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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to President of Romania

YANGON, 1 Dec — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Ion Iliescu, President of Romania, on the occasion of the National Day of Romania which falls on 1 December 2003. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects ball bearing production in Indagaw Industrial Zone of the Ministry of Industry-2. —MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Indagaw Industrial Zone

YANGON, 30 Nov — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, arrived at Indagaw Industrial Zone of the Ministry of Industry-2 in Bago Township, Bago Division, this morning.

The Prime Minister was welcomed at the industrial zone by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and departmental heads.

At the briefing hall of the radiator plant, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin reported to the Prime Minister on production of disc wheels, radiators, metal bearings, inlets and exhaust valves for power tillers, vehicles and pumps and completion of plants for manufacturing 18 horse-power diesel engines, aluminum wire, a foundry, and an electric sub-station, operation of machines, number of staff, sending staff to overseas training for human resources development, production targets, production of ball bearing, cables, Watt-hour

meters, electric motors, and electrical parts for automobile.

Next, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw reported to the Prime Minister on production and efficiency of Junior CNC lathe machines, resistance spot welding machines and drilling machine for 1500 feet deep tube-wells.

Managing Director U Soe Thein of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries reported to the Prime Minister on installation and test running of machines and projects being carried out there; Managing Director U Myo Tint of Myanmar Agricultural Industries on salient points of tiller factory project and arrangements for production of 3,000 tillers a year; Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanmar Machine Tool and Electrical Industries on production of 66 KV aluminum and steel wires for Kengtung Hydel Power Project; and Managing Director U Ye Tun of Myanmar Industrial Construction Services on construction of plants in the industrial zone and water supply, power supply and greening tasks of the zone.

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt unveils the signboard of the new school building and multimedia classrooms in BEHS, Indaing (News on Page 16). — MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 1 December, 2003

Live and Let Live

The first day of December is designated as World AIDS Day and with the initiation of World Health Organization (WHO), "World AIDS Day" is commemorated in the countries around the world. This year's commemoration is the 15th one.

Awareness raising activities underscoring the AIDS epidemic are conducted on 1 December and a slogan is also laid down every year.

The slogan of the World AIDS Day 2003 is *Live and Let Live*.

Out of the diseases common to the people, AIDS is the most dangerous. It spoils immune system in human body and can kill the patient in a short time.

Prevention and control measures are being taken around the world. In many countries, AIDS campaigns are being conducted on 1 December as a mass movement.

Since 1989, the State has been giving guidance on taking measures to control the spread of AIDS as a national duty.

It is incumbent upon all the national people to fight against the danger posed by AIDS epidemic.

Every strata of life should have the knowledge on AIDS and must try to know about it. There are many departments that disseminate knowledge on AIDS and ready to help. It is no need to feel ashamed or frightened to raise queries about AIDS. As regards the disease, specific do's and don'ts must be followed.

Articles on AIDS have been featured in books, pamphlets, newspapers, journals and magazines published by the Ministry of Health and UNICEF and the radio and television also broadcast educative programmes on AIDS.

Dissemination of knowledge on AIDS is one of the best weapons to combat the disease.

The Government is taking measures to combat AIDS as a national duty and the UN agencies, in cooperation with social organizations, are also taking part in the fight against AIDS. They are actively carrying out tasks on combating, controlling, preventing the disease and providing counselling services.

We would like to urge all the national people to take part in the fight against the deadly disease while assisting the victims of AIDS in accord with the slogan "*Live and Let Live*".

Tong Tah Trade Fair ends

YANGON, 30 Nov — With the assistance of the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar Tong Tah Trade Fair 2003 exhibiting wide range of products for the last day at Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Pazundaung Street, Mingala Taungnyunt Township was teeming with visitors.

Officials of the Tong Tah Co Ltd presented flower baskets to Aungbawdi Co Ltd and Win Family Industry & Trading Co Ltd.

Altogether 112 booths of 38 companies including the Tong Tah Co Ltd were exhibited at the fair. — MNA



Manager U Khin Kyaw of Aungbawdi Co Ltd accepts flower baskets presented by officials of Tong Tah Co Ltd. — MNA

SSMNC Secretary Sayadaw leaves for Indonesia

YANGON, 30 Nov — State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Secretary Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara and International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Pro-rector Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa, accompanied by Director-General of the Department of Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Sann Lwin, left here by air this afternoon to attend the opening ceremony of the replica of Shwedagon pagoda to be held in the Republic of Indonesia.

The Secretary Sayadaw and members were seen off at Yangon International Airport by member Sayadaws of SSMNC, Director-General of Department of Religious Affairs Dr Myo Myint and officials.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint sprinkles scented waters on vehicles at the launching ceremony of Matupi-Mindat-Pakokku bus lines. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint attends launching ceremony of Matupi-Mindat-Pakokku bus lines

YANGON, 30 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and officials, on 28 November morning attended the ceremony

to launch the Matupi-Mindat-Pakokku bus lines held in Mindat.

It was also attended by Chin State PDC Chairman Col Tin Hla, Mindat District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Ohn Myint Oo and departmental officials, social organizations, band troupes, and local people.

First, Col Tin Hla for-

mally opened the ceremony on the occasion. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and the commander sprinkled scented water on the buses. Afterwards, the buses of Natmataung Bus Line and Golden Lion Bus Line were launched. The buses will shuttle between Matupi and Pakokku through Mindat.

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Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence inspects So So Pyay Pyay Brick Enterprise on Lashio-Hsenwi-Muse road in Lashio. — MNA

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects poppy-substitute brick factory in Lashio

YANGON, 30 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint and officials, inspected construction of the brick factory under So So Pyay Pyay Brick Enterprise on Lashio-Hsenwi-Muse road in Lashio on 28 November morning.

At the construction site, officials of the enterprise reported to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the commander and party on construction sites of factory facilities, machinery and construction of kiln building.

Next, In Charge of the enterprise U Aik Hsa reported on set-up of kiln building, process of brick production work, potential production of brick, undertaking brick enterprise as poppy-substitute work on commercial scale to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung

Htwe gave instructions on meeting the set standard in production of bricks, construction of smart buildings including the kiln building and systematic measures to be taken for proper drainage in the rainy season.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party proceeded to Highland-1 Model Plantations of the command where sunflowers, groundnut and winter crops are grown. At the briefing hall, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing reported on various kinds of crops including perennial crops, pulse and beans, sunflowers, macadamia and groundnut on the plantations.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing reported on potential production of groundnut, test-growing of winter wheat, cultivation of special high yield paddy and double cropping on the highland plantations.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspected Thitsein, wheat and sunflowers plantations and gave necessary instructions to officials. Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the commander and party arrived at the bio-ferti-

lizer plant of the North-East Command. Officials of the factory conducted Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party round the factory.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the commander and party inspected organic fertilizer and inorganic fertilizer there. The fertilizer is an export-substitute one and is being used on a wider scale by local farmers.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party arrived at the 25-ton Shweli Yadana Oil Mill. In Charge of the mill U Than Win conducted them round the mill.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party inspected oil milling process of the mill.

Later, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe left Lashio by air and arrived back here in the afternoon. — MNA

F&R deputy minister attends Informal AFDM+3 Meeting

YANGON, 30 Nov — Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, accompanied by Director of the Central Bank of Myanmar Daw Ohmma Sein attended the Informal AFDM+3 Meeting held in Seoul, Korea on 28 November.

At the Informal AFDM+3 Meeting held in the morning, the Asian Development Bank presented economic and financial development in ASEAN+3 region while ASEAN nations presented progress in macro-economy and finance in the countries. Deputy Minister

Col Hla Thein Swe presented macro-economic and financial conditions in Myanmar.

In the afternoon, matters related to implementation of Asian loan market programme and future work programmes were discussed. Singapore also presented work programmes of ASEAN+3 for the year 2004 and agreement on holding the AFDM+3 Meeting in Singapore in April 2004 was reached.

Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe together with Director Daw Ohmma Sein arrived back here by air yesterday evening. — MNA

US is worried foe is tracking targets in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 30 Nov—Bush administration officials are increasingly concerned that anti-American forces in Iraq are using simple but effective means to monitor activities and coordinate attacks against the American military, civilian administrators and visiting dignitaries.

As evidence, Pentagon and military officials cite a recent raid by troops of the 101st Airborne Division during which they broke up an apparent plot to assassinate an American colonel.

The would-be assailants, they said, had observed and charted the Army officer's daily routine including his jogging route and schedule of public appearances to plan their attack.

Evidence gathered by investigators also sheds new light on the rocket attack that struck the Rashid Hotel during the overnight visit to Baghdad by Paul D

Wolfowitz, the deputy defence secretary, in late October. Military intelligence officers have reported that the hotel staff was infiltrated over the summer by at least one former member of Saddam Hussein secret service.

Although Pentagon, military and intelligence officials caution that some of the evidence remains circumstantial while investigations continue, these concerns help explain the extraordinary secrecy surrounding President Bush surprise visit to Iraq on Thanksgiving Day.

American troops already

vary their routes and routines, officials said, and are being encouraged to do it more. But Baghdad's infrastructure of roads and secure places to stay is limited, making it difficult to obscure actions that might allow an observant resistance to plan attacks.

"It does not require a very robust intelligence capability to pick up from time to time the presence of 'high value' American officials," said a Bush administration official with access to intelligence reports from Iraq.

"It is hard to shield the large security presence that

identifies senior officials in Iraq."

Investigators are reviewing recent attacks on American convoys hit by improvised explosives to see whether the routes had become so routine as to make them obvious targets. They are also examining the bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad in August, in which the explosives-packed vehicle detonated adjacent to the United Nations special representative's window.

American officials say operatives loyal to the ousted Hussein government do not require high-technology eavesdropping devices to gather substantial amounts of information on the activities of American officials.

"Given the size of our footprint, you can't overestimate the amount of information you can gather just standing on a street corner and watching," one official said.

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Seven Spaniards, two Japanese die in Iraq attacks

BAGHDAD, 30 Nov—Seven Spanish intelligence agents were killed in Iraq on Saturday in an attack on their unmarked vehicles south of Baghdad, Spanish Defence Minister Federico Trillo said, the latest assault on a close American ally.

In Japan, the Foreign Ministry said two Japanese diplomats were also killed in an apparent ambush near Tikrit, hometown of Iraq's ousted leader Saddam Hussein about 110 miles north of the capital.

Reports of the killings came hours after the top military commander in Iraq said attacks against US forces had fallen sharply in recent weeks, despite figures showing November to be the deadliest month for US troops since the war began in March.

Lieutenant-General Ricardo Sanchez said anti-American insurgents had struck fewer times in the past seven days than in the previous week and put the reduction down to more aggressive tactics by US forces.

A Reuters television crew at the scene of the attack on the Spaniards about 28 miles from Baghdad filmed a burned-out vehicle surrounded with spent shell casings and scattered bits of flesh.

Trillo said in a nationally televised address that another agent had been slightly hurt in the attack by guerrillas using rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles.

The attacks on both the Spaniards and the Japanese are likely to embarrass their respective governments.

Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar defied public opinion at home to send around 1,300 peacekeepers to Iraq after strongly endorsing the US and British decision to invade the country on 20 March. —Internet

France welcomes UN setting Contact Group on Iraq crisis

PARIS, 30 Nov—France on Thursday welcomed the establishment of a United Nations Contact Group over the Iraqi crisis, describing it as a measure in the direction of "reinforcement of consultation among partners."

"The participation of Iraq's neighbouring countries (in the Contact Group) is necessary, due to the important role that they have to play in the stabilization of the region and in the full reintegration of a sovereign Iraq that lives in peace with its neighbours," said a spokesman of the French Foreign Ministry.

"It goes without saying that it does not mean to take the place of the Iraqis and decide their future for them, but to reinforce the international cooperation to support their efforts," said the spokesman.

The "contact group" on Iraq, set up Wednesday by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, is to meet for the first

time next Monday.

The group comprises the six countries that border Iraq plus Egypt, the five permanent members of the Security Council and four non-permanent members.

The group is meant to coordinate the approaches of neighbouring countries and the rest of the international community.

The countries are to be represented at the level of their ambassadors to the United Nations. The neighbours are Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Iran, Kuwait and Egypt.

The five permanent members of the Security Council are Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States. —MNA/Xinhua

Swiss economy shows new signs of recovery

GENEVA, 30 Nov—The Swiss economy has begun to show signs of recovery, posting its first positive quarterly growth in a year, according to the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (Seco) on Thursday.

Seco said in a statement that the upturn was mainly fuelled by a boost in exports.

The economy grew by 1 per cent in the third quarter of 2003, slightly exceeding expectations. Economists had predicted an

average growth of 0.9 per cent.

Seco still expects the economic growth to decline overall in 2003, due to a sharp drop earlier in the year. However, it expects growth to accelerate next year to reach 1.5 percent.

"A return to significant growth is expected in 2004," Seco said.

The Swiss National Bank said the figures were roughly in line with expectations.

MNA/Xinhua



Little girls of China's Dong Nationality sing songs of the nationality during its traditional song festival in southwest China's Guizhou Province on 28 Nov, 2003. The traditional songs of the Dong Nationality, with a history of around 2,500 years, once deeply attracted audience in Russia, France, Austria and other countries. —INTERNET



The sun set as a Spanish soldier sits at his machinegun guarding a helicopter landing zone in central Iraq. Seven Spanish intelligence agents were killed in an attack on their convoy south of Baghdad. —INTERNET

Billions to face water shortages as glaciers melt

MILAN (Italy), 30 Nov—The world's glaciers could melt within a century if global warming accelerate, leaving billions of people short of water and some islanders without a home, environmentalists said on Thursday.

"Unless governments take urgent action to prevent global warming, billions of people worldwide may face severe water shortages as a result of the alarming melting rate of glaciers, the WWF group said in a report.

It said human impact on the climate was melting glaciers from the Andes to the Himalayas, bringing longer-term threats of higher sea levels that could swamp island states.

Officials from 180 nations will meet in Milan on December 1-12 to discuss international efforts to rein in a rise in global temperatures, blamed by scientists on emissions of gases from factories and car that are blanketing the planet.

"Simulations project that a 4.0 Celsius rise in temperature would eliminate nearly all of the world's glaciers" by the end of the century, WWF said. Himalayan glaciers feed seven great rivers of Asia that run through

China and India, the world's most populous nations, ensuring a year-round water supply to two billion people.

Island states like Tuvalu in the Pacific, meanwhile, could be submerged by rising sea levels triggered by melting glaciers.

Sea levels could rise even further if tow of the world's largest ice caps, in Antarctica and Greenland, melt substantially, though the report left them out of its reckoning because of their unpredictability.

Glaciers are ancient rivers of packed snow that creep through the landscape, shaping the planet's surface.

"Glaciers are extremely important because they respond rapidly to climate change and their loss directly affects human populations and ecosystems," said Jennifer Morgan, head of WWF's Climate Change Programme. —MNA/Reuters

Tokyo confirms two Japanese killed in Iraq

TOKYO, 30 Nov—Gunmen in Iraq killed two Japanese diplomats in an ambush on their vehicle Saturday, an attack that came with Japan moving closer to sending noncombat troops to the Mideast nation.

Japanese officials said the deaths — the first Japanese killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion — would not change the government plan to use its soldiers to aid in the country's reconstruction.

Details of the attack were still sketchy, but Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi said that the vehicle was ambushed near the city of Tikrit, where the envoys were

to attend an aid conference.

The two were working for the reconstruction of Iraq, Kawaguchi said at a news conference.

Their driver, whose nationality was not immediately known, was seriously injured, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Jiro Okuyama.

Katsuhiko Oku, 45, headed the cultural affairs section of Japan's embassy in London and had been on assignment in Iraq. Masamori Inoue, 30, was a second secretary at the Baghdad mission.

Defence Agency chief Shigeru Ishiba said Friday that a recent fact-finding team indicated conditions are "rather stable" in southern Iraq, where the Japanese government will dispatch the troops.

Koizumi has been a firm supporter of the US invasion of Iraq and has emphasized Japan has a responsibility to help rebuild the country. But he has hesitated to put troops on the ground as near-daily attacks on coalition forces have shaken public support for the mission. —Internet

Annan says "AIDS" is weapon of mass destruction

LONDON, 30 Nov — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in an interview released on Friday that AIDS was a "weapon of mass destruction" for some countries and the world was losing the fight against the epidemic.

He urged world leaders to do more to stem the spread of the disease.

"In some of the countries we are talking about, AIDS is a real weapon of mass destruction — and what are we doing about

that?" Annan said in the interview with BBC World Service radio.

"It does indicate a certain incredible callousness that one would not have expected in the 21st Century."

The United Nations said in a report this week that deaths and new cases of HIV/AIDS reached unprecedented highs in 2003 and were set to keep rising. About five million people were infected in 2003 and more than three million died.

It said new global estimates showed about 40 million people worldwide were now living with HIV/AIDS.

"I am not winning the war because I don't think the leaders of the world are engaged enough," Annan said in excerpts of the interview released to the BBC's Web site.

"I feel angry, I feel dis-

tressed, I feel helpless to live in a world where we have the means to be able to help all these patients, what is lacking is the political will."

Annan said people should lobby their governments to take action.

"They should take on this fight," he said. "They should not be afraid to speak up".

Sub-Saharan Africa was the worst affected region, according to the UN figures, with about 3.2 million new infections and 2.3 million deaths in 2003.

The report said the epidemic was fuelled by intravenous drug use and unsafe sex. It is spreading in India, China, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Estonia and Latvia.

MNA/Reuters

Drive Safely



Plainclothes military police officers arrest South Korean conscript, Private Kang Chol-min (C), during a protest march near the presidential Blue House in Seoul on 28 Nov, 2003. Kang, 22, failed to return to his unit last week from leave and instead staged a sit-in protest against the government's plan to dispatch South Korean troops to restore order in post-war Iraq. — INTERNET

Tung to pay duty visit to Beijing

HONG KONG, 30 Nov — Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Tung Chee Hwa will pay a duty visit to Beijing from December 2 to 4, a government Press release said here Thursday.

During his stay in Beijing, Tung will call on Chinese central government leaders and brief them on the latest developments in Hong Kong.

During Tung's absence, Chief Secretary Donald Tsang will be the acting chief executive. The Director of the Chief Executive's Office, W K Lam, Information Services Director Yvonne Choi, the Chief Executive's private secretary Robin Ip and his senior special assistant Chan Kin-ping will accompany Tung on the visit.

MNA/Xinhua

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Andrew Wilkie, a former Australian intelligence analyst has been awarded a Whistleblower award for quitting his post to speak out against waging war on Iraq. — INTERNET

Australian whistleblower wins award for anti-Iraq war stance

CANBERRA, 30 Nov—A former Australian intelligence analyst has been awarded a Whistleblower award for quitting his post to speak out against waging war on Iraq.

Andrew Wilkie — who resigned from Australia's top intelligence assessment agency, the ONA, last March in protest over involvement in the Iraq campaign — was awarded the United Nations Association of Australia's inaugural Whistleblower of the Year Award at a ceremony in Canberra.

Wilkie, who accuses the Australian government of misleading the public to justify war on Iraq, said the award vindicated his actions. "It means a lot to me and it certainly encourages me to keep speaking out," he told reporters. "Of course, more than any other organization, the UN has been the key player in this whole Iraq business." Association national president Margaret Reynolds said her organization had been keen to recognize Wilkie. "It's a special award for 2003 which has been a pretty awful year for the UN," she said.

"The invasion of Iraq was an illegal war brought by a super power and its friends and at great personal risk to his own career, Andrew Wilkie spoke out and brought the focus back to the proper role of the UN in this issue." The Australian government has denied Wilkie's claims.

Internet

Angolan President calls for fighting "AIDS", poverty reduction

LUANDA, 30 Nov — Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos has said the fight against HIV/AIDS should be combined with a strategy to reduce poverty, local media reported on Friday.

Eduardo dos Santos was speaking on Thursday at the meeting of the National Commission for the Fight Against HIV/AIDS and Dangerous Diseases, of which he is the chairman, held in the Congress Hall.

The measures against the proliferation of this disease should be part of the strategy to fight poverty. "We should face these two problems as being related and inseparable,

making up two sides of the same coin," he said.

On the other hand, success in this fight also depends on the joining of efforts and on the commitment of members of the society.

A broad front to fight against this problem is necessary, because the government can lead the fight, but it cannot carry it out with success alone, the President said. According to the President, it is also important to continue mobilizing donor countries and large firms in the sense of not stopping to supply the means for the implementation of programmes that have already been defined. —MNA/Xinhua

Oil eases ahead of OPEC meeting

LONDON, 30 Nov — World oil prices eased on Friday, as the market awaited next week's OPEC meeting, which is widely expected to leave output unchanged.

Benchmark Brent futures in London last traded 25 cents lower at 28.45 US dollars a barrel.

Trade was very thin with many players absent because the US markets were shut for the Thanksgiving holiday.

"We're held in a narrow range while the US is on holiday and ahead of next week's OPEC meeting," Christopher Bellew of Prudential Bache brokerage said. The Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries meets on December 4 to review its output policy and most market commentators believe the cartel will leave in place its output limit of 24.5 million barrels per day.

"We expect OPEC to leave production quotas unchanged," said bankers Lehman Brothers.

MNA/Reuters

IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



An Iraqi girl covers her face as US army soldiers search for guerillas in the centre of Baghdad, on Saturday, 29 November, 2003. — INTERNET



Iraqi youths watch a soldier of the US Army's 4th Infantry Division (Task Force Ironhorse) check an Iraqi woman with a metal detector before she enters an office building in Tikrit, north of Baghdad, on Saturday, 29 November, 2003. — INTERNET



Iraqis celebrate over the bodies of killed members of a Spanish military intelligence team on a street, south of Baghdad, on Saturday, 29 November, 2003. At least seven people were killed and one injured in the attack on the Spanish military intelligence team in Iraq, Spanish official said. — INTERNET



A US soldier searches a truck while another guards a group of Iraqis at a checkpoint in Baghdad on Monday 24 November 2003. — INTERNET



US Army combat engineers inspect damage recently to a building in a former Republican Guard compound in Baghdad, which was shelled by the US Air Forces in an operation called 'Iron Hammer.' — INTERNET



US-led troops are often hurt or killed by improvised explosive devices manufactured by anti-coalition guerillas and planted on the sites of roads. INTERNET

Chavez says Iraq war creates uncertainty

CARACAS, 30 Nov — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Thursday that the war in Iraq has caused international uncertainty and is jeopardizing the balance of the world petroleum market.

Chavez, who always opposed the war, said the invasion of Iraq has resulted in "terrible destabilization" and "general violence", which should never have taken place.

Chavez said uncertainty surrounding the future of Iraq's oil producing sector is affecting the balance of price against produc-

tion on the world petroleum market.

The President said Venezuela would not recognize the coalition authority in Iraq until the United Nations recognizes it. He also expressed his hope of "peace returning to the people of Iraq and the world".

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier is watching a house for searching Iraqi fighters recently.

INTERNET

Site of ancient imperial palace found in North China

TAIYUAN, 30 Nov — Archaeologists have confirmed that they have discovered the site of an ancient palace of the Northern Wei Dynasty (386-534) in north China's Shanxi Province.

The site was discovered in Datong, an industrial city in North China, which was the early Northern Wei capital for about 100 years and was called Pingcheng at the time.

"The location of Pingcheng Palace was a mystery to archaeologists before the discovery of this site," said Zhang Qingjie, a research fellow with local archaeological institute.

After more than seven months of excavation, about 2,400 square metres were exposed, where a large terrace with steps,

brick walls and a floor was unearthed.

Archaeologists also discovered construction materials, such as tiles, ridge decorations and different types of tile-ends, and porcelain relics from the Liao (916-1125), Jin (1115-1234) and Yuan (1271-1368) dynasties.

"It is exciting that we have discovered a large number of tile-ends with various shapes and characters," said Zhang.

"Characters such as Long Live the Emperor prove that the site had been used by the royalty." — MNA/Xinhua

HIV infections continue to rise in US

WASHINGTON, 30 Nov — The number of new HIV cases diagnosed in the United States is continuing to climb, and the most significant rise has been among Hispanics and gay and bisexual men, *The New York Times* said in a report.

From 1999 through 2002, the number of new HIV cases soared by 26 per cent among Hispanics and by 17 per cent among men who have sex with men, while the increase in new cases over all of that period was 5.1 per cent, the newspaper reported, citing figures released by the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The statistics, released by the CDC ahead of the World AIDS Day on December 1, represent the most comprehensive analysis of US HIV cases to date. The numbers came from 29 states participating in the four-year study.

The latest figures provide more evidence that the AIDS epidemic is resurging

in the high-risk group of people in the country and underscore the urgent need for public awareness and action, US public health officials said.

The picture of US HIV infections might even be much worse than the latest figures indicated because states with the highest populations and possibly the highest rates of infections, like New York and California, were not included in the analysis.

According to the CDC, between 850,000 and 950,000 Americans are now living with HIV, the greatest number since the epidemic began more than two decades ago. An estimated 40,000 new HIV infections continue to occur in the US each year. — MNA/Xinhua

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Attacks against non-US personnel in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 Nov — Some attacks on non-US personnel in Iraq:

—Nov. 27: Insurgents fire a rocket-propelled grenade at the Italian mission in Baghdad, causing damage but no injuries.

—Nov. 12: A truck bomb outside Italian barracks in Nasiriyah kills 19 Italians and 14 others.

—Nov. 6: Insurgents ambush a convoy of troops from Poland near Karbala, killing Maj. Hieronim Kupczyk.

—Oct. 9: Gunmen kill Jose Antonio Bernal Gomez, a Spanish sergeant working for Spain's military intelligence, at his home in Baghdad.

—Aug. 19: Bombing of United Nations headquarters in Baghdad kills top UN envoy to Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello of Brazil, a Spanish Navy captain and 20 other people.

—June 24: Iraqi gunmen kill two British military police officers during demonstration and then storm a police station, killing four more. — Internet

China, UN sign agreement on meeting arrangements

BEIJING, 30 Nov — The Chinese Government and the United Nations signed an agreement regarding the arrangements for the 60th Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the 8th Session of the Special Body on Pacific Island

Developing Countries of the ESCAP here.

The agreement was signed by Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Shen Guofang and Executive Secretary of ESCAP Kim Hak-su after their meeting. As the only comprehensive organization regarding economic and social

development set up by the United Nations in the Asia-Pacific Region, ESCAP plays an important role in strengthening cooperation between countries in the region. The two sessions were scheduled to be held at Shanghai from April 20 to 28 in 2004. — MNA/Xinhua

US space agency unworried by "space station" noise

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 30 Nov — NASA will leave it to its Russian partners to determine whether an alarming noise aboard the International Space Station was caused by something hitting the 200-ton outpost, a spokesman for the US space agency said on Friday.

On Wednesday, station Commander Michael Foale reported hearing a sound like a crunching tin can coming from the rear of the Russian Zvezda module, which serves as a living quarters and galley for the two-man crew.

NASA said that later, after conferring with Russian crewmate Alexander Kaleri, Foale said the sound was more like piece a sheet metal being flexed.

The noise raised concerns

the ship may have been hit by a meteoroid or piece of space junk that would typically be orbiting the planet at five miles per second.

NASA ground controllers recorded no problems with air or coolant systems on the ship, and a visual inspection using cameras on the station's Canadian-built robot arm revealed no holes or major dents to the station's hull, said NASA spokesman James Hartsfield.

"Everything appears to be fine," said Hartsfield. "It will be up to the Russians to decide whether anything else should be investigated. There's not much left for us to look at from our end."

Russian space officials said on Thursday that "there was no collision whatsoever" with the space station and that the unusual noise had probably come from equipment on board.

MNA/Reuters



This photo released by the Swiss Federal Office of Justice shows an Egyptian statue discovered with more than 200 other artifacts in a Customs warehouse in Geneva, Switzerland. Swiss authorities handed over the artifacts to the Egyptian government on 28 Nov, 2003. Two mummies as well as sarcophagi, statues and masks were seized last August in an investigation into the illegal excavation and export of the objects.

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Border areas development (Kachin Special Region 1, Kachin Special Region 2)

Myint Soe (Na-ta-la)

The BCP 101 military region, the NDA, the Kachin Special Region 1, Panwa, the KIO, the Kachin Special Region 2, Laizin, they all are related to Kachin State and I am familiar with them. Living in different places, the ethnic races of Kachin State may have slight differences in language and culture, but they are of the same Kachin stock.

At the dinner marking the Inlon Innan harvesting ceremony held on the lawn Malikha Villa in Myitkyina, Kachin State, on 2 December 2001, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gave the following speech:

"The Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan races, all are of the single main stock "Myanmar", have been living in the Union in unity and in weal or woe throughout the course of history countable by the years in the thousand. Thus, they all have the firm belief that they are all related to each other.

"Don't even think about discarding any one of the Kachin ethnic races including Jeingphaw, Maru, Rawon, Lesu, Lachaik and Azee, or the definition of the word "Kachin" will not be completed. An act that is detrimental to the interest of any of the national races — the Kachin, the Kayah, the Kayin, the Chin, the Bamar, the Mon, the Rakhine and the Shan — will lead to harming the interest of the entire Union and people."

Birth of Kachin Special Region 1

Due to the differences in the views, the group led by U Zakon Ting Ring broke away from the KIO brigade 2 in 1969. Taking the difficulties of the KIA as an opportunity, the BCP armed U Zakon Ting Ring's group and formed it as the BCP 101 military region in August 1979. The group was active in the surrounding areas of Kanpaiktee. But BCP involvement had created difficulties in the building of peace. The BCP fell because of the secession of the Kokang, Wa, Shan and Akha races from the communist organization. The remnant BCPs were hiding at the Panwa region, hatching schemes to set up Panwa as their base by offering higher position to U Zakon Ting Ring. But U Zakon Ting Ring rejected the scheme.

U Zakon Ting Ring consulted with his men, and on 15 October 1989, he decided to make contacts with the Government to build peace in the region, while cutting off all links with the BCP and discarding the BCP's policy of winning battles and the power. He changed the name of BCP 101 battalion of the military region to the NDA, and drove out all the remnants of the BCP and DPA and ABSDF members from the region.

After holding discussions with the representatives of the Tatmadaw and Military Intelligence officials stage by stage the NDA returned to the legal fold on 15 December 1989. The Government has built new roads and upgraded the existing ones in the region. He reestablished small villages in the region to become 14 new modern

villages, complete with schools, dispensaries and hospitals.

The Government has built two major bridges, three minor bridges, eight suspension bridges, a number of new middle schools and hospitals, 33 elementary schools, 13 dispensaries, two agriculture offices and other required facilities and infrastructures. Panwa, a hamlet in the past, is a developing modern town at present.

Kachin Special Region 2

KIO had already accepted U Zakon Ting Ring's idea of making peace with the Government since the time when the peace efforts of NDA were in progress. In other words, the entire Kachin people firmly believed that peace was the only way to bring development to their land. The KIO held peace talks with the Revolutionary Council Government in 1963, and again with the Burma Socialist Programme Party Government in 1980.

The KIO initiated the peace talks with the Government in the early period of 1990. The Government's sincerity, patience, understanding have been always obvious in every peace negotiation including the one with the KIO.

The initial meeting was held at Kyugok (Pansai) on 18 October 1990. The first meeting was held in Lashio on 24 October 1992. During the period starting from 22 February 1993 to 16 February 1994, six meetings were held in Myitkyina, and all were successful.

The ceremony to mark the KIO's return to the legal fold was held in Myitkyina on 24 February 1994. Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt (now Prime Minister) attended the ceremony and delivered an address as follows:

"There may be disagreements between members of a family. But they are temporary disagreements, and not the permanent ones. "It is time for unity and reconsolidation", and that's our conviction at present. Hence, the Government has been inviting the armed national race groups to return to the legal fold.

"Peace can be restored as the KIO accepted the invitation, and held peace negotiations with the Government through sincerity and mutual understanding.

"Kachin State lagged behind in development for a period of over 20 years. However, it will surely develop due to the assistance of the Government, the efforts of the Kachin people, and the endeavours of the KIO."

Thanks to the prevalence of peace, many new roads and bridges have been built in the region, while the existing ones are being upgraded. Collective and continuous efforts are to be made for further progress in all fields.

(Translation: TMT)

Kyemon+Myanma Alin: 28 November 2003.

People's Desire

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

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

Dry Day inspection teams discharge duties

YANGON, 30 Nov — Chairman of Dry Day Pass Supervisory Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Vice-Chairman Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe and committee members, divided into four groups, supervised the dry day inspection teams which were discharging duties on use of vehicles of Tatmadaw and departments concerned today.

The inspection teams checked Dry Day Pass, driving licence, wheel tax and drivers' wearing of uniforms of Tatmadaw and departments concerned at the main points of Yangon from 7 am to 5 pm. They also took action against those who violated the traffic rules. —MNA

The inspection teams checked Dry Day Pass,



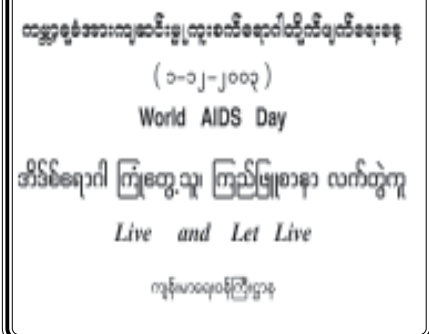
Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint supervises the Dry Day inspection teams.— MNA

Non-formal education efficiency course concludes

YANGON, 30 Nov — The concluding ceremony of electronic non-formal education efficiency course was held this afternoon at the Myanmar Education Research Bureau on Pyay Road here. It was attended by Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min, the directors-general of the departments under the ministry, professors, departmental officials and invited guests.

Col Aung Myo Min made a concluding speech on the occasion. The lectures of the 32 education programmes were delivered from 9 am to 3.30 pm on 22,23,29 and 30 November. A total of 7,211 trainees learned the lectures at 192 e-Education learning centres across the country.

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Prime Minister attends...

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education standard of rural youths where necessary and appointed teachers. The State is creating opportunities for the rural youths to continue pursuing education.

Moreover, universities, government technical colleges and computer colleges have already been opened under the 24 development region programme. So, rural youths have the opportunity to continue their studies in their own region.

The school building opened today is the fruit of cooperation of the State, wellwishers and the families of the station.

In conclusion, he spoke of the need to produce intellectuals and intelligentsia that will serve the interests of the State.

After the ceremony, the

Prime Minister and party together with the wellwishers and members of School Board of Trustees, teachers and students posed for documentary photos.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attends the ceremony to hand over the new school building of BEHS, Indaing, and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivers a speech on the occasion. — MNA



Myanmar delegation leaves for PRC

YANGON, 30 Nov — Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min left here for People's Republic of China by air this afternoon to pay a goodwill visit and to study rail transportation work in Yunnan Province of PRC.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than, Chinese Ambassador to

Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun and officials of the Chinese embassy, departmental heads and officials of the Ministry of Rail Transportation and families of the delegation members.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min was accompanied by General Manager (Mechanical/Electronic) of Myanmar Railways U Soe Win, General Manager (Civil) Lt-Col Thi Han, Deputy General Manager (Electronic) U Zaw Win and Assistant General Manager (Communications) U Ba Myint as members.

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Myanmar delegation led by Rail Transportation Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min seen together with those who see them off at the Yangon International Airport before departure for China. — RAIL TRANSPORTATION



New two-storey building of BEHS, Indaing in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division. — MNA

Transport Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspects situation of waterway

YANGON, 30 Nov — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than, Director-General of Department of Water Resources and Improvement of Rivers System U Chit Khin and officials inspected the worksite of maintenance of waterway of Bo Myat Tun bridge. At the briefing hall, the minister heard reports on maintenance of banks, chang-

ing the flow of water and future tasks presented by Head of Department U Hla Myint Thein of Engineering Department with the help of charts and Director-General U Chit Khin on present measures taken, changes of flow of water, use of heavy machinery and arrival of construction materials. The minister gave necessary instructions to officials. — MNA

Educative talks on HIV/AIDS

YANGON, 30 Nov — To mark the World AIDS Day, Educative talks on prevention of HIV/AIDS jointly conducted by the Myanmar Red Cross Society and UNICEF was held yesterday afternoon at the hall of Ahlone Township. On the occasion, officer of HIV/AIDS prevention project Dr Tun Aung Shwe gave educative talks on AIDS disease. Next, an HIV patient recounted his experiences. — MNA



Finance and Revenue Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe arrives back from Seoul, Korea, after attending the Informal AFDM+3 Meeting. (News page 2) — MNA

Minister U Win Aung sends message of felicitations to Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania

YANGON, 1 Dec — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mircea Geoana, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, on the occasion of the National Day of Romania which falls on 1st December 2003. — MNA

Donate Blood

2114.17 acres of illegal poppy plantations destroyed

YANGON, 30 Nov — A combined team comprising members of Local Intelligence Unit and Local Police Unit on 29 and 30 October, 2003, made a field tour in Nyaungshwe and found 1.8 acres of blooming poppy plantation near the index of map RL-644485 and RL-585482 in Nantat village, Sanpyin village-tract, Nyaungshwe and destroyed them. Similarly, the combined team destroyed 3 acres of poppy plantation near

the index of map RL-316318 in Saka (East) village, Toughtipwa village-tract, Panloun. The illegal poppy plantation secretly grown in valleys and gorges were exposed and destroyed by combined teams. In 2003-2004 poppy cultivation season, a total of 2114.17 acres of poppy plantation-2098.6 acres in Shan State (South), 12.57 acres in Shan State (East) and 3 acres in Kachin State were destroyed. — MNA

General Thura Shwe Mann welcomes...

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Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun, Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xu Shulai and officials.

First, General Thura Shwe Mann greeted General Wu Quanxu at the lounge of the airport.

Next, General Thura

Shwe Mann introduced senior military officers who accompanied him to General Wu Quanxu.

Afterwards, Deputy Chief of General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army (CPLA) General Wu Quanxu and party, together with General Thura Shwe Mann, left the airport by a motorcade for the Tatmadaw Guest House at 1.20 pm.

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General Thura Shwe Mann cordially greets Deputy Chief of General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army General Wu Quanxu. — MNA

Mayor inspects construction of General Assembly Hall

YANGON, 30 Nov — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn, together with Secretary Col Myint Aung, committee members and officials, inspected the construction of General Assembly

Hall of YCDC on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this afternoon.

The mayor gave instructions to the officials on close supervision of construction works.

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Annual meeting of 11th MFA held

YANGON, 30 Nov — Myanmar Floriculturists Association held its 11th Annual General Meeting at Pyidaungsu Ayeyik Nyein hall in People's Park and People's Square this evening.

It was attended by member of panel of leading patrons Daw Khin Than Nwe and members, Chairman of the association head of department U Nyunt Pe of Parks and Playgrounds Department of Yangon City Development Committee, guests and members of the

association.

Chairman U Nyunt Pe presented reports on functions of the association in one year. Joint-Secretary-1 of the association Daw Swe Mar Win read out the report of central executive committee and member of central executive committee Daw Khin Aye Nwe, the financial statement at the meeting. The meeting gave approvals.

The meeting elected 24 members of central executive committee including U Nyunt Pe as chairman and U Win Myint as secretary.

After those present had given suggestions, member of panel of leading patrons Daw Khin Than Nwe presented K 200,000 donated towards the funds of the association by members of panel of leading patrons to Chairman of the association U Nyunt Pe. — MNA

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General Thura Shwe Mann welcomes Deputy Chief of General Staff of CPLA General Wu Quanxu. — MNA

General Thura Shwe Mann hosts dinner in honour of Deputy Chief of General Staff of CPLA

YANGON, 30 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence hosted a dinner in honour of visiting Deputy Chief of General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China General Wu Quanxu and party at Zeyathiri

Beikman on Konmyinthar here this evening.

Present on the occasion were members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Quartermaster General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win

of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Military Appointment General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Defence Services Inspector-General, Brig-Gen Thein Htaik,

Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, senior military officers, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun and Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xu Shulai.

After the dinner, General Thura Shwe Mann and General Wu Quanxu exchanged commemorative gifts. — MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann hosts a dinner in honour of Deputy Chief of General Staff of CPLA General Wu Quanxu. MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann and Deputy Chief of General Staff of CPLA General Wu Quanxu pose for documentary photo. MNA

Danyingon Brick Factory

Article by Aung (Setmhu)
Photo by Industry-1

The brick is one of the essential construction materials for irrigation facilities, roads, bridges, and buildings for the emergence of the Union of Myanmar as a modern and developed nation.

The state-owned factory that produced largest amount of bricks in

Myanmar is No 1 Brick Factory of Myanma Ceramic Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1. The factory is situated at Danyingon in Insein Township, Yangon Division. The factory, which was built in December 1953 and completed in September 1956, has an area of 544.73 acres.

One workshop each was attached to the factory in 1963 and 1967.

The extension of the factory again and again reveals the increasing importance and demand of bricks in Myanmar.

In manufacturing bricks through wet process, red mud and black mud were



Unburnt bricks to be baked in kiln of Danyingon brick factory.

PHOTO: INDUSTRY-1



Wet Grinding Pan of Danyingon brick factory.

PHOTO: INDUSTRY-1

used. The factory is famous for its quality bricks manufactured with the production process of thoroughly grinding mixed mud or raw materials, pressing mud bricks with the use of machines, using vacuum pumps for required density and composition of bricks, and baking of bricks through tunnel kilns at 960 degree centigrade. The size of the brick produced by the factory is 220mm x 100mm x 75 mm

and weighs 2.26 kgm.

Production capacity of the factory is 42 million bricks per year. Though the production target of the factory for 2002-2003 was set at 49.58 million, it was able to produce 54.553 million bricks. Investment for the factory was K 242.638 million including foreign currency worth K 26.69 million. As the construction works are being carried out in the country with added

momentum, demand of brick is on the rise.

To fulfill the increasing demand of bricks, arrangements are under way, under the supervision of the minister for Industry-1, to build a brick factory in Ngasutaung region in Hlegu Township that will be able to produce 40 million bricks per year.

(Translation: MWT)

Myanma Alin: 17-11-2003



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects irrigation tasks in Kyauktan Township.

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Commander meets with local farmers

YANGON, 30 Nov — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe met with local farmers in Thanlyin and Kyauktan townships at Nyaungwaing Agricultural Education Camp this morning and discussed matters related to cultivation of summer paddy, oil crops and commercial scale cultivation of

other crops.

First, Kyauktan Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Khin Zaw and responsible officials reported to the commander on targeted cultivation of crops and arrangements for meeting the target.

afterwards, the commander gave instructions on taking measures for cultivation of double and triple cropping by making best use of

the 20 irrigation facilities in Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Thongwa and Kayan townships and explained the arrangements for water supply. He urged the local farmers to cultivate summer paddy, pulses and beans and oil crops. Afterwards, the commander inspected the threshing and winnowing of paddy, irrigation conditions, cultivation of summer paddy, crops disease control at the camp. Next, the commander and party proceeded to Banbwagon Dam. After hearing the report presented by Director U Kyaw Thein of Yangon Division Irrigation Department, the commander gave necessary instructions. The commander also inspected the storage of water and irrigation tasks at the dam.

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Forestry Minister inspects wood-based industries, plywood-factory

YANGON, 30 Nov — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, together with Managing Director of the Myanmar Timber Enterprise U Win Tun, this morning inspected No 1 Plywood Factory in Kyimyindine Township and No 2 Plywood Factory and Yangon Wood-based industry in Hline Township. Moreover, He also saw over wood-based industry in Shwepyitha Township and fulfilled the requirements for the industries. — MNA

Patrons of MWSF meet SEA Games athletes

YANGON, 30 Nov — Leader of the patrons of the Myanmar Women's Sport Federation Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and the patrons this morning met with rowers of the Myanmar Rowing Federation at the training camp

of the federation at Inya Lake here.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party next viewed skill demonstration of rowing of the athletes who will participate in the 22nd South East Asia sports game.

Afterwards, the patrons of the federation proceeded to the Aung San Gymnasium and cordially greeted the athletes who will participate in the SEA Game. Next, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe encouraged them. — MNA



Leader of Patrons of MWSF Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe meets Myanmar rowing team to participate in XXII SEA Games. — MNA

Livestock breeding works inspected in Mingaladon

YANGON, 30 Nov — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, together with Managing Director of Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise U Khin Maung Aye and officials, inspected the poultry farm in Pynmabin of Mingaladon Township and fulfilled the requirements this morning.

The minister and party then inspected the Pynmabin

poultry farm in the township and gave instructions on breeding of quality poultry. The minister fulfilled the requirements at the Nwegway poultry farm.

The minister inspected the Pynmabin hybrid broilers farm and gave instructions on more distribution of chickens by Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise. He also inspected the Pynmabin pig-

sty and attended to the needs.

Next, the minister inspected the Pynmabin cattle sheds and gave instructions on extended breeding of domesticated wild oxen. In the afternoon, the minister and party inspected the Pynmabin chicken and duck hatchery.

The minister met with farm managers and attended to their requirements.

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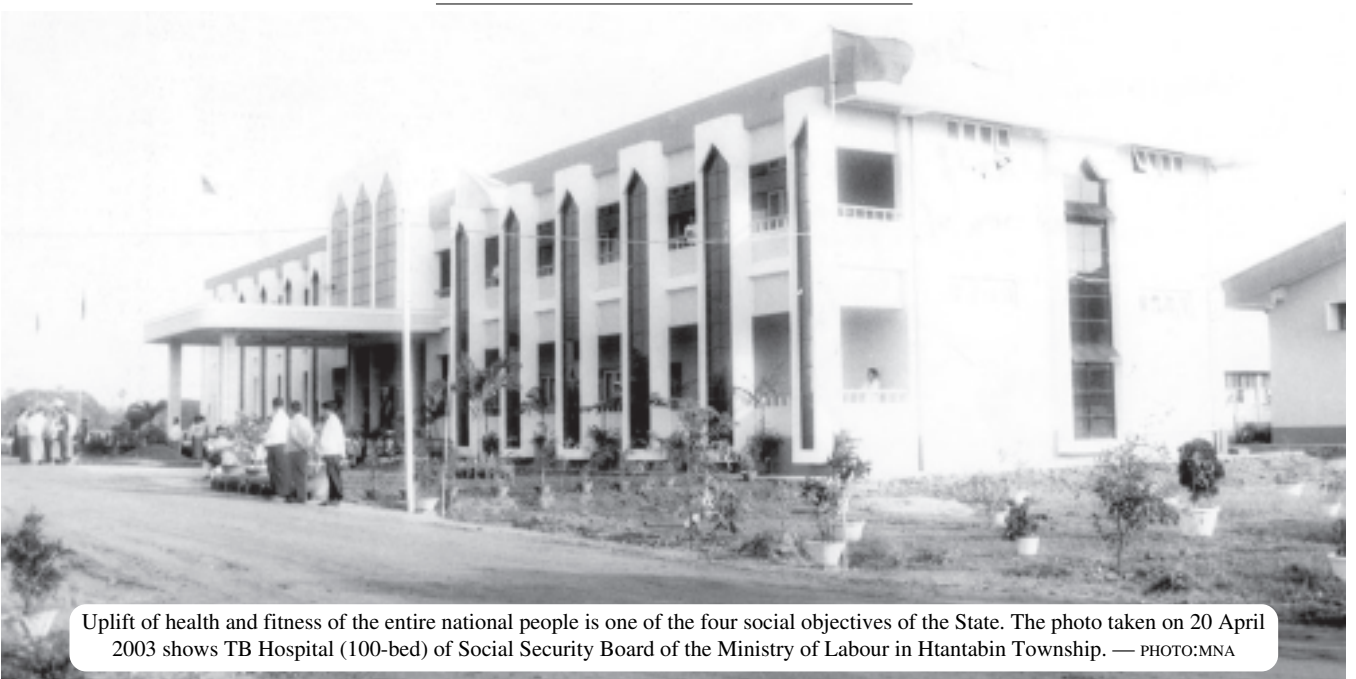
Facilities for better public health care services



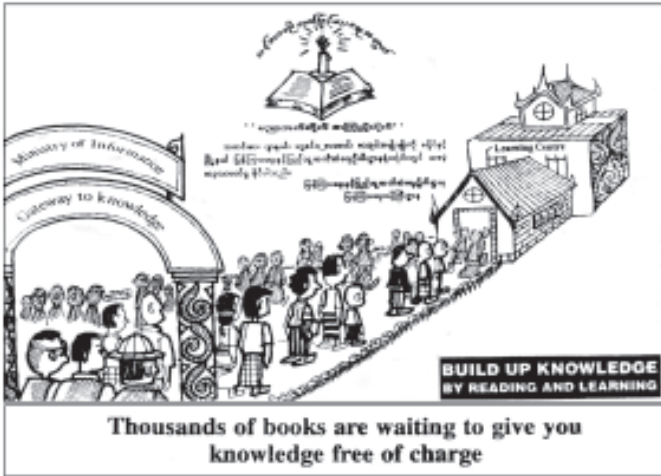
To provide better health care services to the public, the government is building new hospitals with modern medical equipment across the country. The photo taken on 20 May, 2003 shows the 200-bed General Hospital in Kengtung, Shan State (East). — PHOTO: MNA



As in Yangon, general and specialist hospitals have been built in Mandalay and now there emerge the 300-bed teaching hospital, the 300-bed Central Women's Hospital, the 300-bed Children's Hospital, Tuberculosis Hospital and Drug Rehabilitation and Mental Health Hospital in Mandalay. The photo shows the 300-bed teaching hospital in Mandalay.— PHOTO:MNA



Uplift of health and fitness of the entire national people is one of the four social objectives of the State. The photo taken on 20 April 2003 shows TB Hospital (100-bed) of Social Security Board of the Ministry of Labour in Htantabin Township. — PHOTO:MNA



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Deputy General Manager

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၇။ ၂၄-၁၂-၂၀၀၃ နေ့နှင့် ၂၅-၁၂-၂၀၀၃ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ်ဆေးရေး စာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၂၂-၁၂-၂၀၀၃ နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်းအေချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကော်မရှင်းနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့မှ တို့တွင် ဖြေဆိုရန်ကတိတ်ပြားများကိုထုတ်ပေးမည်။

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Made-in-China

cars exported

to Australia

SHANGHAI, 30 Nov—

The first of 600 Polo sedans Shanghai Volkswagen Corporation produces for Australia rolled off the production line here Friday.

According to a five-year contract, Shanghai Volkswagen will sell 600 three-compartment Polo sedans to Australia each year, at a price of 113,800 to 140,000 yuan (13,750 to 16,910 US dollars) per unit, the same as that at the Chinese market, said Chen Zhixin, general manager of Shanghai Volkswagen.

EH Folker Weibgerber, an official with Volkswagen of Germany, said that the export deal offers a good chance to test the overseas popularity of Volkswagen automobiles made in China. Polo is a compact model, and so far over 70,000 units have been sold in China.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam, America to sign air

agreement next month

HANOI, 30 Nov— Vietnam and the United States are scheduled to finalize next month an air services agreement that would allow direct passenger and cargo flights, state media said on Saturday.

The official Vietnam News Agency said both governments would sign the agreement, which was initiated in Hanoi in early October, in Washington during a 10-day visit by Vietnam's Deputy

Prime Minister Vu Khoan starting on 2 December.

The pact is expected to take effect within a few months. Several US carriers have said they expected the first direct flights from America to begin in March.

The five-year pact allows two passenger carriers on each side to operate directly for the first two years, with another permitted in the third year. The five years start after

the pact is signed.

Vietnam Airlines has said it was unsure when its jets would land in the United States but that the pact should double its current annual growth of between 5 and 7 percent in the next few years.

Khoan, then the trade minister, represented Vietnam to sign with the United States a bilateral trade pact that went into effect in December 2001.—MNA/Reuters

Claims Day Notice

MV MAGWAY VOY NO (2)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MAGWAY

Voy No (2) arrived on 1-12-03 are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the premises of Myanmar Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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Second China-Russia

Financial Forum closes

BEIJING, 30 Nov—The second China-Russia Financial Forum came to a close here Friday, with the participants calling for still closer ties between Chinese and Russian financial circles.

A joint paper signed by the Chinese Monetary Society and the Association of Russian Banks, the two organizers of the forum, noted that more banks and other financial institutions from Russia and China should join hands in the fields of funds settlement, insurance for credit supporting exports and banks' guarantee.

Commercial banks and securities and insurance companies from both countries should conduct more information exchanges, according to the paper.

Since the China-Russia financial forum was first held in Moscow in April 2001, bilateral financial co-operation recorded further progress, it said, citing that a dozen banks from China and Russia had forged active links and several others had signed cooperative agreements.

Chinese and Russian banks are probing into the possibility of jointly granting loans for Russian enterprises that make exports to China. Concerned banks are also taking measures to standardize funds settlement in an effort to facilitate border trade.

Authorities from China and Russia's central banks and more than 200 financial experts and scholars attended the two-day forum.

MNA/Xinhua

More illegal Indonesian

workers deported from

Malaysia

JAKARTA, 30 Nov— Another 336 illegal Indonesian workers who were deported from Malaysia have arrived in Indonesia's Parepare port in South Sulawesi Province, an Indonesian official said on Saturday.

The migrant workers who were sent home from

Malaysian town of Tawao arrived in Parepare port in South Sulawesi Province on November 18, Parepare port spokesman Darwis Astonius was quoted by the state news agency Antara as saying.

Darwis Astonius said Malaysia's decision to expel the 336 illegal workers followed last week's deportation of 670 Indonesian illegal workers.

The deported 670 Indonesian workers arrived in Parepare on 17 November. Most of the illegal workers came from Indonesian provinces of West Nusatenggara, East Nusatenggara, East Java and South Sulawesi.

Most of them have already returned to their hometowns and the others have still been staying at a recruitment centre in Parepare, Darwis said.—MNA/Xinhua

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Thai-Lao Cooperation Meeting pledges financial aid

BANGKOK, 30 Nov— The 12th Thailand-Laos Cooperation Meeting, which began on Wednesday on the Samui resort island in southern province of Surat Thani, has pledged to work together on development programmes in the fields of human resources, society and culture.

It also resulted in a promise of financial support from Thailand for Laos to construct roads and Internet connections.

The agreements signed by a subsidiary meeting of senior officials, which were scheduled to be forwarded to a ministerial level meeting Friday, include deals to cooperate in fields including electricity, communications and telecommunications, the *Thai News Agency* reported here.

Among the proposals are the development of airports and rail links, with Thailand agreeing to finance the projects by offering 70 per cent of funding in the form of loans and 30 per cent in the form of direct aid.

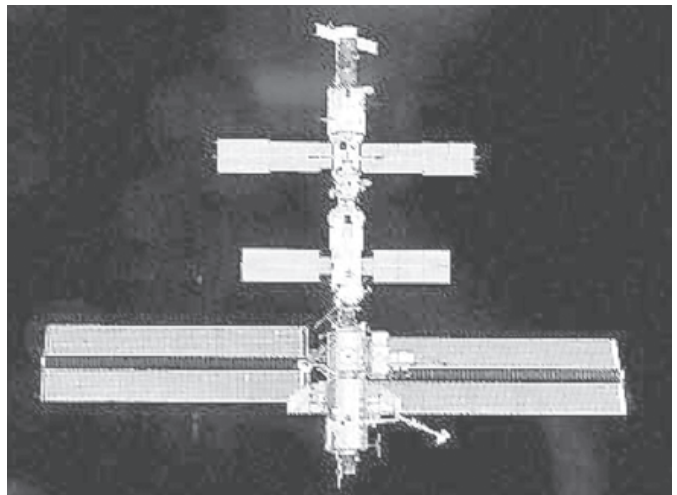
Included in the projects are the construction of a road linking Huay Kron with Pakbaeng, costing 840 million baht (21 million US dollars), and a rail link from Nong Khai to Tha Na Leng costing 185 million baht (4.625 million US dollars).

Thailand also pledged to offer 3.78 million baht (94,500 US dollars) in direct aid for the construction of a Thai-Lao Internet network, and 20 million baht (500,000 US dollars) to construct a bridge linking the two countries over the Hueng River.

The three-day meeting, hosted jointly by Thailand's Foreign Minister Surakiart Sathirathai and his Laotian counterpart, is due to end Friday.

Thursday's meeting also agreed to arbitrate in disputes between the two countries, and successfully reduced the number of outstanding disputes from 30 to 18.

Turning to politics and security, the meeting looked at security in the shared border region, border demarcation, narcotics, cross-border arrests, the opening and upgrading of border checkpoints, and the establishment of a committee to prevent the erosion of the banks of the Mekong River.—MNA/Xinhua



A view of the International Space Station (ISS). A mysterious metallic crushing noise has been heard by astronauts on the ISS, a spokesman for Russia's space agency said.—INTERNET

France may punish those who cause women to miscarry

PARIS, 30 Nov— The conservative majority in France's National Assembly has passed a controversial bill aimed at punishing anyone who causes a pregnant woman to miscarry against her will.

The bill, vigorously denounced by left-wing deputies as it was voted late on Thursday, would make it an offence for anyone to cause a pregnancy to end "by clumsiness, carelessness, inattentiveness or negligence".

It was inspired by the case of a woman in the sixth month of pregnancy who lost her baby after being hit by a car. The driver was convicted of involuntary homicide but acquitted on appeal because

a foetus cannot be the victim of a crime in French law.

Government leaders denied the bill outlawing a so-called "involuntary abortion" would limit abortion rights. The Socialist opposition disagreed and threatened to appeal to the Constitutional Court if the bill finally becomes law.

"The government is not challenging voluntary abortion," said Philippe Douste-Blazy, a leader of the ruling

UMP party, told LCI television on Friday. "But there is a legal vacuum for a pregnant woman who loses her child not voluntarily but by (someone else's) negligence or inattentiveness."

The French Senate has to pass the same bill before it can become law. Deputies said it might not do so because it recently rejected a similar amendment to a bill on road safety.

MNA/Reuters

Singapore hosts 1st Sino-S'pore Undergraduate Exchange Programme

SINGAPORE, 30 Nov— The first Sino-Singapore Undergraduate Exchange Programme is being held in Singapore from 28 November to 12 December, a government release said here.

Some 50 undergraduates and officials from Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing Language and Culture University, Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, and Tsinghua University are in Singapore for the inaugural exchange programme, said the Press release published by the Ministry of Education (MOE) of Singapore.

Students from the National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) will play host to their counterparts from China, said the MOE release.

During their stay in Singapore, the Chinese undergraduates will visit several government agencies and education institutions, including the Ministry of Education, National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University, said the release.

They will also be introduced to Singapore's key education and economic policies, and participate in dialogue sessions with Singapore politicians and senior government officials, it said.

The undergraduates from the NUS and the NTU will make their return visit

to China on December 16-30, it added. Under the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Ministries of Education of the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Singapore on May 29, 2002, both parties agreed to exchange up to 50 outstanding university students annually, said the MOE.

The objectives of the exchange programme are to "broaden bilateral ties between China and Singapore and to foster understanding, collaboration and bonding" between students of the two countries.

MNA/Xinhua

Wild animal slaughter surges for fashion's sake

LONDON, 30 Nov— The return of fur to the world's fashion catwalks has spelled death to thousands of endangered animals with a boom in demand for their skins, a top wildlife protection officer said on Friday.

John Sellar, senior enforcement officer for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), said there had been a surge in seizures of tiger and leopard skins as the fashion industry embraced fur once again.

"In the 1980s and 1990s the illegal skin trade virtually ceased to exist because it was not fashionable," he told a gathering of wildlife enforcement officers. "But we are seeing models going back into it and a consequent boom in the trade."

Only last month, Chinese officials impounded 1,276 illegal pelts in their biggest seizure to date. They said the skins had come from 32 tigers, 579 leopards and 665 otters.

Sellar, tasked with monitoring and encouraging international enforcement of the CITES bans and restrictions on trade in endangered animals and plants, said London was a significant transit hub in the illegal trade, but not a major consumer.

"A lot of the fur trade is heading for China these days. It is a huge and increasingly affluent market," he said.

Sellar, who works from CITES head-

quarters in Geneva, admitted that patrolling, let alone preventing, the illegal trade was a one-sided struggle as the lone operators of old were increasingly sidelined by organized crime syndicates.

And it was not just easily identifiable animal skins that were involved. The trade covered skins and products from reptiles, birds, snakes, rhinos, and elephants as well as bushmeat, caviar and plants for use in traditional medicines.

Sellar said that for every sturgeon legally taken in Russia for its caviar, up to 12 more were taken illegally and emptied of their eggs which were then fed into the lucrative legal trade using fake or purchased papers.

Those involved in the highly profitable and illicit trade were not averse to using bribery or violence to get their way. There had been numerous cases of investigators and officers being killed in mysterious circumstances, Sellar said.

But the threat of violence aside, in most cases enforcement officers were hugely overstretched just trying to catch the poachers, he said, let alone tracking down the merchandise.

MNA/Reuters



Malaysian actress Michelle Yeoh waves after winning 'Actress of the Year - International' at the 2003 MTV Style Awards in Shanghai on 29 Nov, 2003. Yeoh joined celebrities from film, music and fashion industries around Greater China and Korea at the awards ceremony held in Shanghai, the fashion mecca of China.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Beckham receives OBE honour

LONDON, 30 Nov — England captain David Beckham received the Order of the British Empire (OBE) from Britain's Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.

The soccer star was awarded in recognition of his role in promoting Britain through his sporting achievements.

"It's great to receive an honour for playing football, for something I love doing," said Beckham.

A spokesman for British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who recommended Beckham for the OBE, said that "Beckham has performed with great distinction and has been a great ambassador for the country on and off the field."

Beckham, who moved to Real Madrid from Manchester United for 25 million pounds in the summer, was accompanied to the palace by his pop star wife Victoria.

The couple have dismissed recent Press speculation on difficulties in their marriage since Beckham moved to Spain.

"She is my wife, she is going to be with me whatever happens," said Beckham.

MNA/Xinhua



Newcastle United's Olivier Bernard (R) of France competes with Basle's Sebastian Barberis of Switzerland during their UEFA Cup second round second leg match at St James' Park, Newcastle, on 27 Nov, 2003.—INTERNET

Crespo gets ready to kick-start Chelsea career

LONDON, 30 Nov — Chelsea's top-of-the-table Premier League match with champions Manchester United on Sunday could go down as the real start to Hernan Crespo's Stamford Bridge career.

The Argentine striker has impressed in bursts in the few matches he has played since joining the expensively assembled London side from Inter Milan for 16.8 million pounds (26.28 million US dollars) in August.

In an interview with Reuters on Friday, Crespo

said that after a fitful three months trying to settle in London, twice interrupted with trips back home to South America for World Cup qualifiers, he could at last dedicate himself fully to Chelsea.

"Now I can relax because until March (Argentina's next qualifier) I can think only of Chelsea," he said.

He has struggled to show his best form, having missed the first three months of the year with a knee ligament injury, followed by holidays, the pre-season with Inter and

then the change of club.

But he added: "In six matches (with Chelsea), and not all from the start, I've scored five goals. I can't complain and I'm still not at 100 per cent."

Suddenly finding his top form for Sunday may be a tall order, but Crespo said he would be helped by the relaxed atmosphere in the English game compared to Serie A. "People (here) live if the way it should be experienced, as a spectacle, two teams giving their all, without things like: 'No, they're holding back, a draw suits them, they've come to an agreement.'"

"It's seen as a sport, something nice to watch, a pastime, and that's brilliant."

"In Italy, if you're not 100 per cent, you won't make a difference," he said.

"Now I'll get into proper physical shape...on a par with the rest (of the players)."

Chelsea's attitude had helped enormously, he added, because manager Claudio Ranieri had not demanded that he and Argentina teammate Juan Sebastian Veron return immediately from international duty.

MNA/Reuters

Eriksson unhappy after contract offer made public

LONDON, 30 Nov — England coach Sven Goran Eriksson is unhappy that a Football Association offer to extend his contract for two years to 2008 has been made public.

His agent Athole Still was quoted in British newspapers on Friday as saying: "His reaction was one of disappointment. Not disappointment at the offer, but disappointment at the fact it had been made public. He told me on Monday that the offer had been made verbally."

Reports said the offer was worth 3.5 million pounds (six million US dollars) per annum for the four years up to the European Championship of 2008.

FA chief executive Mark Palios said the offer showed their faith in Eriksson, but media pundits have interpreted the move as an attempt to pin down the level of the Swede's loyalty to the England job.

Eriksson, who has been linked with several top club jobs in Europe, has refused to commit himself to beyond leading England in the Euro 2004 finals in Portugal.

Still told BBC Sport on Friday: "Sven is flattered by the offer. Anybody would be flattered if their employer came and offered them a contract extension to show a reaction to the success they have had."

"What I have never said is that Sven is angry or furious that this has been made public... There has clearly been an unauthorized leak. 'Obviously the contract will now be discussed at every Sven news conference and I think that was the main reason for the initial disappointment.'"

Eriksson, 55, took charge of England in October 2000 following the resignation of Kevin Keegan.

The Swede steered the squad to the 2002 World Cup in South Korea and Japan where England lost 2-1 to Brazil in the quarterfinals. They were unbeaten in their eight Euro 2004 qualifiers.— MNA/Reuters

Hewitt defeats Ferrero to present Australia 1-0 lead

CANBERRA, 30 Nov — Lleyton Hewitt put on a remarkable performance to beat French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, 6-2, on Friday, which gives Australia a temporary 1-0 lead over Spain in the Davis Cup final.

Hewitt, the former world number one, pooled up all his fighting spirit to come back twice from a set down in scorching 30 degree Celsius heat in Melbourne.

Ferrero seemed to be incapable of blocking Hewitt's comeback, while the Australian raised his game one more time to pull it into deciding set in spite of Ferrero's recovery from a service break down to force the fourth set into a tiebreak.

Owen out for three weeks with thigh injury

LONDON, 30 Nov — Liverpool striker Michael Owen will be out of action for three weeks with a pulled thigh muscle, the Premier League club said on their website on Friday. Owen sustained the injury in Liverpool's 1-0 UEFA win over Steaua Bucharest at Anfield on Thursday.

The 23-year-old England international had just returned to the squad after recovering from a knee problem. "It is a blow to lose Michael at this stage as he has just come back and was getting near to full fitness," Liverpool manager Gerard Houllier said.

"Michael will rest for a few days then have treatment. I hope to have him available before Christmas but he will be out for three weeks." —MNA/Reuters

Hewitt remains one of the most difficult opponents worldwide despite his slide down the world rankings. He rallied from two sets down to beat Wimbledon champion Roger Federer in the Davis Cup semifinal with Switzerland in September.

Ferrero, ranked three in the world, had the advantage over Hewitt in the early stages of the match, but Hewitt, playing his first match in eight weeks, slowly wore him down, using his superior grass court skills to find a way to overcome Ferrero's steady baseline game.

Mark Philippoussis was due to play Carlos Moya in Friday's second singles match and the doubles are scheduled for Saturday and the concluding reserve singles on Sunday. There was a major controversy before the final began when Tennis Australia carelessly played the wrong Spanish national anthem.

Spanish Sports Minister Juan Antonio Angulo, who was watching the ceremony from the stands, left the stadium in fury to protest the wrong song and demanded the ceremony to be re-staged with correct anthem.

Tennis Australia later issued a statement apologizing for the mistake and saying the right anthem would be played before Saturday and Sunday's matches. —MNA/Xinhua



Florida's Melanie Booth (12) tries to get to the ball over Florida State's Leah Gallegos (13) pursues the play during the NCAA Division I women's soccer championships in Gainesville, Fla., on 28 Nov, 2003. Florida State won, 2-1.—INTERNET

Answers for yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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1-12-2003 (Monday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission

9:00	Signature Tune
	Greetings
9:02	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic Sights
	"Mingalabar"
9:06	Mandalay, a close distance
9:10	Headline News
9:12	Easily Cooked Tasty
	Dishes "Fried Asparagus
	with Fish Flake"
9:15	National News
9:20	World AIDS Day, 1st
	December, 2003
	"Live and Let Live"
9:25	The Stage Male Dance
9:30	National News
9:35	Red Panda
9:40	Song "Cherry Present"
9:45	National News
9:50	HIV/AIDS Prevention
	and Control Activities
	in Myanmar
9:58	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Come and See
	Myanmar"

1-12-2003 (Monday)
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 Mandalay, a close distance

15:40 Headline News

15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
 Dishes "Fried Asparagus
 with Fish Flake"

15:45 National News

15:50 World AIDS Day, 1st
 December, 2003
 "Live and Let Live"
 The Stage Male Dance

16:00 National News

16:05 Red Panda

16:10 Song "Cherry Present"

16:12 Beautiful Ngwe
 Hsaung Beach

16:15 National News

16:20 HIV/AIDS Prevention
 and Control Activities
 in Myanmar

**Monday, 1 December**

View today:

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကဏ္ဍိးဆရာတော်
ဘုရားကြီး၊ မိုဝ်မတော်သံဃမဟာ
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ကရာတော်
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
5. Song of national races
- 8:00 am
6. Cute little dancers
- 8:10 am
7. အဆိုမြင့်ပွဲ

16:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
16:30	National News
16:35	New, Modernized Myanmar Food
16:40	Banana Pudding
16:45	National News
16:50	A Peaceful Place of Mind
16:55	Dawei Water Fetching Dance
17:00	National News
17:05	The Ancient City Thirikhitaya
17:10	Myanmar Modern Song "Moonlight"
17:15	National News
17:20	From Yangon to the Peak of Mt.Victoria
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 "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
19:36	Hsinbyushin Temple, Stone Carving and Monasteries
19:40	Headline News
19:42	Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Fried Prawn with Cytrus Plant)
19:45	National News
19:50	Socioeconomic Condi- tions of Chin State
19:55	Opening Performance Song and Dance
20:00	National news
20:05	Welcome to Shwemyaing (Mawlamyine)
20:10	Song "Treasure Land"
20:12	Parabaik Writings
20:15	National News
20:20	Architecture of the Great Ananda
20:25	Song "Pleasant Kayah"
20:30	National News
20:35	Butterfly Garden In Yangon
20:40	Myanmar Cuisine "Coconut Rice with Chicken Curry"
20:45	National News
20:50	Myaing Hay Wun Elephant Camp
20:55	Lon Yu Festival Dance
20:58	Citrus Products of Shwe Kyin
21:00	National News

21:05	Devotely Making Donations
21:10	Myanmar Modern Song "Loving Smile"
21:12	Akha Weaving Training School
21:15	National News
21:20	Marine Products in Myeik
21:30	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar (K. Ja Nu)"
21:35	Mandalay, a close distance
21:40	Headline News
21:42	Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Fried Asparagus with Fish Flake"
21:45	National News
21:50	World AIDS Day, 1st December, 2003 "Live and Let Live"
21:55	The Stage Male Dance
22:00	National News
22:05	Red Panda
22:10	Song "Cherry Present"
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(23:30 - 01:30)	
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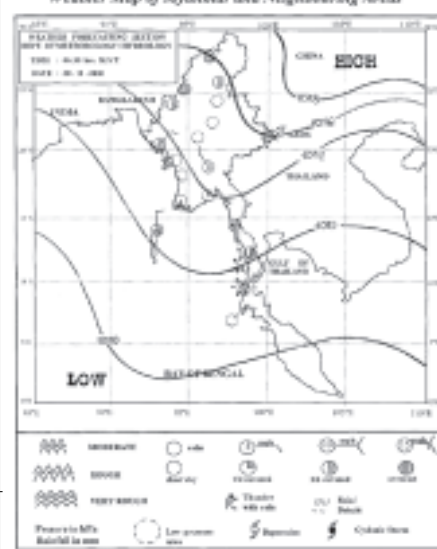
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2-12-2003 (Tuesday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)
03:30 Signature Tune
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighboring Area



WEATHER

Sunday, 30 November, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in the whole country. Night temperatures were 6°C below normal in eastern Shan State, 5°C below normal in Ayeyawady Division, 3°C to 4°C below normal in Kachin, Chin, northern Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. Significant night temperature was 3°C in Hakha.

Maximum temperature on 29-11-2003 was 33.0°C (91°F). Minimum temperature on 30-11-2003 was 17.5°C (64°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 30-11-2003 was 73%. Total sunshine hours on 29-11-2003 was (6.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 29-11-2003 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 14 mph from North at (11:48) hours MST on 29-11-2003.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of the 1-12-2003:** Possibility of isolated light rain in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair weather in the whole country. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-12-2003:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-12-2003:** Generally fair weather.



Monday, 1 December

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
	- Super star (Carpenters)
	- Say you say me (Lionel Richie)
9.00 pm	Spotlight on the star
	- Monica
9.15pm	Article
9.25 pm	Radio Magazine
	- Sensual punish- ment
9.35 pm	Golden Land's melody
	- Blessed Myanmar (Saw Yuri)
9.45 pm	News/Slogan
10.00 pm	PEL

Prime Minister attends opening of multimedia classrooms of Indaing BEHS

YANGON, 30 NOV—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by State Peace and Development Council member Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, ministers, deputy ministers, officials from the SPDC Office, departmental heads and officials, this morning left here for Indaing in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division.

The ceremony to hand over the new school building of Indaing Basic Education High School and the opening of multimedia classrooms of the school was held at 8.30 am today, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were SPDC member Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Bago Division PDC Chairman Southern Command Commander Brig-Gen Ko Ko, ministers, deputy ministers, the No 11 LID commander and senior military officers, officials from the SPDC Office, departmental heads, division, district and township PDC members, departmental staff and members of social organizations, the No 3 Basic Education Department director-general and officials, members of School Board of Trustees, the schoolhead and teachers and students.

Outstanding students Maung Sai Aung Bo and Ma Chit Su Htwe Aung formally opened the new school building and the multimedia classrooms.



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects learning of the students in multimedia rooms in BEHS, Indaing. — MNA

Myanmar Education Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt formally opened the billboards of the new school building and the multimedia classrooms.

The Prime Minister and party then looked around the video system room, language lab, computer aided instruction room, computer application room, study room and inspected learning of students. After inspecting domestic science room, they enjoyed the skills demonstrations of students at the arts room.

The ceremony to hand over the new school building and the opening of mul-

timedia classrooms was held at the hall of the school. Schoolhead Daw Khaing Shwe Nyunt reported on the purposes of opening the multimedia classrooms and modern teaching/learning aids installed at the rooms. No 11 LID Commander Col Hla Htay Win then briefed on construction of the new school building and the multimedia classrooms with the use of cash presented by the State and cash and labour contributed by officers and other ranks of Indaing Station and cash donated by wellwishers. He then handed over the documents related to the rein-

forced concrete school building to No 3 BED Director-General U Aye Kyu. The school building is 200 feet in length and 30 feet in width and was built at a cost of K 80,477,467.

Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min presented a set of computer, TV and VCR and video tapes presented by the MEC Chairman to the schoolhead.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and ministers accepted the donations: K 400,000 by the commander, K 200,069 by regiments and units under No 11 LID, K 300,000 by regiments and units of

Indaing Station, K 500,000 by departments in the township, K 2,098,205 by Bo Latt General Trading Co Ltd, K 500,000 by Hein Ye Soe Industrial Co Ltd, K 500,000 by U Win Ko Ko and family of WS Gravel Trading, K 210,000 by entrepreneurs of Hsin Phyu Daw Chilli Enterprise, K 210,000 by Bok Sone Ma Chilli Enterprise, K 125,000 by Imperial Jade Drinking Water, K 100,000 by Daw Mu, U Tun Wai, Ko Tha Pu Chilli Enterprise, K 163,000 by the Parents/Teachers Association, and K 50,000 by Kyan Taung Aung Rice Mill.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen

Khin Maung Than made a speech. He said the seven-point future political programme has already been laid down for emergence of the modern, developed democratic nation. Good foundation such as stability of the State, prevalence of law and order, economic strengthening and uplift of living standard of the public are needed to achieve success in implementing the objectives of the State. The State, while striving for laying the good foundation, is placing emphasis on development of human resources that will build future modern nation. The national education promotion programmes have been laid down in basic education sector and higher education sector. Uplift of the education standard of rural people is included in the five rural area development tasks.

Literacy campaigns for rural people have been launched. In addition, tasks for enrolment of all school-going age children have been implemented in cooperation with the public and success has been achieved, he said.

The State has upgraded and opened basic education primary, middle and high schools and post-primary schools for uplifting the (see page)



General Thura Shwe Mann receives Chinese delegation led by Deputy Chief of General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army (CPLA) General Wu Quanxu. — MNA

General Thura Shwe Mann receives PRC Deputy Chief of General Staff

YANGON, 30 NOV—Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence received Deputy Chief of General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army (CPLA) General Wu Quanxu and party at the Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyitha here at 3.30 pm today.

Also present on the occasion together with General Thura Shwe Mann were members of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-

Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, and together with Deputy Chief of General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army (CPLA) General Wu Quanxu and party were Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun and Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xu Shulai.—MNA

General Thura Shwe Mann welcomes PRC Deputy Chief of General Staff at Yangon International Airport

YANGON, 30 NOV—A Chinese delegation led by Deputy Chief of General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army (CPLA) General Wu Quanxu arrived here on a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar by air this afternoon.

Deputy Chief of General

Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army (CPLA) General Wu Quanxu and party were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Quartermaster-Gen-

eral Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Vice-Chief of Military (See page 9)