDA are therefore urged to actively participate in endeavours for building the nation to become a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the national goal.

### Holding of Myanmar Rice Milling Industry Exhibition 2004 coordinated

YANGON, 25 Nov—The second coordination meeting for organizing the Myanmar Rice Milling Industry Exhibition 2004 with the sponsorship of the Ministry of Commerce and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry was held at the meeting hall-1 of the ministry this morning with an address by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone.

Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the exhibition Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone made an opening speech on the occasion.

Vice-Chairman of

the Leading Committee Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun also delivered an address.

Afterwards, Secretary of the Leading Committee Managing Director of the Myanmar Agricultural Production Trading U Min Hla Aung reported on arrangements being made committee-wise for organizing the exhibition.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

The Myanmar Rice Milling Industry Exhibition 2004 will be held in January 2004 at Yangon Trade Centre on upper Pazundaung Road, Yangon. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Indian film director Mr Shyam Benegal and party. — MNA

### Information Minister receives Indian film director

YANGON, 25 Nov—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received film director Mr Shyam Benegal and party of the Republic of India, at his office on Theinbyu Road here this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Myanmar Radio and Television Director-General U Khin Maung Htay, Information and Public Relations Department Director-Gen-

eral U Chit Naing, News and Periodicals Enterprise Managing Director U Tin Kha, Printing and Publishing Enterprise Managing Director U Myint Thein, Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise Managing Director U Bo

Kyi, the New Light of Myanmar daily Chief Editor U Maung Maung Aye, Head of Office Maj Ye Tint, officials and Counsellor Mr Rahul Kulshreshtha of the Embassy of India.

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### Badminton coaching course concludes

YANGON, 25 Nov—The badminton coaching course, jointly conducted by the International Olympic Committee and the Myanmar Olympic Committee under the programme of the IOC, concluded at the National Sports Training Camp (Thuwunna) this afternoon.

Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Chairman of the MOC and Minister for Sports, spoke on the occasion and presented course completion certificates to the trainees.

Also present on the occasion were responsible personnel from the ministry, members of the panel of patrons of the Myanmar Badminton Federation, the chairman and executives, and guests.



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents a course completion certificate to a trainee at the concluding of badminton coaching course. — MNA

After the speech delivered by Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, course instructor of the International Sports Federation Mr Venugopal Mahalingam extended greet-

ings. The ceremony ended after the minister had presented course completion certificates. A total of 22 trainees attended the course, which was opened on 13 No-

vember.

In the evening, the MBF hosted a dinner in honour of the trainees and course instructors as well as officials at Karaweik Hall. — NLM

### Fourth leg of Myanmar Golf Tour 2003 opens



YANGON, 25 Nov—The opening of the fourth leg of Myanmar Golf Tour 2003 of the Myanmar PGA and MGF President's trophy organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation, took place at Hanthawaddy Golf and Country Club in Bago Division this morning.

Golfers took position

at 10th tee and MGF President Maj-Gen Win Hlaing, Brand Development Manager U Min Ta La Nyan of Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd, Bago Division Police Col Thein Kyi and Director Lt-Col Lay Myint (Retd) of Hanthawaddy Golf and Country Club formally opened the tour.

After the first round, at the professional level event, Zaw Zaw Latt (Pan-West) led the tour with 68 strokes, followed by Soe Kyaw Naing (Pan-West) with 70, and Aung Win (YCDC) and Myint Swe (Wilson) 71 each.

At the amateur level

event, Zaw Zin Win and Aung Aung Kyaw shared the first position with 72 strokes each. Runners-up were Nay Bala Win Myint with 73, and Thein Zaw Myint, Yin Aung Latt and Myo Min Aung with 74 each.

Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Co Ltd mainly sponsored the tour together with Air Mandalay,

Grand Slam (Munsing Wear), Loi-Hein (Alpine), KM Golf Centre, Maruman and Wilson, Canon, and UPG. Sun Far Travels and Tour, Pan-West and Eastern Pro Enterprise Ltd will present hole-in-one prizes. Han Golf Event Management took responsibilities to hold the tour, which continues tomorrow. — MNA



MGF President Maj-Gen Win Hlaing tees off at the opening of fourth leg golf tournament. — MGF

### Talk on diabetes treatment to be held

YANGON, 25 Nov—Under the constant medical studies programme, Professor Dr Khin Ye Myint will give a lecture on "Management of Diabetes Mellitus for Primary Care Physicians", organized by the

board of medical science of the Myanmar Medical Association (Central), at the Hall-B of the MMA on Theinbyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township at 1 pm on 30 November.

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# US casualty in Iraq sharply rises to 431

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov—As of Monday, Nov 24, 431 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 297 died as a result of hostile action and 134 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, 293 US soldiers have died — 183 as a result of hostile action and 110 of non-hostile causes, according to the Defence Department's figures.

Since the start of military operations, 2,076 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department's figures. Non-hostile injured numbered 348.

The latest death reported by US Central Command:

—A 220th Military Police Brigade soldier died Sunday when his patrol vehicle rolled into a canal near Al Iskandariyah.

The latest identifications reported

by the Department of Defence and National Guard officials:

—Army Pfc Damian S. Bushart, 22, Waterford, Mich.; killed Saturday when a tank collided with his vehicle in Baghdad; assigned to A Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armoured Division; Armstrong Barracks, Germany.

—Army Cpl Gary B Coleman, 24, Pikeville, Ky; killed Friday in Balad when the vehicle he was driving flipped over into a canal; assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion, 68th Armoured Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mech); Fort Carson, Colo.

—Army Spc Joseph L Lister, 22, Pleasanton, Kan.; killed Thursday by an explosive in Ramadi, Iraq; assigned to 1st Battalion, 34th Armoured Regiment, 1st Infantry Division; Fort Riley, Kan.

—Army Staff Sgt Eddie E Menyweather, 35, Los Angeles; killed

Sunday by an explosive in Baqubah; assigned to Company C, 588th Engineer Battalion, 4th Infantry Division (Mech); Fort Hood, Texas.

—Army Spc Rel A Ravago IV, 21, Glendale, Calif; killed Sunday when his vehicle was attacked in Mosul; assigned to 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade 101st Airborne Division; Fort Campbell, Ky.

—Army Cpl Darrell Smith, 28, Otwell, Ind; died Sunday when his Humvee overturned into a canal south of Baghdad; Indiana National Guard 1st Battalion, 152nd Regiment; based in Washington, Ind.

—Army Command Sgt Maj Jerry L Wilson, 45, Thomson, Ga.; killed Sunday when his vehicle was attacked in Mosul; assigned to 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade 101st Airborne Division; Fort Campbell, Ky.—Internet

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## Vajpayee meets Nepali Premier

NEW DELHI, 25 Nov — Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on Monday met his Nepali counterpart Surya Bahadur Thapa and held wide-ranging talks on issues relating to SAARC as well as important bilateral, regional and international matters of mutual interest.

The talks were followed by an informal lunch hosted by Vajpayee for the Nepali Prime Minister who arrived here Sunday on a three-day visit.

Earlier, External Affairs Minister Yashwant Sinha met Thapa at the hotel where the latter is staying. The Nepali leader also called on Vice-President Bhairon Singh Shekhawat.

On his arrival, Thapa said the future of SAARC should be protected. "We want the SAARC summit to take place properly and SAARC should function effectively so that its future is protected," he said.

MNA/PTI



Smoke rises on 24 Nov, 2003 from a pipeline blown up by guerillas north of the oil-refining town of Baiji. Oil officials at the scene said the pipeline had been exposed by an explosion several months ago and they suspected spilled oil nearby had been set ablaze, causing the latest fire.—INTERNET

## Brutal deaths of US soldiers reveal simmering resentment among some in northern city

MOSUL, 25 Nov —The slaying of two US soldiers and the mutilation of their bodies offended some in this neighbourhood of dilapidated houses and potholed streets where the killing occurred. But few Iraqis were shocked by the brutality.

"They are occupiers, and this is their punishment," truck driver Hisham Abed said Monday of the soldiers. "The Americans make nothing but empty promises. There's no electricity, no gasoline and no work."

Gunmen ambushed a US patrol here Monday, wounding one soldier. Nevertheless, Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, has been among the safest areas for American soldiers, a place where US troops could stroll bustling streets and frequent stores and cafes.

Armed attacks have been fewer in Mosul than in the volatile "Sunni Triangle" to the south. Commerce flourishes, and Iraqis feel safe enough to venture out at night to a far greater extent than their countrymen in Baghdad and other cities.

However, anti-American feeling still simmers beneath the surface. It exploded Sunday, when assailants shot two US soldiers driving through the working class neighbourhood of Ras al-Jadda, sending their vehicle crashing into a wall.

An Iraqi mob, most of them teenagers, dragged two bloodied soldiers from the car, threw them to the ground and pummeled their bodies with concrete blocks, according to witnesses, describing a burst of savagery reminiscent of that in Somalia a decade ago.

A few accounts said the soldiers' throats were cut either by the attackers or by the mob. That didn't set well with everyone in Mosul.—Internet

## Chinese office software taps Japanese market

NANJING, 25 Nov—China's Evermore Software Ltd and Japan's Internet Telephone Co, Ltd signed a contract here Sunday to jointly develop the Japanese-language version of EIOffice 2003 for Japan's market.

Information technology analysts consider the cooperation between the two companies a response to frequent virus attacks earlier this year. Under the agreement, Internet Telephone will become the general agent for the Japanese version of the software on the world market.

Internet Telephone's president Shigemasa Shigaki said the EIOffice was a mature product and had greater potential than Microsoft Office, and that was why the Japanese company chose EIOffice instead of MS Office.

Shigaki plans to apply the software in schools first when the Japanese version is ready. The developer of EIOffice 2003, a joint venture between the Wuxi District Economic Development Corporation and American investors, was founded in 2000 and currently employs over 180 software engineers.

The Evermore Integrated Office (EIOffice), the company's flagship product, was released in October last year and the 2003 edition was published in August. Written in Java, the product runs on both Windows and Linux operating systems and is smoothly compatible with MS Office files.

Ni Guangnan, a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and a renowned computer expert, regarded the event as a milestone for the Chinese software industry. He said the deal indicated that Chinese software cannot only replace imported products in the domestic market but also enter the overseas market. The demand to find alternatives for MS Office is growing in Japan as more and more customers complain they have to pay extraordinarily high fees for MS products and endless upgrades while their computers are continually attacked by all kinds of viruses, insiders say.—MNA/Xinhua

## Emporium to be built in major airport of Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 25 Nov—Shanghai Airport Authority is launching a 80 million yuan (about 9.67 million US dollars) project to build China's first international airport emporium in Pudong.

"The emporium, modelled on foreign major airports, is part of the expansion strategy of Pudong Airport," Monday's China Daily quoted Du Chuncai, president of the Shanghai Airport Group as saying.

Du said the huge retail store, built with self-collected funds, is a move towards the city's objective of turning its two airports into an aviation hub in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The emporium, close to Pudong Airport, will cover seven hectares, and be constructed in two phases to provide space for popular Chinese and overseas goods.—MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier aims his rifle at an Iraqi man stopped for a security check following a roadside bomb explosion in Baghdad on 24 November, 2003.

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## Guangdong Province leads nation by export, import

GUANGZHOU, 25 Nov—Guangdong Province, one of China's economic powerhouses, did 227.61 billion US dollars worth of foreign trade in the first 10 months of the year, up 26.3 per cent from the same period last year.

Sources from Guangdong Customs said that the foreign trade volume accounted for 33.4 per cent of the national total.

According to the sources, from January to October, the province exported 121.73 billion US dollars worth of commodities, up 26.1 per cent, and imported 105.88 billion US dollars worth of commodities, up 26.6 per cent.

Overseas-financed businesses and state-owned ventures are key export players in the province.

MNA/Xinhua



## Australian aid group quits Iraq after rocket attack

CANBERRA, 25 Nov— Australian aid group CARE Australia has become the latest international non-government organization to pull its foreign staff out of Iraq following a rocket attack on its Baghdad headquarters and death threats.

The move comes amid a mass exodus of foreign aid workers from Iraq to escape a wave of suicide attacks and lawlessness, leaving Iraqi staff to try to run humanitarian programmes.

A suicide truck bomb killed 22 people at the United Nations' Baghdad headquarters in August and 12 people died when the International Committee of the Red Cross was bombed last month.

Many of the non-government organisations are now considering their options because it's become a very difficult place to be," CARE Australia's chief executive Robert Glasser told Reuters.

Glasser said three rocket propelled grenades were fired at CARE's Baghdad office at midnight last Friday,

with one missing the target but two hitting the roof and causing minor damage.

After the attack, CARE received a written death threat from a group calling itself the Iraqi Resistance, warning that it would attack the organization's offices and staff again.

The threat was reported to have warned the "deadline for all such places, hotels, houses, oil companies will be the third and last day of Eid" referring to the feast that ends the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and starts in most Gulf states on November 25.

Glasser said CARE's six foreign staff had been withdrawn from Iraq and moved to neighbouring Jordan, while CARE had closed its Baghdad office for a week, telling 70 local staff to stay

home.

"The attack happened at midnight when the building was empty so fortunately no one was injured, but it was a very serious attack and we have to put the safety and security of our staff first," said Glasser.

"The office is now closed for a week, but we are considering all options, which could mean reducing our operations there or possibly suspending them."

CARE's withdrawal follows similar moves by the United Nations, Red Cross, Oxfam, Save the Children, Caritas, and Medecins Sans Frontieres who have withdrawn most foreign staff from Baghdad and slashed numbers elsewhere in Iraq.

Internet

## IGC president says visits to Iran, Turkey successful

BAGHDAD, 25 Nov— Jalal Talabani, current president of the interim Iraqi Governing Council (IGC), said that his recent visits to Iran and Turkey were very successful.

Iraq and Iran had "agreed on a number of protocols in the fields of economy, borders, housing, transport and oil, and there were no differences in any of these subjects," he told a Press conference.

He added that "Iran showed readiness to take part in constructing new Iraq and in helping us fight the

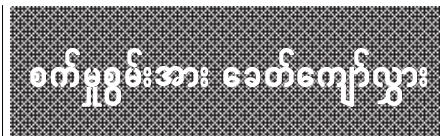
terrorist movement that Iraqis are suffering."

Talabani noted that Iran was the first country that recognized the IGC and sent a delegation for congratulations and "they blessed the last agreement between the IGC and the coalition forces for transferring sovereignty to Iraqis".

As for his trip to Turkey, Talabani said that the visit was also satisfactory.

"The meeting with (Turkish Prime Minister) Rajab Tayyip Erdogan was successful and we managed to overcome the hardships of Iraq-Turkey relations, removed vagueness on a number of issues," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Protesters carry a placard and banner while marching in a street during an anti-US protest and against the possible dispatch of Japan's own troops to Iraq in downtown Tokyo. —INTERNET

## Annan calls on industrialized nations to end tariffs, subsidies

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Nov— United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has called on industrialized countries to lift the tariffs and subsidies that lock poor countries into poverty by reducing their ability to trade manufactured goods.

"I call again for an end to the subsidies and tariffs that are stifling the ability of poor countries to compete fairly in the international trading system and trade their way out of poverty," he said in a statement marking Africa Industrialization Day.

African countries, he said, need to move away from long-standing trading patterns of depending excessively on exports of raw materials and semi-processed goods and the traditional comparative advantages of raw materials and unskilled labour.

Stressing the need for greater emphasis

on higher-value-added products and specialization, he said, "Industrialization makes a varied and valuable contribution to the alleviation of poverty. It raises productivity, creates employment, reduces exposure to risk, enhances the income-generating assets of the poor and helps to diversify exports."

Improving the competitiveness and effectiveness of African industries depends on a context of dynamic, stable economies, solid export bases, steady investment flows and, "above all, political stability", Annan said.

MNA/PTI



Iraqi civilians cross the Tigris river by boat on Sunday in Baghdad. Traffic jams are very common on Baghdad roads, so river transport is an alternative.

INTERNET

## US helicopter crashes in Afghanistan, 5 killed

KABUL, 25 Nov— A US military helicopter crashed on Sunday near the American military headquarters in Afghanistan, killing five personnel and injuring seven, the US Central Command said.

"The cause of the crash is unknown and under military investigation," a statement from Central Command said. The helicopter crashed near Bagram Air Base and the troops on board were involved in the latest US operation in Afghanistan, dubbed "Mountain Resolve", it said.

Bagram Air Base, just north of the Afghan capital, is the headquarters for 11,500 US-led troops hunting remnants of the Taliban and al-Qaeda network in Afghanistan. Another 5,000 international peacekeepers guard Kabul.

The crash came after two soldiers from the US-led force in Afghanistan were wounded on Sunday when their vehicle hit an explosive device near Shkin, a base close to the Pakistan border.

A statement from the US military said there were reporters at the scene, although none were "seriously injured".

Shkin has been a major trouble spot for

the US-led force, with troops coming under frequent and occasionally deadly attack from suspected militants from Afghanistan's ousted Taliban militia and the al-Qaeda network it sheltered.

Two years after US forces toppled the Taliban, al-Qaeda fighters remain active along the Afghan-Pakistan frontier and the Taliban is regrouping. Nearly 400 people, including many rebels, have died in violence across the country since early August, much of it blamed on the ousted militia.

Afghan officials have called on Pakistan to do more to clamp down on Islamic militants on its territory, but Pakistan says it is doing all it can with the means at its disposal.

The supreme leader of the ousted Taliban, Mullah Mohammad Omar, urged Afghans to unite against US-led foreign forces on their soil, a Pakistan-based Afghan news service reported on Sunday.

MNA/Reuters

## UN may cut foreign staff in Afghan south, east

KABUL, 25 Nov— The United Nations is looking at ways of reducing international staff levels in the south, southeast and east of the country after a series of attacks on aid workers, a spokesman said on Sunday.

All road missions in those areas have been stopped and international staff from the UN refugee agency have been withdrawn to Kabul.

Earlier this month, a car bomb went off outside the UN offices in the southern city of Kandahar, injuring three people, and a few days afterwards a French UN refugee worker was killed in the town of Ghazni.

"We are looking at reducing operations," UN spokesman David Singh said. "We are assessing reducing staff in the south and southeast and east," he told a news briefing. Singh said the United Nations would seek to maintain its assistance programmes despite international staff reductions.

There are just over 800 internationals working with the UN Assistance Mission to Afghanistan.

Remnants of the Taliban have declared a jihad, or holy war, on foreign troops in Afghanistan and on aid organizations.

Six Afghan aid workers were killed in September alone, and projects affecting hundreds of thousands of needy people have been suspended due to ongoing security fears.

The death of UN refugee worker Bettina Goisard in Ghazni was the first killing of an international UN staff member since the hardline Islamic Taliban regime was ousted two years ago —MNA/Reuters



## Carter calls Iraq war 'serious mistake'

COLUMBIA (US), 25 Nov—Former President Jimmy Carter called the American invasion of Iraq one of the country's worst foreign policy blunders, and predicted it may take a dozen years to bring stability and democracy to the region.

"I was strongly against going in unilaterally," said Carter, who was in Columbia on Monday to sign copies of his new Revolutionary War novel, "The Hornet's Nest."



Former President Jimmy Carter signs his new book, "The Hornet's Nest," at the Richland County library.

"I thought it was a serious mistake, maybe the worst mistake in foreign policy that our country's made in many years. But now we are there, we have to support our troops there and pray that we can cut down on our casualties."

The former president and Nobel Peace Prize winner drew a crowd of about 1,100 to the downtown Richland County Public Library, many toting copies of the 17 other

books Carter has authored. He spoke to reporters as he took a short break from signing more than 1,800 volumes. The event was sponsored by the nonprofit Friends of the Richland County Public Library.

"The Hornet's Nest" (Simon and Schuster, \$27) is Carter's first attempt at fiction, overlaying a cast of invented characters onto the actual Southern conflicts of the Revolution. It is a war, Carter said, that shaped the moral and ethical values of the country.

Carter suggested that a broad lesson of the Revolution — "even for folks now who claim they won't eat french fries" — is applicable today: You can't go it alone.

The American Revolution against the British could not have been won without the full support of France, he said — the same nation that has been the focus of American ire for refusing to back President Bush in Iraq.

"I think it shows all the way down through history up until recently that America has always cast its lot with other, very firm, allies around the world."

If the Iraqi invasion had been multinational, Carter said, "I think the aftermath would have been much more pleasant and much more successful and much quicker."

Carter predicted American soldiers will be in Iraq for many years.—Internet

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## Iraqis want UN resolution to end US occupation

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Nov — Iraq's interim authority on Monday submitted a timetable for self-rule and asked the UN Security Council for a new resolution that would end the US-led occupation in June.

The timetable, worked out with US and British officials, was due on December 15 and arrived three weeks early. It was requested in an October 16 Security Council resolution, which created a multinational force in Iraq. Jalal Talabani, the current President of the Iraqi Governing Council, in a letter pledged respect for human rights and promised to establish the "principle of civilian control over the Iraqi armed and Security Forces".

The 24-member US-appointed council said it would select a "provisional legislative body" not later than May 31, 2004.

This assembly would elect a provisional

government by the end of June 2004 at which time "the Coalition Provisional Authority will be dissolved and the occupation ... will end", the letter said.

A new Constitution would be drafted by March 15, 2005 and then presented to Iraqis in a referendum, after which a general election for a new government is to take place before December 31, 2005, according to Talabani's letter to the Security Council.

"In light of what had transpired, it has become appropriate for the Security Council to adopt a new resolution taking into consideration the new circumstances," Talabani wrote. The United States and Britain are considering a new resolution that would welcome or endorse the accelerated timetable, which Washington had opposed in October.

MNA/Reuters



Egyptian infant twins Talia (left) and Talin, carried respectively by their dad Ahmed Samir and granny Mona Adl, used to be joined at the chest but can now lead separate lives. A Saudi medical team led by surgeon Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz al-Rabi successfully separated them in October.—INTERNET

## CPC Politburo meeting mulls economy, skills

BEIJING, 25 Nov — The Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee held a meeting Monday to discuss next year's economic work and the issue of fostering skilled people, presided over by General Secretary Hu Jintao.

The participants hailed the country's achievements this year in the reform, opening and modernization drives, despite the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and the occurrence of various natural disasters.

These achievements have laid a good foundation for development next year, they held.

China has sound conditions for achieving a relatively rapid economic development, according to the meeting. The participants

called for cultivating a scientific concept of development, which should be comprehensive, coordinated and sustainable.

They also called for deepening reforms in all fields, rectifying the market order, pushing forward the restructuring of industries and the coordinated development of regional economies, and speeding up the development of science, technology, education and public health undertakings.

The state will continue to implement the proactive fiscal policy and prudent monetary policy, and make timely and proper adjustments in policy priorities to ensure steady economic growth, they said.

The meeting urged people to be cool-headed amid the present sound economic situation. It listed a number

of existing problems, such as the slow increase in the income of farmers, the increasing employment pressure, and reckless investment in some industries.

MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese Academy of Fine Arts marks 75th birthday

HANGZHOU, 25 Nov — Celebrations were held Saturday to mark the 75th founding anniversary of the Chinese Academy of Fine Arts, one of the two most prestigious academies of this kind in China.

The academy, enjoying

almost equal prestige

with the Central Academy of Fine Arts in China, was first established in 1928 and got its present name in 1993. It was the first educational institution in China to foster undergraduates and post-gra-

duates in the fine arts.

The academy consists of four campuses which are based in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, and Shanghai, China's leading industrial and commercial city.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Humvee drives past three Iraqi women working near the "White Horse" Italian base near the southern Iraqi town of Nasiriyah, on 24 Nov, 2003.—INTERNET

## German police close street in front of British Embassy

BERLIN, 25 Nov — German police said on Monday they had closed a major road running past the British Embassy in Berlin to bring security standards into line with those already in place at US, Israeli and Jewish buildings.

Police said in a statement that the busy Wilhelmstrasse had been closed for one block in both directions in front of the already heavily guarded British Embassy building that lies just off the grand Unter den Linden avenue in central Berlin. Police said they did not have evidence of a specific threat to the embassy.

A police spokesman could not say how long the street would be closed for or give further details.

The road in front of the US Embassy in Berlin was permanently closed after the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Security is being urgently reviewed at British embassies around the world after 30 people were killed last week in suicide attacks on the British consulate and the HSB C banking group in Istanbul.—MNA/Reuters

## Japan starts 45th Antarctic expedition

TOKYO, 25 Nov — Six members of Japan's 45th Antarctic expedition team on Monday left Narita, north Japan, for Antarctica via South Africa on a mission to investigate worldwide temperature fluctuations over the past million years.

The six will be the first members of a Japanese exploration team to fly to Antarctica instead of travelling aboard a Japanese exploration ship, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology said.

After stopping in Cape Town, they will arrive at the Russian Antarctic base of Novolazarevskaya, and then fly about 400 kilometres further inland to join members of Japan's 44th Antarctic expedition team, the ministry said.

They will then spend five days travelling to Japan's Dome base on snow vehicles, it said.—MNA/Xinhua

## UNSC council limits monitoring of sanctions on Iraq

UNITED NATION, 25 Nov— The Security Council voted on Monday to keep alive its committee monitoring UN economic sanctions on Iraq but at the same time prevented the panel from watching out for possible arms embargo violations.

Expressing concern about the level of violence in Iraq, four Council members — France, Germany, Mexico and Russia — argued that the committee should have been authorized to monitor both the UN arms embargo and the economic sanctions, but they nonetheless voted to keep the panel alive.

The unanimous vote came three days after the mandate of the Council's 13-year-old Iraq sanctions committee ran out.

The panel was set to expire because most of the UN sanctions imposed to punish Baghdad for its 1990 invasion of neighbouring Kuwait were lifted in May, after the fall of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's government to US-led forces.

But Council diplomats said there was broad consensus that a committee was needed to continue to monitor a continuing UN freeze on the assets of leaders of Saddam's regime.

Any frozen assets are to be turned over to Iraq's US-led civil administration, which the Council has authorized to use the money to rebuild Iraq.

But the United States objected to continued monitoring of the arms embargo, saying it doubted this was needed with Saddam out of power. Council members compromised by calling for a review of the committee's mandate at some point in the future, with an eye to restoring its role in keeping out illegal arms shipments.

Given the current level of violence in Iraq, "it would seem particularly desirable that the new committee, as soon as the Council felt it appropriate, could ensure that states observe the arms embargo on Iraq," French Ambassador Jean-Marc de la Sabliere told his Council colleagues.

"In the meantime, the Council itself will have to ensure that this surveillance is carried out," he said.—MNA/Reuters

## China to test SARS vaccine by end-2003

BEIJING, 25 Nov— China plans to start testing a SARS vaccine on humans by the end of the year, the official Xinhua news agency said on Sunday.

Yin Hongzhang, head of the Biological Product Section of the State Food and Drug Administration, was quoted as saying the agency was expected to approve clinical tests by the end of December.

Pre-clinical trials of the vaccine on monkeys have been completed, Ying was quoted as saying. Such tests showed the vaccine was effective against the severe acute respiratory syndrome

without serious side effects, it said. The vaccine's developer, Beijing Kexing Bioproduct Co, has produced 1,400 shots of the vaccine and has prepared another 20,000 doses, the news agency said on its web site.

The firm's scientists have been working on a vaccine since April, it said. The World Health Organization has said a viable SARS vaccine could take at least two years to develop.—MNA/Reuters

## Life worsens for Iraqi donkeys under US suspicion

BAGHDAD, 25 Nov— Since guerillas used donkeys to outwit the high-tech defences of the US military in Iraq, the life of the beast of burden has never been so miserable.

Attackers used donkey carts to launch Katyusha rockets at the Oil Ministry and two fortified Baghdad hotels on Friday. Two other donkey carts were stopped — one carrying more rockets, the other a donkey-bomb wired up with explosives.

Every donkey in Baghdad is suddenly under suspicion as US President George W Bush wages a global war on terror.

In a crackdown on an animal that already suffers multiple daily whippings, US soldiers with automatic

rifles regularly stop and search donkey carts for weapons.

Donkey owners say petrol stations have been refusing to sell them kerosene for resale since the rocket attacks. The animals salivate and wheeze with exhaustion as they pull their owners and heavy loads across the potholed streets of the Iraqi capital in a desperate search for kerosene.

"I have five daughters to feed. I used to make 7,000 dinars (3.50 US dollars) a day. Now I earn only 2,000

since the Americans started pressuring us after the rocket attacks," said Jabbar Mahdi.

"We ask the petrol station managers for kerosene and they refuse. What did we do to get treated like this?"

Even before the rocket attacks, donkey cart drivers were some of the least respected people in Iraq, living on the fringes of society in teeming slums.

Some fear Iraqis will now look down on them even more as they navigate their battered, bloodstained

donkeys through chaotic traffic. "When they see us ride by they call us terrorists. They accuse us of being Saddam's guerillas and causing all of the security problems in Iraq," said Hikmat Sabeeh, 30.

"We had nothing to do with the rocket attacks."

The attacks could not have come at a worse time for donkey cart owners, who can barely afford to buy newspapers to read about the rockets and bombs that have shaken Baghdad.

MNA/Reuters

## Chinese enterprises confident about future

BEIJING, 25 Nov— Some 50 per cent of Chinese entrepreneurs are optimistic about their companies' prospects and are particularly concerned about the reform of corporate income tax, according to a survey by the Development Research Centre (DRC) of the State Council.

According to the survey, nearly half of Chinese entrepreneurs consider their com-

panies were operating "well", and some 40 per cent thought management was adequate. Over 39 per cent were confident of improvement, and 55.2 per cent expected no great changes. Over 47 per cent of the surveyed enterprises expected their orders to increase, 39 per cent considered orders would remain static, and only 13.2 per cent thought the number would

decrease, which indicated rise in demand and sound economic trends.

Meanwhile, 55.2 per cent of surveyed managers considered that corporate income tax required immediate reform, 54.2 per cent called on reforms of individual income tax, while value added tax and export tax rebates also drew concern.

MNA/Xinhua

## Forum opens to promote Nepal-China trade cooperation

KATHMANDU, 25 Nov— The seventh meeting of Nepal-China Non-governmental Cooperation Forum opened here Monday to discuss ways of further developing the economic and trade relations between the two sides.

The four-day forum has set an example of government-private partnership for promoting ties at the non-governmental level between the two countries, said Binod Bahadur Shrestha, president of the Federation of Nepali Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI), at the opening ceremony for the forum.

"We are happy to note that there has been some progress in line with what we had discussed in the previous meetings of the forum since its formation in 1996," Shrestha said.

"As an advancing economy with rich resource endowments, trained human resources and technical know-how, China is placed in an advantageous position in Asia to extend economic and technical assistance to Nepal and other neighbours in their respective development endeavors," he noted.

China's strategy to de-

velop its western region, which includes a plan to link the Tibet Autonomous Region of China with other major cities through railway and express highway, is being seen as a major and positive development for the Nepali people as well, he added.

For his part, Xie Boyang, vice-chairman of the All China Federation of Industry and Commerce, said that the forum offers an opportunity for the entrepreneurs from all over China to gain first-hand experience in promoting Sino-Nepal bilateral trade, and it will be productive and beneficial to further strengthening the friendship between the two peoples.

The Chinese Government and the people sincerely hope to cement cooperation with Nepal to realize common development and prosperity, Xie said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Fire rages at Bangkok's largest fabric department store

BANGKOK, 25 Nov — A strong fire in Bangkok's largest fabric department store had been raging for 11 hours till Sunday night, killing one person and injuring at least four others, the TV Channel 9 reported.

The fire at the Pahrut Plaza, or the ATM Department Store, started at around 10:10 am Sunday morning and was still raging at the five-storey building, according to 21:00 pm news report.

One victim was reported killed in the fire, and at least four firefighters were injured, caused by a collapse of part of the building.

About 20 cars which parked at the building's car park were also reported damaged.

The cause of the fire has yet been unknown, as damages of the fire are initially estimated at around 50 million baht (1.25 million US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi reacts standing in front of a US 1st Armored Division Bradley in downtown Baghdad on Monday, 24 Nov, 2003, as troops raided his son's shop and arrested the owner for making remote controlled triggers for explosive devices that are used to target US troops.—INTERNET



A two-month-old tiger cub clings to the neck of his caretaker at the Sri Racha tiger zoo outside of the Thai capital. Thai police said they would charge the owner of a private Bangkok zoo, Safari World, with illegal possession of protected wildlife after a raid exposed hundreds of orang-utans and tigers on the premises.—INTERNET



# ASEAN and APEC do not accept the scheme of America and its allies

Aung Moe San

The ASEAN has now become famous and secured a niche in the world, thanks to the endeavours and far-sightedness of the leaders of the Association. There was a great rivalry between two ideologies for modernization and development in the Asia region when the ASEAN was founded. The first ideology was the immediate introduction of the socialist system in a backward and less developed nation through the easy way or the hard way. In this regard, there emerged a number of socialist countries in Asia. But they failed to achieve success as their idea of social science was to build the socialist system from the highest point of the industrial capitalism.

The second was the gradual materialization of the market-oriented economy and the parliamentary democracy system in accord with the social standards and the nation's situation in the world. The system has been practised by the ASEAN leaders. After the Cold War, almost all the nations of the world have been changing and steering towards the establishment of the market oriented economic system. It has become visible at present that the nation-building ideology of the ASEAN leaders is correct and in accord with the progress of the human history. Even some nations which went against the ASEAN once are studying the developments of the Association member nations at present. The ASEAN leaders are able to lay down and successfully implement the economic and political systems that are in accord with the situation and requirement of their respective countries.

Like other Asian nations, the ASEAN nations faced manipulation, domination and exploitation of foreigners who migrated into their lands soon after they regained independence. But the local peoples of the nations were doing their original small-scale farming and left behind in development. Due to the economic gap, there broke out racial and religious riots in some Southeast Asia nations. But the ASEAN leaders did not nationalize the large business or set up communal businesses as in the countries that tried to build the socialist system in a day. They continued to give support to the capital and skill of the businessmen of the foreign descendants. At the same time, the governments were making arrangements for the local entrepreneurs, the middle class and the rural people to enter the advanced economic area with the assistance of those businessmen. In this way, they produced the international level local entrepreneurs, academics of various fields and skilled industrial workers.

The results of the changes and developments are that the number of racial and religious conflicts fell dramatically in the ASEAN nations. The democratic practices are flourishing in the countries due to the develop-

ment of industrial productivity. As they are experienced in the nation-building endeavours, the ASEAN leaders are able to refuse the western ideas that have also been given to the East Europe countries, and give support to Myanmar which is in the process of realizing the market-oriented economic system through the constructive attitude.

Moreover, the ASEAN nations are giving support to Myanmar to stand firm against the criticisms and economic sanctions of America and West Europe. They have collectively helped Myanmar to become an ASEAN member. They are helping Myanmar as they too are also facing the economic, political and social criticisms of America and the West. There are now ten ASEAN member nations. Like the founding nations of the ASEAN, the new members are also trying to introduce gradual changes. They understand that there will be political, economic and social problems at the initial stage of the adoption of the political changes. And with this understanding, they are joining hands with each other. And such a practice is the firm resolve of the ASEAN nations.

On the other hand, America and its allies of the west are still trying to export their copy of the democratic systems in order to dominate and organize the ASEAN nations through various means. The former Prime Minister and a leader of ASEAN Dr Mahathir Mohammad told the 17 May 1994 issue of International Herald Tribune daily that receiving and studying of the international practices and advice are required and beneficial; that however wise and sincere an advice might be it must be in accord with the objective conditions.

Regarding the question "What are the main problems in the democratic changes?", the former Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Kuan Yew in his interview with 14 June 1993 issue of the Time magazine said that the great democratic nations, Britain and America, did not start the democratic practices with voting rights for everyone; only when they became equipped with intellectual and financial wealth, did they permit the voting rights to the people of the basic level class. When asked about the human rights, he said that in times of prosperity or in times of difficulties, the individual was never more valuable than the human society in Asia; that the latter had always been more valuable than the former. And that was the factor that salvaged Asia from the poverty and difficulties, he said.

(To be continued)

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(Translation: TMT)

Myanmar Alin\* Kyemon: 25 November 2003.

## Commander inspects regional development tasks in Monghsu

YANGON, 25 Nov — Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint held a meeting with departmental officials and gems mining entrepreneurs at Aung Ye Man Hall in Lwehsaunghtauk, Monghsu Township, on 18 November morning.

At the meeting, the commander delivered an address. Local Tactical Operations Commander Col Han Myint, Chairman of Ruby Dragon Co U Nay Win Tun and officials reported on condition of gems mining blocks, test mining and work site safety measures. The commander gave instructions and attended to the needs.

The commander vis-

ited the Sakka Muni Buddha Image in Lwehsaunghtauk and presented robes and offertories to Wankhon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññabhoga and members of the Sangha. He also visited the Shwe Phone Daw Abhaya Labha Muni Padamya Nagayon Pagoda.

In the afternoon, the commander inspected Lwehsaunghtauk 25-bed hospital and No 1 Basic Education Primary School and gave necessary instructions to the officials. The chairman of the Ruby Dragon Co donated K 1 million to the school.

The commander inspected the mining blocks of the company in Lwehsaunghtauk in Monghsu Gems Land and left instructions.

On 19 November morning, the commander attended the opening of the Ruby Hall in Monghsu Gems Land. The township chairman reported on construction of the hall. The commander and Thiri Thudhamma Manizawtadara U Nay Win Tun formally opened the 100' x 50' x 15' hall. The one-storey concrete building was constructed at a cost of K 22,735,000.

The commander proceeded to Monghsu BEHS and inspected construction of new building of the schools and Township People's Hospital. He gave instructions to the officials and fulfilled the requirements. Afterwards, the commander visited the ancient historic Hantha Muni Bud-

dha Image and the Dhamma Yaungchi Monastery. The commander paid reverence to members of the Sangha and presented offertories to them. — 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

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

## Efficient use of fuel

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

## All this needs to be known

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

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## Sarsodaw Day commemorative...

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Daw Yee Yee Hla (Yuwady Khin Oo) (WYZ Co), U Mint Lwin-Daw Shwe Shwe Sein Moe (King & Queen Co), Myanmar National Working Committee for Women's Affairs, U San Tin Aung (Shwebo), U Kyaw Nyunt (Kyaw Nyunt Yi) and wife, U Kyaw Sein (Mogok) (Phyusin Myitta Drug Store), and U San Oo (Seikku Cho Cho Sarpay); K 50,000 each by U Nyunt Wai (Pyone Pan Tayar Sarpay), Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise, Social Welfare Department, Popular Journal, U Nay Zin Latt-Daw Khin San, and U Khin Maung Aye-Daw Kyu Kyu (Gandamar Co).

The MWJA chairman read out the message on asking permission for paying respects to the doyen literati, saying that the adorable and fine tradition that young writers pay respects to doyen literati is preserved only in Myanmar.

The might of literature play an important role in building a nation, preserving national culture and customs and serving interests of a nation.

Today is a time when the entire people have been building up a peaceful, modern developed and nation, safeguarding the national interests and implementing the State's seven-point policy programme, and the

most important requirement for the nation is building a strong national force. Therefore, under the MWJA, the entire national literary force is to make actively and collectively participate in the tasks for accomplishment of literary and national objectives.

Next, those present paid respects to the doyen literati. The ministers, deputy ministers, the vice-mayor and officials presented K 60,000 and offertories worth K 15,000 each to the doyen

literati.

On behalf of the doyen literati, U Htin Fatt (Maung Htin) winner of the Life-long National Literary Award delivered a speech on the occasion. The master of ceremonies spoke of words.

Out of the 119 doyen literati aged 80 and above, 77 persons attended the ceremony.

The MWJA will pay respects to the remaining ones, who could not attend the ceremony, at their homes.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents gifts to doyen literati. — MNA

## Yangon Division Performing Arts Contestants honoured

YANGON, 25 Nov— Contestants of Yangon Division who won prizes at the 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and instructors were honoured at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna this evening.

Present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Deputy Commander Col Wai Lwin and wife, military commanders and their wives, members of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and their wives and District Peace and Development Council and their wives.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe spoke on the occasion. Yangon Division won 214 medals—101 gold, 69 silver and 44 bronze.

The commander then presented K 1 million for the winners through composer U Ga Mone.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay hosted dinner in honour of the winners.

The prize winners entertained the guests.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents gifts to doyen literati. — MNA



Sayagyi U Htin Fatt (Maung Htin), on behalf of doyen literati, speaks words of advice.—MNA

## Myanmar-Singapore team performs surgical operation

YANGON, 25 Nov— Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Director-General of Health Department Dr Wan Maung, Director-General of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) Dr Paing Soe, Deputy Director-General of Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) Col Than Aung and officials inspected surgical operation performed by combined team comprising Myanmar specialists and obstetric and gynaecologists from Singapore this morning.

The minister and party inspected the surgical operation of the patients through Closed Circuit TV at North Okkalapa General Hospital. Medical Superintendent Dr Myint Maung Maung and officials explained about the operation.

The team comprises Dr K K Chow from Singapore led by Head of Obstetric and Gynaecology Department Daw Khin Saw Hla.

The minister and party went to Sanpya Hospital in Thingangyun and inspected the operation performed by combined team led by Professor Dr Ko Ko Maung and Professor Dr Ozeki of Japanese Cleft Palate Foundation.

The minister visited the patients at maxillo-facial and

oral surgery unit. Dr Ozeki and Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Maung Gyi explained about the operation.

The minister presented gifts to the patients. The team will perform operation on 27 cleft lips and cleft palate patients in five days with the cooperation of JCPF.

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Surgical operation being performed to a cleft lips and palate patient. — HEALTH



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein presents gifts to doyen literati. — MNA

## Myanmar/ASEAN/Japan Follow-up Seminar on Industrial Relations continues

YANGON, 25 Nov \_ Under the programme of ASEAN Project, Myanmar/ASEAN/Japan Follow-up Seminar on Industrial Relations, jointly-organized by the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare of Japan, continued for the second day today at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning.

Present on the occasion were heads of department under the ministry, experts from Japan, representatives of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Myanmar Industrial Producers Association and respective industrial zones and observers.

In the morning session of the second day, Chairman of the Social Security Board of the Ministry of Labour U

Aung Ba Kyi presided over the seminar.

Under the programme, Deputy Director-General U Oakka of Department of Labour, Executive of the UMFCU U Myint Soe, on behalf of the employer representatives, and Daw Lin Lin Oo of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, on behalf of employee representatives, discussed the paper on 'Wages and productivity'.

Next, Vice-President of the ILO Association Japan Mr Tadashi Nakamura discussed the above paper and experience of Japan.

In the afternoon session, Director-General of Factories and General Labour Laws Inspection Department U Tin Win presided over the

seminar. The three groups including the representatives of government, employers and employees discussed the paper on 'Wages and productivity' and the seminar ended in the evening.

The programme of the third and last day of the seminar continues on 26 November at the Traders Hotel.

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The second day session of the meeting on industrial relations in progress. — MNA

## Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe...

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At the briefing hall, growers of the company reported to the minister and party on cultivation of sugar cane in 8,000 acres and reclamation of virgin land. The minister gave instructions to them.

After, the minister and party arrived in No 13 Sugar Mill (Okkan) and inspected purchase of sugar cane and functions of the mill.

At the briefing hall, head of the mill reported to the minister and party on production of sugar, purchase of sugar cane, arrangements to be made for growing sugar cane next year and completion of sugar cane cultivation. The minister gave instructions on realization of the target for per acre yield, productivity of the mill and strenuous efforts to meet the target.—MNA



## Social Welfare Department celebrates golden jubilee

YANGON, 25 NOV — The Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement celebrated its golden jubilee (from 25 November 1953 to 25 November 2003) at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township here this afternoon.

The ceremony was attended by Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wife of Prime Minister of the State General Khin Nyunt, President of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Member of the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs and Member of the Work Committee.

Also present on the occasion were Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Aye, wife of the Minister for SWRR, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung, Adviser to the Ministry of SWRR and Vice-President of the MNWCWA Prof Dr Daw May May Yi, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen



Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wife of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, graces the ceremony to mark the golden jubilee of SWD, and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint speaks on the occasion. — MNA

Thura Sein Thauang, officials from UN agencies, Director-General of the SWD U Sit Myaing and directors, directors-general and officials from departments under the Ministry of Immigration and Population, officials from social organizations and others.

Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint spoke on the occasion, followed by the brief history of the birth of the SWD given by U Sit Myaing.

Next, U Maung Aung offered provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta

Candobhassa of Mettavadi Hinthada Monastery to mark the golden jubilee of the SWD.

Later, Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint presented gifts to Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Prof Dr Daw May May Yi, U Hla Tun (Metta Yeikmon Cancer Foundation), Chairman of Myanmar Art and Science Board U Than Oo, Chairman of Hninzigon Home for the Aged U Maung Tin, and wife of the Minister for SWRR Daw Khin Aye. U Sit Myaing also presented gifts to Brig-Gen

Kyaw Myint.

Afterwards, a cash donation ceremony followed. On the occasion, Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and U Maung Aung accepted donations made by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them. Donations made today were K 1 million by U Tun Myint Naing of Asia World Co, K 989,000 by Metta Yaung Pyan Film Industry, K 970,500 by Chitthu Film Industry, K 900,000 by Managing Director U Zaw Min of Mingala Co, K

500,000 by U Hla Tun (Metta Yeikmon Cancer Foundation), and K 300,000 by U Myat Soe of Doh Shweypi Construction Co.

U Maung Aung also presented a certificate of honour to script writer Ko Than U, who accepted the certificate on behalf of director Maung Maung Oo (Snow White) who videoed "Yingwin" to mark the golden jubilee of SWD.

Next, U Maung Tin, on behalf of social organizations, spoke words of thanks. On the occasion, children of

pre-primary schools and other schools under the SWD presented entertainment programmes with a variety of dances as well as with modern music.

School children later sang in chorus the song "Higher social status, greater national interest", and Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint presented baskets of flowers to them. Afterwards, voluntary social organizations presented baskets of flowers to the SWD to commemorate the latter's golden jubilee. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and officials enjoy the tennis friendly matches between Myanmar and China. — MNA

## Myanmar-China tennis friendly continues

YANGON, 25 NOV — Myanmar-China tennis friendly continued at Theinbyu tennis court, here, today.

In singles (Men), Chen Xin (China) played against Zaw Zaw Latt (Myanmar) and Tan Hai Yun (China) against Min Min (Myanmar). In the doubles (Men), Yang Jing Zhu and Li Can (China) played

against Khin Maung Win and Tu Maw (Myanmar). In the singles (Women), Ma Jiang Ling (China) played against Kyi Mya Zaw (Myanmar), Ding Ying (China) against Chit Su Yi (Myanmar), Jiang Ting (China) against Ami Tun (Myanmar), Na Wei (China) against Moe Chit The (Myanmar), Jiang Ting (China) against Chit Su Yi

(Myanmar) and Ma Jiang Ling (China) against Ami Tun (Myanmar). In the doubles, Li Can and Tan Hai Yun (China) played against Khin Maung Win and Min Min (Myanmar) and Yang Jing Zhu and Chen Xin (China) against Zaw Zaw Latt and Tu Maw (Myanmar). In the singles (Men), Chen Xin (China) played against Tu, and Tan

Hai Yun (China) against Zaw Zaw Latt (Myanmar).

In doubles (Women), Na Wei and Ding Ying (China) played against Ami Tun and Kyi Mya Zaw (Myanmar), and Ma Jiang Ling and Jiang Ting (China) against Moe Chit The and Chit Su Yi (Myanmar). The tennis friendly continues tomorrow at the same venue. — MNA

## Conjoined twins born in Pyay

YANGON, 25 NOV — Conjoined twins were born after successful operation at Myothukha Clinic on Shwehsandaw northern stairways Road in Pyay, Bago (West) Division at 7.35 am on 21 November. Their mother is Ma Yi Yi Win, 23, of Kalonhmaw Village in Aunglan Township, Magway Division.

The team comprising obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr Win Ko, anaesthetist Dr Sein Hlaing, paediatrician Dr

Daw Hla Hla, assistant surgeon Dr Khin Htay Kyi and nurses performed the operation at the clinic.

After their birth, the conjoined twin sisters were brought to Yangon Children's Hospital under the supervision of paediatrician Dr Daw Hla Hla.

The twins are in good health and under the care of Medical Superintendent Dr Mya Thein, paediatricians and nurses.

MNA



The twin sisters conjoined at chest seen after birth in Pyay. — MNA

## Myanmar-Thai and Thai-Myanmar CECAs hold third meeting

YANGON, 25 NOV — Myanmar-Thai Cultural and Economic Cooperation Association and Thai-Myanmar Cultural and Economic Co-

operation Association held third joint meeting at Hotel Nikko, here, today.

Present were president of Myanmar-Thai CECA Lt-

Gen Kyaw Than (Retd) and members, President of Thai-Myanmar CECA General Pat Akkanibut and members, departmental officials, officials

of Royal Thai Embassy and guests. Agenda of the fourth meeting to be jointly organized by MTECEA and TMCECA were approved.

Next, the two presidents signed agreements and exchanged the documents. The meeting came to a close after concluding remarks by president Lt-Gen Kyaw Than (Retd) and General Pat Akkanibut. Members of the associations and officials posed for documentary photos. General Pat Akkanibut and members left here for home in the evening. They were seen off at the airport by President Lt-Gen Kyaw Than (Retd) and officials. — MNA



The president of Myanmar-Thai CECA and the president of Thai-Myanmar CECA exchange documents at the third joint meeting. — MNA

# National Poison Control Centre and Hazards of Poisoning

*Prof Dr Paing Soe (Director-General)  
Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar)*

Myanmar is a developing country based on agriculture. Its industrial development has gained momentum. Therefore, it may face up to poisoning by pesticides used in agriculture, industrial chemicals and abuses of drugs, and biochemical poisoning anytime. Among the neighbours of Myanmar, a few rich countries have poison control centres. As a systematic preventive measure, the Head of State has given guidance to set up a poison control centre of international standards that can prevent poisoning at the Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) with scholars and technicians from the related departments.

At the same time with the establishment of the National Poison Control Centre, Central Committee for National Poison Control chaired by the Minister for Health was also formed with 33 members from the related ministries. The central committee takes charge of laying down policies, drawing plans, and cooperation and communications with other ministries.

## Organizational set-up of NPCC

With the permission of the State Peace and Development Council, the National Poison Control Centre was established in October 2002. Pharmaceutical poisoning research section, chemical poisoning research section, biological poisoning research section, and radiation poisoning research section, were formed under the centre together with a poison information room and poison measurement laboratory.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State stressing the role of research and development, NPCC was provided with advanced equipment, computers, software, internet and training of technicians abroad. Twelve technicians were sent to Asia and Europe to study the advanced poison control centres and technologies there.

The government spent K 60 million and US\$ 600,000 on construction of laboratories, purchase of equipment, training the staff abroad during the three years' period of establishing the centre.

While the centre was being set up, prevention and treatment capacity of departments under the ministry of Health was enhanced. Occupational Health Division of the Health Department, Food and Drug Administration Division and National Health Laboratory Division were extended, a section to conduct surveillance on and prevent poisoning set up, and laboratories upgraded. At the same time, wards for victims of poisoning were opened in Yangon, Mandalay and Magway general hospitals, and mobile units for emergency action were also formed.

## Objectives of establishing NPCC

- To disseminate knowledge on prevention and danger of poison among the public.
- To educate the public and train staff concerning the methods to be employed in emergency cases of poisoning.
- To keep constant vigilance against the danger of poisoning.
- To disseminate effective therapy among the health staff to deal with cases of poisoning, enabling them to provide effective treatments to victims of poisoning.
- To conduct researches on the danger of poison and to apply the findings in the practical field.
- To share experience and information between the technicians in the country and abroad.

## Services provided by NPCC

- Drugs and poisoning information services  
Providing answers to questions on drugs, chemicals, poisoning caused by poisonous plants and animals during office hours by phone.
- Services concerning pharmaceutical poisoning  
- consultation with doctors and giving advice.  
- identification of poisoning, measuring blood level, providing treatments and information for surveillance of poisoning.  
- Monitoring long-term and short-term poisoning caused by chemicals used in worksites and those in the environs and offering assistance to take preventive measures against poisoning in future.
- Laboratory services  
- testing and measuring the content of drugs and poison in flesh and body liquid.  
\* exposing of overdose and poisoning caused by chemicals used in worksites and those in the environs and rendering assistance for treatment.  
\* exposition of prohibited drugs.  
\* finding facts required in researches on prevention and treatment of poisoning.  
- testing minerals and poisonous compounds in body liquid, traditional medicines and herbal plants.  
\* testing the content of elements in blood and urine.  
\* testing hard metals, admixtures and poisonous compounds in traditional medicines.  
\* testing the safety level of preservatives used in food.  
- testing potency of medicines  
\* measuring the potency of medicines and reducing the poisoning of them.  
\* prescription for dosage of medicine for each individual  
\* providing assistance for pharmaceutical experiments and pharmacological identification.  
- Monitoring tasks  
\* Monitoring tasks for side effects of the medicines; making suggestions regarding tasks for prevention against poisoning through regular feedback.  
- Health care services in work sites  
\* Measuring the level of pesticides and organic matter which consist in water, food, air, and liquid produced from human body.
- Research on poisoning and academic matters  
\* Monitoring, prevention and control of poisoning  
\* Conducting proficiency course on poisoning and research on poisoning  
\* Holding educative talks to employees who have to carry out tasks at work sites with poisonous materials and chemicals for a long time

Under the guidance of the Head of State on prevention against poisoning in the nation, the Prime Minister opened the National Poison Control Centre at the Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) on 18 October 2003. Among the poisoning cases, common ones are based on accidental poisoning, sticking to taking the same medicine, and over dose. In the cases of accidental poisoning, over dose is the most common. Now, there are a lot of cases of poisoning due to the use of chemicals. Here, I would like to highlight the poisoning caused by the use of methanol. Such cases occurred in 1991 and 1998. In 1991, altogether 208 people were hospitalized due to the case of methanol poi-

soning, 22 of whom died. A total of 31 people from Taikkyi and Hmawby townships were rushed to the hospital and among them, 11 died in 1998.

In general, methanol is commonly known as methyl alcohol. Methyl alcohol used in hospitals and clinics consists of 95 per cent of ethanol and five per cent of methanol. Drinking three to five spoons of methanol (15 to 30 cc) can lead one to death or complete blindness. So, even drinking a little amount of methanol is harmful to man's health. Therefore, all alcoholic drinks must be free from methanol. Distillers should use no chemicals in producing strong drinks (ethanol). Knowing that a little amount of methanol can make alcoholic drinks more effective and more profitable but lacking knowledge of the danger, bootleggers add one or two drops of methanol to their alcoholic drinks. If one drinks the mixture, one can suffer from poisoning in 24 or 72 hours.

Generally, methanol poisoning can be divided into three stages. In the first stage there will be dizziness, dozing, staggering to one's feet, stomach-ache and vomiting. After 24 hours is the second stage that involves having dim eyesight, having eyes sensitive to even gentle touch and light, having wider pupils of eyes, having senseless eyes for light and blindness. After three days, the victim will find it difficult to breathe, followed by suffocation, less frequency of heartbeat, low blood pressure, loss of consciousness and death.

The result in blindness and death is that methanol changes itself into fomic acid in the liver because of chemical reaction. When the acid accumulates to a certain amount, it causes blindness and death.

Methanol can get into the body through the skin or by breathing its vapour. If the level of methanol in one's blood is more than 20 mg/dl, one will start to suffer from poisoning and if it is over 100 mg/dl, one will lose one's life. If a victim experiences such symptoms, he has to receive medical treatment in time. One can measure the level of fomic acid in his blood with the use of modern medical equipment at the National Poison Control Centre.

If one is suffering from methanol poisoning, ten per cent of ethanol can be administered by injection or 95 per cent of ethanol can be given orally to the patient. Now, the centre can cure the patients with the use of the latest antidote "fomepizole".

Recently, there occurred a methanol poisoning case in a suburb of Yangon. But, respective departmental officials, medical experts and the centre could give medical treatment to the patients in time. So, the number of dead was very low. And it indicates the importance of reporting to the centre in time.

The government has made greater investment in community health care services in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State. Now, Myanmar has accomplished in kidney transplant, separating of conjoined twins and replanting of traumatically amputated crushed distal arm, meeting international level health care services. Furthermore, Myanmar managed to eliminate such infectious diseases as leprosy and polio in the nation. Thus, she can now give priority to dealing with poisoning cases. The centre will disseminate effective therapies to medical staff to look after the poisoned patients. Simultaneously, it will give educative talks on prevention against poisoning to the people.

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Translation: MWT+MS

## Colour Photo Competition to promote tourism to be held

YANGON, 25 Nov — With the sponsorship of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism under the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the Colour Photo Competition titled "Myanmar endowed natural scenery" will be held.

Entries are to be based on beautiful scenery across the nation, beautiful natural scenery in popular tourist destinations and Myanmar Traditional fine arts.

The size of entries must be from 10 x 12 inches to 12 x 18 inches. The entries must be the ones taken in the country and must not be prize-winning works in any other competitions. The number of entries is not limited.

A brief biography in a separate paper sheet is to be attached to the entries and the captions and date and place of photos taken are to

be provided on the back of the photos. Handsome prizes will be given to the first, second and third prize-winners as well as the consolation prize-winners.

Entries are to be sent to Secretary of the Competition Organizing Committee Deputy Director of DHT U Kaung Htut, No 77/91, Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon not later than 31 January 2004. MNA

## Cambodia searching for new rubber seed with higher yield

PHNOM PENH, 25 Nov — Cambodia's Rubber Research Institute has launched a research project searching for a new rubber seed with a higher yield, *Cambodia Daily* reported here.

The maximum length of time that rubber trees can produce good resin is 25 years. And most of Cambodia's rubber trees are now more than 40 years old, said the newspaper.

Old trees must be cut down and new trees must be planted, said Yin Song, director of the Rubber Research Institute for Cambodia (RRIC).

He said that the institute was set to finish the research programme in 2005 and rubber resin labourers and farmers should be able to purchase and plant the seeds in 2006.

Cambodia exports almost 100 per cent of its rubber products and the main market is China.

In the last few years, Cambodia has exported 40,000 tons of rubber at a value of 32 million US dollars.

However, Cambodia is still not competing on the same level as other Southeast Asian countries, and the standard of quality of the product is a bit lower than those countries, said the report. — MNA/Xinhua



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

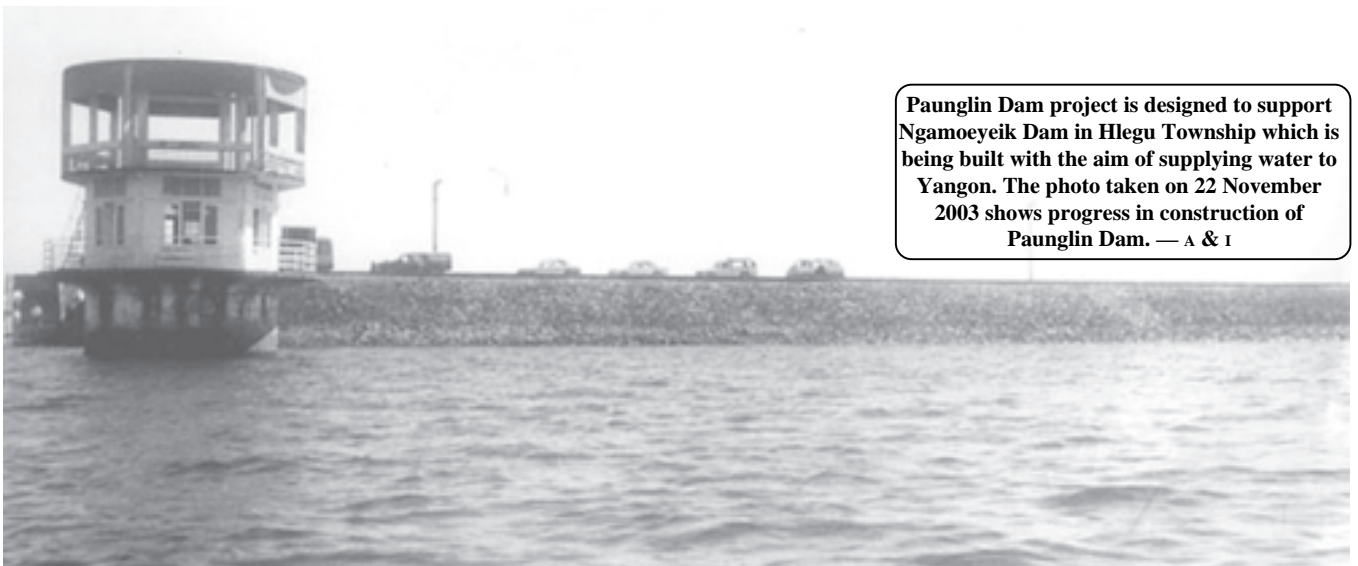


The opening of Yadanatheinkha two-storey building of Sale Parahita monastic education school of Maha Wizaya-yanthi Sale Monastery in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay, was held on 5 November 2003. The building was constructed at a cost of K 27,970,000. — PHOTO: MNA



Roads and bridges are of vital importance for national development. The photo taken on 16 November 2003 shows progress in construction of Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine).

PHOTO: MNA



**Paunglin Dam project is designed to support Ngamoeyeik Dam in Hlegu Township which is being built with the aim of supplying water to Yangon. The photo taken on 22 November 2003 shows progress in construction of Paunglin Dam. — A & I**

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### S Korea's LG Card to resume cash advances

SEOUL, 25 Nov—South Korea's largest credit card issuer, LG Card Co, said customers could withdraw cash again later on Monday after creditors agreed to extend emergency loans, averting a liquidity crunch that threatened South Korea's financial system.

LG Card was forced to suspend its cash advance services over the weekend because of its liquidity crunch, raising the spectre of a spiralling series of defaults as many South Koreans use their credit cards to pay bills and service other credit card debts. LG Card has 14 million members. "We will be able to resume cash advance services in the afternoon," said a spokesman for LG Card.

Woori Bank and other lenders agreed late on Sunday to provide two trillion won (1.68 billion US dollars) of fresh loans and to roll over LG's outstanding debt for one year, helping avert its insolvency.

Despite the creditors' pledge for more loans, shares in LG Card fell 13 per cent as investors homed in on lingering uncertainties over the liquidity problems at the card company.—MNA/Reuters

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### Foreign countries promote tourism at CITM

KUNMING, 25 Nov—Foreign countries promoted their tourism industries at the four-day China International Tourism Mart (CITM) here.

Publishing material in simplified Chinese is important for the tourism industry in his country, said Horst Lommatzsch, manager of North Europe and Asia Pacific Region with the German National Tourism Office, while handing out material to visitors to his booth.

"We handed out some 20,000 pamphlets on Canadian scenic spots and shopping guides in one morning. I felt like I was participating in a book show. And the real exhibitor was my nation," said Judd Buchanan, special adviser of Canadian Tourism Commission.

Lommatzsch said his country started from selling products to China, then attracting Chinese for shopping and buying museum tickets in his own country. The trend reflected China's rapid economic growth and strong buying power, he said.

"Ten years ago, Switzerland focused on Japan and the four Asian dragon nations for tourism promotion. In recent years, management in China has gained more importance, which meant the growing number of Chinese tourists were creating more prosperity for the whole world," said Michel Ferla, deputy director of Switzerland Tourism.

From July to October this year, China's international air routes were kept busy, with over 70 per cent being Chinese passengers. The seven-day National Day vacation also witnessed flows of outbound Chinese tourists.

MNA/Xinhua

### Mobile libraries for farmers in South China

GUANGZHOU, 25 Nov—South China's Guangdong Province began a programme on Sunday to provide books for farmers in underdeveloped and remote mountainous areas in the province.

The books, carried by buses or "mobile libraries," will be sent to farmers around the province. As a first step, three such libraries with 48,000 books were sent to the countryside Sunday.

According to sources with the provincial department of culture, the provincial government plans to allocate five million yuan (600,000 US dollars) each year to support the efforts. Each library will have over 10,000 books and discs and exchange the materials with others once every six months. A computer database search service will also be available. Most of the books relate to farmers' lives and are easy to understand.

MNA/Xinhua



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## Chinese stamps win prizes at Asia stamp expo

CHENGDU, 25 Nov—The 16th Asia International Stamp Exhibition (AISE) ended Monday, with some 340 stamp series winning various prizes.

"Stamps from China's Eastern Areas and their Original Envelopes" by Kwan William from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, "History of China's Aviation" by Lu You from China's Mainland, and "Siam: The Early Years" by Chirakit from Thailand won the honorary, China and international awards respectively. The five-day exhibition attracted over 160,000 visitors, and created a sales volume of nearly 100 million yuan (about 12.05 million US dollars) and an auction volume of 1.21 million yuan. The 17th AISE will be held in Hong Kong next year, a spokesman for the Inter-Asia Philatelic Federation (FIAP) said at the award-giving ceremony.

MNA/Xinhua

## Fifty-eight scientists elected CAS academicians

BEIJING, 25 Nov—President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) Lu Yongxiang announced here Monday that 58 outstanding scientists have been elected as CAS academicians, the top honour for a Chinese scientist.

This brings the number of CAS academicians to 688 with an average age of 72.1.

The average age of the newly elected is 58.86, 1.56 year younger than the figure of the last election in 2001.

Among the newly elected, the oldest is 75, and the youngest is 37. Twenty-eight of them, or 48.28 per cent of the total, are younger than 60.

Among the new academicians, 10 are mathematicians or physicists, 10 are chemists, 11 are biologists, 10 are geologists and 17 are technological scientists.

At a Press conference organized by CAS on Monday, Lu, who himself is a CAS academician, said young scientists were given more attention during this election and the election covered broader fields including some new areas or subjects where no academicians had majored in previously.

Chen Yixuan, CAS vice-president, said an age limit was set at this election and candidates were required to be under the age of 64, unless the person was recommended by at least six academicians. Among the six recommendations, at least four should come from the same academic division as the candidate, Chen added.

CAS academician is the highest national academic title in Science and Technology and a lifelong honour. New members are added every two years, with a quota of no more than 60 for each election.

MNA/Xinhua

## Brazil seeks to show coffee's health benefits

COSTA DO SAUPE (Brazil), 25 Nov—Brazil, the world's No. 1 coffee producer, hopes to convince people to drink up—and ease a global crisis caused by oversupply—by proving that coffee is good for you.

The country that offers school children "coffee breaks", plans to try to show that coffee can help reduce heart disease, countering the conventional wisdom that coffee causes health problems including anxiety and hypertension.

The Brazilian Government is funding a study of 200,000 doctors to see if there is a link between heart disease and coffee consumption. Professor Darcy Lima, who is leading the study, said it would make doctors' aware of the benefits of coffee.

"It's like the discovery that aspirin helped prevent heart attacks," said Lima, a professor at the Neurology Institute of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

He added that coffee made people alert and happy, noting the success of a "coffee break" programme in Brazilian schools in which children were offered cups of milky coffee. International Coffee Organization Director Nestor Osorio said Brazil's efforts to present a healthy image for coffee, as well as improvements in quality, would boost consumption.

"It could serve as a model for other producer countries," Osorio told Reuters.

A coffee industry survey identified health concerns as the main barrier to raising consumer demand.

Osorio, a Colombian, noted that Colombian coffee consumption stagnated for many years at around 1.4 million 130-pound bags, while in Brazil demand had risen by more than five million bags to 13.6 million in the past decade making it the world's No 2 consumer.—MNA/Reuters

## Jury recommends death sentence for Washington sniper

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov—The jury in the case of convicted Washington sniper John Allen Muhammad decided Monday that he should be sentenced to death for the serial shootings that killed 10 people in the Washington area last year.

The jurors reached the decision after deliberating five hours over two days in a court in Virginia Beach, Virginia. They convicted Muhammad one week ago of capital murder, following three weeks of testimony.

One capital murder count accused Muhammad, a 42-year-old Gulf War veteran, of taking part in multiple murders.—MNA/Xinhua



US freestyle jumping World Champion Nate Adams performs a jump during the freestyle competition at the 14th International Supercross in Barcelona's Sant Jordi arena on Sunday. Adams came fourth in the competition, which was decided by measuring the level of the crowd's reaction.—INTERNET



Mike Myers attends the premier of 'The Cat in the Hat.' A publicity deluge cancelled out bad reviews to propel the celluloid version of Dr Seuss' children's story to top spot in the North American box office.—INTERNET

## "Cat in the Hat" steals No 1 at N America box office

LOS ANGELES, 25 Nov—Universal Pictures' comedy "The Cat in the Hat", loosely based on the children's book by Dr Seuss, took the No 1 spot at the North American box office over the weekend, according to studio estimates issued on Sunday.

The comedy, starring Mike Myers, took in 40.1 million US dollars in its first weekend.

Its opening pales against that of the previous Dr Seuss movie, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", which earned 55.1 million dollars in its 2000 release.

A low-budget thriller, "Gothika", released by Warner Bros. Pictures took the No 2 position by grossing 19.6 million dollars.

The film starred the Oscar-winning actress Halle Berry as a criminal psychologist who awakens one morning to find herself incarcerated in her own psychiatric ward.

MNA/Xinhua

## Brazil fights poverty of education

BRASILIA (Brazil), 25 Nov—More than 20 million people in Brazil are illiterate. President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has promised to change that.

But with tight budgets and a historic lack of concern for education, that is easier said than done.

Education Minister Cristovam Buarque says that if the government fails to reach its goal, it will show that Brazil is still trapped by its deep social and racial divisions.

"If we don't achieve this it's because Brazil does not want to, because we've got the resources to do it," Buarque said in an interview before a Monday forum on Blacks in Brazilian educa-

tion. Buarque has spent his first 11 months in government lobbying for more funds.

Lula—who comes from a poor background and did not complete his secondary education—has declined such requests, telling ministers to be creative with the funds they have as the nation recovers from recession.

Buarque said Brazil is still "a nation divided by castes" with a White elite enjoying rich-nation living standards while the poor majority live in desperate poverty.

Some 115 years after Brazil ended slavery, he sees education as a means to complete abolition and give equal rights to the half of the country's 175 million people who call themselves Black.

MNA/Reuters

## Bangalore-based FRLHT wins Colombia University's award

NEW YORK, 25 Nov—The Bangalore-based Foundation for the Revitalization of Local Health Tradition (FRLHT) has won the prestigious alternative medicine award of Columbia University for its "outstanding" role in promoting traditional medicine systems and conservation of Indian medicinal plants.

FRLHT's Director Darshan Shankar Thursday night received the International Cultural Stewardship award instituted by the university's Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Centre of Complementary and Alternative Medicines.—MNA/PTI

## Train services return to World Trade Center site

NEW YORK, 25 Nov—Commuter train service reopened on Sunday at the World Trade Center site, marking the first rebuilding project to be completed there and the first time the public is allowed back since September 11, 2001.

The first train glided smoothly into the rebuilt station, filled with officials and politicians and uniformed train conductor David McQuillan peering out one of its side windows.

"It just feels good," said the 15-year veteran of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the train service connecting the two states under the Hudson River.

The station for what are called the PATH trains sits as it always did, below street level at the Trade Center site. While it was once topped by the 110-storey twin towers, it is now open to the air.

The rebuilding took 26 months and 566 million US dollars to complete, officials said.

"It's a great morning," declared Mayor Michael Bloomberg, on hand for the reopening ceremony.

Passengers on board PATH trains were some of the luckiest people in the Trade Center vicinity the day the towers were attacked by two hijacked commercial jets.

MNA/Reuters

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smoke**

## SPORTS

## Keeper Chadli helps Raja Casablanca lift CAF Cup

GAROUA (Cameroon), 25 Nov—Goalkeeper Mustapha Chadli's outstanding performance helped Raja Casablanca win the Confederation of African Football (CAF) Cup on Sunday as a 0-0 draw at Cameroon's Cotonsport gave them a 2-0 aggregate victory.

Chadli, one of only two members of the team that won Raja's last continental club trophy, made several key early saves to deny the home team a chance to get back into contention after they lost the first leg in Casablanca earlier this month.

Cotonsport squandered several chances in the area and only came close to breaking the deadlock in stoppage time at the end of the game when substitute Buba Minisu's header hit the bar.

Raja's win marked a first African success for French coach Henri Michel, who has worked on the continent regularly since 1994.

It was the club's first continental club trophy since they lifted the 1999 African Champions League by beating Esperance of Tunisia. Chadli, a former Morocco international, was also a key factor in that win with saves in the penalty shootout.

Midfielder Hicham Mishab was the other player who also featured in the winning team four years ago.—MNA/Reuters



Boxing champion Manny Pacquiao gets a hero's welcome during a homecoming parade in his honour in Manila on 24 November. The 25-year-old Filipino beat Mexican Marco Antonio Barrera on 16 Nov, in San Antonio, Texas, after 11 gruelling rounds to become the newly-crowned International Boxing Federation junior featherweight champion.—INTERNET

## Roma keep pace, four sent off in Lazio win

MILAN, 25 Nov—AS Roma romped to a 4-0 win at Bologna on Sunday to keep themselves within two points of Serie A leaders Juventus but there were ugly scenes as Lazio beat Perugia 3-1 in a match in which four players were sent off.

Goals from Francesco Totti, Vincenzo Montella and Christian Panucci gave Fabio Capello's Roma a 3-0 lead at the break and Antonio Cassano added the fourth shortly after the restart.

Juventus, who won 2-0 at Modena on Saturday, lead with 26 points from Roma on 24 while AC Milan, who face Chievo later on Sunday, have 21.

Inter Milan are in fourth place after their 6-0 victory over Reggina on Saturday.

Roma were at their devastating best against a Bologna side who are now facing the prospect of a fight against relegation.

Totti opened the scoring with a superb volley in the 15th minute before Montella made it 2-0, tapping home after Bologna keeper Gianluca Pagliuca had parried a shot from Cassano.

It was not a fortunate afternoon for Pagliuca who again did well to keep out a header from Panucci but the Italy defender reacted quickly to hammer the ball home and give Roma a comfortable lead at the break.

Cassano, who recently made his debut for Italy, wrapped up the win with a fine solo effort four minutes after the restart.

Lazio's win will be remembered not for some excellent finishing but for the angry clashes that soured the final half hour.

Roberto Mancini's side went ahead through Dejan Stankovic just before the break but winless Perugia fought back with an excellent strike from Fabio Grosso in the 62nd minute.

That should have set up a rousing finale but instead the match descended into chaos.

First Perugia's Souleymane Diamoutene was sent off by referee Cosimo Bolognino for a late challenge on Lazio's Giuseppe Favalli in

the 71st minute. Both teams were involved in clashes in the 84th minute with Perugia's Giovanni Ignoffo and Lazio's Sergio Conceicao dismissed after the fracas.

Three minutes later Bernardo Corradi put Lazio ahead with a beautifully struck shot from the edge of the area. There was more off-the-ball action as players and team officials faced off to each other on the edge of the field and Perugia coach Serse Cosmi was sent off.—MNA/Reuters

## Anderlecht preserve six-point lead at top of 1st Division

BRUSSELS, 25 Nov—Anderlecht maintained their six-point lead over Standard Liege at the top of the First Division over the weekend as the first four teams all won.

Anderlecht, who suffered their first league defeat when they lost 4-1 at home to Liege two weeks ago, rebounded with a 2-0 win at Mons thanks to Glen de Boeck and Christian Wilhelmsson.

Liege have 28 points from 13 matches after a 3-0 win against Westerlo. Pacy striker Emile Mpenza scored twice on the counter attack and Uruguayan defender Gonzalo Sorondo got the third.

Third-placed Genk, a further point behind Anderlecht, beat provincial rivals St. Truiden 4-0 as forward Paul Kpaka scored on his debut after returning to action following a knee operation last spring when he was still with Germinal Beerschot.

Mirsad Beslija, Indridi Sigurdsson and Kevin Vandenbergh got the other goals in a comfortable victory.—MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's French Zinedine Zidane (5), centre, is congratulated by Michel Salgado, left, David Beckham and Raul Gonzalez, rear, after scored a goal against Albacete during a Spanish league soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, Spain, on Sunday, 23 November, 2003. Real Madrid won the match, 2-1.—INTERNET

## Real snatch late win over lowly Albacete

MADRID, 25 Nov—Real Madrid went top of the Primera Liga when they snatched a 2-1 home win over lowly Albacete on Sunday in an absorbing game that featured breathtaking first half goals from either side.

England captain David Beckham had put Real ahead on 38 minutes with a spectacular long-distance strike but his effort was upstaged just over a minute later when Albacete midfielder Libero Parri smashed home an unstoppable volley.

Albacete looked as though they were on course to gain a thoroughly deserved away point but their hard work went unrewarded when Zinedine Zidane popped up in the area seven minutes from time to head in from close range.

The result means Real are level on points at the top with Deportivo Coruna, who were held to a 0-0 draw against a dominant Real Betis at a rain-drenched Ruiz de Lopera on Saturday.

Third-placed Valencia, who are three points behind the leading duo but have a better goal difference, can displace Real if they win their later match at Murcia.

Earlier on Sunday, Valladolid brought

an abrupt end to Atletico Madrid's six-match winning streak with a comprehensive 3-1 win on a treacherous rain-sodden pitch at Nuevo Zorrilla.

Champions League side Celta Vigo continued their poor run when they lost 2-0 at home to Athletic Bilbao, who claimed their first away win of the season thanks to goals from defenders Mari Lacruz and Andoni Iraola.

The Basque side leapfrogged a host of sides to move into fourth place in the table, a point ahead of Barcelona, who lost 2-1 at Villarreal on Saturday, and three behind Valencia.

Real Madrid coach Carlos Queiroz surprisingly left leading scorer Ronaldo and midfielder Ivan Helguera on the bench at the Bernabeu, preferring to give former youth team players Javier Portillo and Borja a run out against their modest opponents.

MNA/Reuters

## Leaders Ajax beat Heerenveen 3-1 to go four points clear

AMSTERDAM, 25 Nov—Ajax Amsterdam beat Heerenveen 3-1 at home on Sunday to extend their lead over PSV Eindhoven at the top of the Dutch First Division to four points.

PSV fought back from 2-0 down at NEC Nijmegen with a double from Mateja Kezman to win 3-2 on Saturday, while AZ Alkmaar dropped a place after a 5-1 home defeat to Roda JC Kerkrade.

Ajax sit at the top of the table with 31 points in 12 matches, while PSV trail in second place with 27. Alkmaar are third on 25, one clear of Feyenoord who play at Ajax next week.

Striker Gerald Sibon opened the scoring for Heerenveen when he headed home a corner after 18 minutes.

Wesley Sneijder equalized for Ajax in the 36th minute and a Nicoleta Mitea strike two minutes later put the home side ahead.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored on the hour mark to wrap up Ajax's 10th league win of the season.

The Amsterdam club host AC Milan on in Group H of the Champions League on Wednesday and rivals Feyenoord next Sunday.

Twente Enschede crushed lowly ADO Den Haag 4-0. Peter Niemeyer opened the scoring and Blaise N'Koufo added two more goals before Sjaak Polak converted a penalty in extra time.—MNA/Reuters

## PSG slip further behind leaders Monaco after 0-0 draw

PARIS, 25 Nov—Paris-St Germain were held to a 0-0 draw by Nice on Sunday and are now nine points behind leaders Monaco in fourth place.

The home side dominated much of the match but were kept at bay by a resolute side who had keeper Damien Gregorini to thank for their point after a stunning double save in the 90th minute.

On Saturday Monaco restored their three-point lead at the top of Ligue 1 with a 2-0 win over RC Lens while third-placed Olympique Marseille beat Lille by the same margin. Monaco have 33 points from 14 games, three more than champions Olympique Lyon, who beat Racing Strasbourg 1-0 on Friday thanks to an injury-time penalty from Peguy Luyindula.

Marseille have 27 points while Sochaux are equal on 24 points with PSG after a 2-1 win at En Avant Guingamp. In a match dogged by heavy rain Nice striker Christophe Meslin had chances to score in each half at PSG, once losing control when alone in front of goal after a mishit back pass.

Meslin had a shot smartly saved at the near post by PSG keeper Jerome Alonzo but the home side soon put the ball in the net. Branko Boskovic's effort was saved before Fabrice Fioresse netted the rebound but he was just offside when Boskovic shot.

MNA/Reuters



**MRTV-3**
**26-11-2003 (Wednesday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greetings  
9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanmar Sen-  
timent"  
9:06 Peaceful & Developed  
Dawei  
**9:10** **Headline News**  
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Ridged gourd  
and bean curd curry)  
**9:15** **National News**  
9:20 Ayeawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-III)  
**9:30** **National News**  
9:35 Myanmar Aspirations  
for 22nd Sea Games  
9:40 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Flower Alike"  
**9:45** **National News**  
9:50 Thu Wana Tha Ma  
JATAKA Scene (5)  
9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights  
"Come and see  
Myanmar"

**26-11-2003 (Wednesday)  
Regular Programmes for  
Viewers from Abroad  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings  
15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
15:36 Peaceful & Developed  
Dawei  
**15:40** **Headline News**  
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Ridged gourd  
and bean curd curry)  
**15:45** **National News**  
15:50 Ayeawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-III)  
15:55 Fine Arts School, Fos-  
tering of the Artists  
**16:00** **National News**  
16:05 Myanmar Aspirations  
for 22nd Sea Games  
16:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Flower Alike"  
**16:15** **National News**  
16:20 Thu Wana Tha Ma  
JATAKA Scene (V)

- 16:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanmar Sen-  
timent"  
**16:30** **National News**  
16:35 Fisheries work in  
Pyapon  
16:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Monhinga"  
**16:45** **National News**  
16:50 Music for Your Ears  
(Than Sann Lyric  
Notes)

- 16:55 Kayan Dance  
**17:00** **National News**  
17:05 Let's meet at the cafe!  
17:10 Songs on Screen  
"Past Merit"  
17:12 Mogok, The Ruby  
Land  
**17:15** **National News**  
17:20 Kambozathadi Palace  
of Conquerors  
17:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings  
19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar  
Panorama & Myanmar  
Sentiment"  
19:35 Traditional Chin  
Liqueur (Khaung Yay)  
**19:40** **Headline News**  
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Pork curry  
mixed with Vegetable  
Sour Soup)  
**19:45** **National News**  
19:50 Lacquerware in  
Bagan  
19:55 Vram Naga Harvest  
Dance  
**20:00** **National News**  
20:05 Ayeawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-III)  
20:10 Song "Blue Moon"  
**20:15** **National News**  
20:20 Myanmar Ramayana  
(Human Weakness in  
the face of Temptation)  
20:25 Song "Bagan the Won-  
der Land"  
**20:30** **National News**  
20:35 Mogyingyi Wildlife  
Sanctuary  
20:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Squid Salad"  
**20:45** **National News**  
20:50 Art of Carving on  
Fruits  
20:55 Myanmar Marionette  
20:58 Palm Leaf Inscription

- 21:00** **National News**  
21:05 Tour In Myanmar  
(Bago, Thanlyin)  
21:10 Songs on Screen  
"Through My Eyes"  
**21:15** **National News**  
21:20 Talent Show on a  
Maze of Xylophones  
21:30 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Mingalabar"  
21:35 Peaceful & Developed  
Dawei  
**21:40** **Headline News**  
21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Ridged gourd  
and bean curd curry)  
**21:45** **National News**  
21:50 Ayeawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-III)  
21:55 Fine Arts school, Fos-  
tering of the Artists  
**22:00** **National News**  
22:05 Myanmar Aspirations  
for 22nd Sea Game  
22:10 Song "Flower Alike"  
**22:15** **National News**  
22:20 Thu Wana Tha Ma  
JATAKA Scene (V)  
22:25 Song "Creating of a  
love-like Song"  
**22:30** **National News**  
22:35 Fisheries work in  
Pyapon  
22:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Monhinga"  
**22:45** **National News**  
22:50 Music for your ears  
(Than Sann Lyric  
Notes)

- 22:55 Kayan Dance  
**23:00** **National News**  
23:05 Let's meet at the cafe!  
23:10 Songs on Screen  
"Past Merit"  
23:12 Mogok, The Ruby  
Land  
**23:15** **National News**  
23:20 Kambozathadi Palace  
of Conquerors  
23:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Come and See  
Myanmar"

- 26-11-2003 (Wednesday) &  
27-11-2003 (Thursday)  
Evening & Morning  
Transmission  
(23:30 - 01:30)**  
23:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings  
23:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
23:36 Peaceful & Developed  
Dawei  
**23:40** **Headline News**  
23:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Ridged gourd  
and bean curd curry)

- 23:45** **National News**  
23:50 Ayeawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-III)  
23:55 Fine Arts school, Fos-  
tering of the Artists  
**24:00** **National News**  
00:05 Myanmar Aspirations  
for 22nd Sea Games  
00:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Flower Alike"  
**00:15** **National News**  
00:20 Thu Wana Tha Ma  
JATAKA Scene (V)  
00:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanmar Sen-  
timent"  
**00:30** **National News**  
00:35 Fisheries work in  
Pyapon  
00:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Monhinga"  
**00:45** **National News**  
00:50 Music for your ears  
(Than Sann Lyric  
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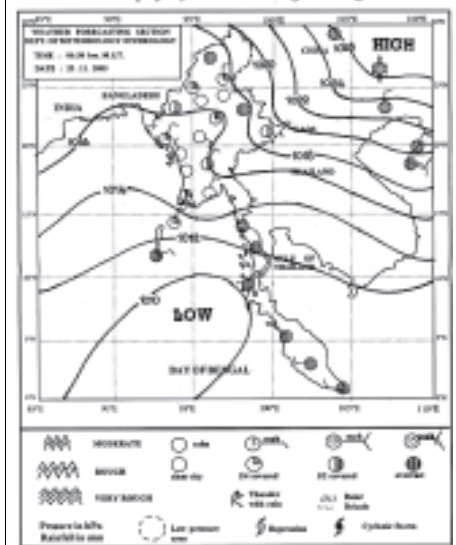
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**01:00** **National News**  
01:05 Let's meet at the cafe!  
01:10 Songs on Screen  
"Past Merit"  
01:12 Mogok, The Ruby Land  
**01:15** **National News**  
01:20 Kambozathadi Palace  
of Conquerors  
01:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Come and See  
Myanmar"

**27-11-2003 (Thursday)  
Morning Transmission  
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings  
03:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanmar Sen-  
timent"  
03:35 Traditional Chin Li-  
queur (Khaung Yay)  
**03:40** **Headline News**  
03:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Pork curry  
mixed with Vegetable  
Sour Soup"  
**03:45** **National News**  
03:50 Lacquerware in  
Bagan  
03:55 Vram Naga Harvest  
Dance  
**04:00** **National News**  
04:05 Ayeawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-II)  
04:10 Song "Blue Moon"  
**04:15** **National News**  
04:20 Myanmar Ramayana  
(Human Weakness in  
the face of Temptation)  
(Part-XI) (Scene II)

- 04:25 Song "Bagan the Won-  
der Land"  
**04:30** **National News**  
04:35 Mogyingyi Wildlife  
Sanctuary  
04:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Squid Salad"  
**04:45** **National News**  
04:50 Art of Carving on  
Fruits  
04:55 Myanmar Marionette  
04:58 Palm Leaf Inscription  
**05:00** **National News**  
05:05 Tour In Myanmar  
(Bago, Thanlyin)  
05:10 Songs on Screen  
"Through My Eyes"  
**05:15** **National News**  
05:20 Talent Show on a  
Maze of Xylophones  
05:30 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic Sights  
"Mingalabar"  
05:35 Peaceful & Developed  
Dawei  
**05:40** **Headline News**  
05:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Ridged gourd  
and bean curd Curry)  
**05:45** **National News**  
05:50 Ayeawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-III)  
05:55 Fine Arts School, Fos-

- tering of the Artists  
**06:00** **National News**  
06:05 - Myanmar Aspirations  
for 22nd Sea Games  
06:10 Song "Flower Alike"  
**06:15** **National News**  
06:20 Thu Wana Tha Ma  
JATAKA Scene (V)  
06:25 Song "Creating of a  
Love-like Song"  
**06:30** **National News**  
06:35 Fisheries work in  
Pyapon  
06:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Monhinga"  
**06:45** **National News**  
06:50 Music for Your Ears  
(Than Sann Lyric  
Notes)  
06:55 Kayan Dance  
**07:00** **National News**  
07:05 Let's meet at the cafe!  
07:10 Songs on Screen  
"Past Merit"  
07:12 Mogok, The Ruby  
Land  
**07:15** **National News**  
07:20 Kambozathadi Palace  
of Conquerors  
07:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights  
"Come and See  
Myanmar"

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

Tuesday, 25 November, 2003

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, except for the weather has been isolated light rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Division and weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were 7°C below normal in Ayeawady Division, 5°C to 6°C below normal in Magway and Yangon Divisions and 3°C to 4°C below normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was 4°C in Hakha.

Maximum temperature on 24-11-2003 was 35.5°C (96°F). Minimum temperature on 25-11-2003 was 16.5°C (62°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 25-11-2003 was 61%. Total sunshine hours on 24-11-2003 was (9.1) hours approx. Rainfall on 25-11-2003 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 2211 mm (87.05 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2315 mm (91.14 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2394 mm (94.25 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from North at (15:20) hours MST on 24-11-2003.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Southwest Bay, South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 26-11-2003:** Except for the possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Division, weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair in the whole country. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-11-2003:** Generally fair weather. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-11-2003:** Fair weather.



Wednesday, 26 November

**View today:**

- 7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by  
Missionary Sayadaw U  
Ottamathara  
**7:25 am**  
2. To be healthy exercise  
**7:30 am**  
3. Morning news  
**7:40 am**  
4. Nice and sweet song  
**7:55 am**  
5. မြို့မြို့ကြွကြွယဉ်းကျေးဇူးအက  
**8:10 am**  
6. စောသရုပ်ဆွဲအစီအစဉ်  
**8:20 am**  
7. ဒါးကတံတား  
**8:30 am**  
8. International news

- 8:45 am**  
9. Learnig English the  
easy and happy way for  
children and beginners  
**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song  
**4:15 pm**  
2. Songs to uphold  
National Spirit  
**4:30 pm**  
3. Demonstration exercises  
for correct  
pronunciation  
**4:45 pm**  
4. Musical programme  
**5:00 pm**  
5. အစောသရုပ်ဆွဲလှည့်စာ  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ  
တတိယနှစ်(ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု)  
(ရုက္ခဗေဒ)  
**5:15 pm**  
6. Song of national  
races  
**5:30 pm**  
7. Classical song  
**5:45 pm**  
8. (၂၂)ကြိမ်မြောက်အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ

- အကတံတားမြို့သို့ အကြွကြွဆင်  
လေ့ကျင့်မှု (စစ်တုရင်)  
**6:00 pm**  
9 ရွှေယံနုလင်အစီအစဉ်  
**6:15 pm**  
10. Discovery  
**6:30 pm**  
11. Evening news  
**7:00 pm**  
12. Weather report  
**7:05 pm**  
13. Milo success in  
soccer  
**7:10 pm**  
14. Musical programme  
**7:25 pm**  
15. နိုင်ငံအဝန်းသစ်တောစွမ်း  
မြင်ခန်းစာ(ရုက္ခဗေဒ)  
**8:00 pm**  
16. News  
17. International news  
18. Weather report  
19. နိုင်ငံမြို့တော်လမ်းတွဲ  
"ဆန္ဒာကုသလ်" (အရိုင်း-၁၄)  
20. The next day's  
programme


 Wednesday, 26  
November  
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am** Brief news  
**8:35 am** Music  
**8:40 am** Perspectives  
**8:45 am** Music  
**8:50 am** National news/  
Slogan  
**9:00 am** Music  
**9:05 am** International news  
**9:10 am** Music  
**1:30 pm** News/Slogan  
**1:40 pm** Lunch time music  
-Blue night (MLTR)  
-Every time (Flames)  
**9:00 pm** Variations on a tune:  
Seasons in the sun  
-Fortunes  
-Andy Williams  
**9:15 pm** Article/ Music  
**9:25 pm** Music at your  
request  
-Whisper (Evanescence)  
-Pretty baby  
(Venessa Cartoon)  
**9:45 pm** News/Slogan  
**10:00 pm** PEL



The ceremony to pay respects to doyen literati in progress at Yangon City Hall. — MNA

## Sarsodaw Day commemorative respect-paying ceremony held

YANGON, 25 NOV — The Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, as a gesture of hailing Myanmar Sarsodaw Day (1365 ME), held the respect-paying ceremony at the City Hall here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan,

Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, deputy ministers, the mayor of Yangon, departmental heads, MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and CEC members, chairmen and executives of

Township WJAs in Yangon, wellwishers, guests and enthusiasts.

MWJA Joint-Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo (Dr Tin Tun Oo) acted as master of ceremonies. MWJA Vice-Chairman-1 U Tin Kha gave an account of holding the ceremony. MWJA Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-

Twantay) read the message of the chairman. MWJA Joint-Secretary U Myint Kywe (Maung Myint Kywe) introduced those present to 77 doyen literati.

Up to 23 November, the donations in cash that were to be presented to the doyen literati amounted to K 12,707,400 and in kind in-

cluding K 595,000 donated by the State Peace and Development Council; K 8.2 million by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Press Scrutiny and Registration Division); K 250,000 by the Ministry of Information; K 200,000 by Yangon City Development Committee; K 300,000 by Mandalay City

Development Committee; K 100,000 by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and wife Daw Khin Khin Lay and family; K 50,000 by Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win and family; K 300,000 each by Dr Tha Tun Oo (Today Publishing House) and U Mya Thein (Moe Htet Myint-Mytwakunpaw); K 100,000 each by Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thein (Aung Si Hein) and wife and family, Dr Tin Tun Oo-Dr Khin Moe Moe (Thuta-swesone Publishing House), Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Retd) (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe)-Daw Khin Aye Mu, U Ye Wai (Myanmar) and U Ye Win (Win Wai Naung), Maung Maung Aye (Alinga Wut Yi), Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Mi Mi Khin, U Win Swe-Thiri Thudhamma Theingi

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe looks into the digging of the main ditches in Hmawby Township, Yangon North District. — YANGON COMMAND



## Commander inspects development and agricultural tasks in Yangon North District

YANGON, 25 NOV — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by No 1 Military Region Commander Lt-Col Tun Tun Oo, Secretary of Yangon Division PDC Lt-Col Kyaw Tint and officials, this morning inspected regional development tasks in Hmawby and Hlegu townships in Yangon District (North) and attended to the needs of the local farmers.

First, the commander arrived at the work site where irrigation canals are being dug by the Irrigation Department using heavy machinery to irrigate the Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Livestock Breeding Special Zone-2 near Nyaungnabin Village in Hmawby Township from Kalihtaw Dam in the township.

Officials of the Yangon Division Irrigation Department reported to the commander on tasks being carried out.

Afterwards, the com-

mander and party inspected digging of the main canal of the Kalihtaw Dam near Inkantant Village in Hlegu Township. An official of the Yangon Division Irrigation Department reported on supply of water from Kalihtaw Dam to the special zone.

At the special zone-2, the commander also inspected tarring of road and urged the officials concerned to complete the road on time meeting the set standard.

Next, the commander arrived at the 60-foot-long Kyauktan Bridge linking Shwenantha and Ngwenantha model villages in Mingaladon Township being built by the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development.

The commander viewed the harvesting and threshing of monsoon paddy, preparations for summer paddy cultivation and demonstration of the use of natural fertilizer at the fields of farmer U Naing Win near Barlar Village in Hlegu Township.

Later, the commander met with the farmers from Barlar, Shwenantha, Ngwenantha, Kantalabaung and Yetalabaung villages at the monastery in Barlar Village. At the meeting, he called on the farmers to grow single cropping to double cropping and to make efforts for full cultivation of summer paddy.

The commander also fulfilled the requirements of the farmers at the meeting.

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## Sports events of MNA to be held

YANGON, 25 NOV — The 48th Sports events of the Myanmar Nursing Association will be held on 16-19 December at Aung Sun Stadium here.

Track and field, volley ball, badminton, table tennis, sepak takraw and soccer (women) will include in the events. For further information contact Ph: 643728, 286966.

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## Runway extension work inspected at Hkamti Airport

YANGON, 25 NOV — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, accompanied by officials of the Public Works, arrived at Hkamti Airport in Sagaing Division by the flight of Myanmar Airways yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall of the runway extension project, engineers reported to the minister on stockpiling of machinery, tar, fuel oil and gravel; progress of construction works, and future tasks.

Hkamti District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Htin Aung Kyaw

and officials also reported on measures being taken for supply of necessary gravel for the project. After hearing the reports, the minister gave instructions on construction of the runway on which Fokker F-27 aircraft can land in any seasons, and attended to the requirements.

Next, the minister and party inspected extension of the runway. The existing runway of Kani Airport is 4,200 feet long and 100 feet wide and Forka F-27 aircraft use it to taxi only in dry weather. But now, the extension of

the runway is under way under the charge of Public Works. It is targeted to accomplish the new runway with 4,800 feet in length and 100 feet in width in this open season.

In the afternoon, the minister looked into the tasks for carrying necessary gravel from the jetty and places where gravel can be found. The minister also inspected the measures being taken for making the environment of the airport green and lush and repairs of the entrance road to the airport. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspects the runway extension project at Hkamti Airport. TRANSPORT