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

YANGON, 2 Dec — On the occasion of the 28th Anniversary of the founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which falls on 2 December 2003, 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 Khamtay Siphandone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe receives Deputy Chief of General Staff of CPLA General Wu Quanxu

YANGON, 1 Dec—Visiting Deputy Chief of General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army General Wu Quanxu and party paid a courtesy call on Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthathar this morning.

Present at the call together with Senior General Than Shwe were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, member of the State Peace and Development Council

General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.

General Wu Quanxu and party were accompanied by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun and Military Attaché Senior Col Xu Shulai. — MNA



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe greets Deputy Chief of General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army General Wu Quanxu. — MNA

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Prime Minister attends coord meeting on observance of 57th Anniversary Union Day

YANGON, 1 Dec—The coordination meeting on observance of the 57th Anniversary Union Day (2004) was held at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthathar here at 4pm today, with an opening address by Chairman of the Central Committee for Observance of the 57th Anniversary Union Day Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon mayor, the Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the SPDC Office, departmental heads and officials.

General Khin Nyunt made an opening speech. He said the meeting was held to successfully observe the 57th

Anniversary Union Day which falls on 12 February 2004 on a grand scale in full national essence like the previous years. As Myanmar is a union, in accordance with national policy —non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — it is needed to safeguard the Union with national spirit and Union Spirit.

Observing the Union Day in full political essence is a way of depicting the firmness of Union Spirit among national people, in accordance with the fine tradition of regaining sovereignty and independence from the colonialists through the united strength of national brethren. The colonialists unjustly occupied Myanmar and used various means and ways to wipe out the unity existing for a long time among the national people and used the divide-and rule policy in order to prolong their domination. The independ-

ence and national reconsolidation was regained only by the endeavours of national race leaders with farsightedness.

However, due to purposely creating dissension by the colonialists for over a hundred years, there were suspicions among national brethren and armed conflicts occurred for over 40 years. That resulted in inability to strive for development of the state. It is a valuable history lesson for the State.

In fact, national brethren, in groups, have lived for thousands of years. They formed larger groups and that led to formation of firm Union. Each division and state has many national races forming small communities. When collected, the small communities became the Union. So, national brethren are to adopt the Union Spirit, that is to live unitedly in accordance with the fine traditions of living in unity over thousands of years.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for implementation of four-nation summit on economic cooperation strategy

The Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Thailand Summit on Economic Cooperation Strategy was successfully held on 12 November at the Bagan Archaeological Zone in Mandalay Division.

The plan to cooperate in the implementation of the four-nation economic strategy was proposed by the Prime Minister of Thailand and the other three nations unanimously approved it.

The work coordination meeting for implementation of the economic cooperation strategy among Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand was held in Yangon on 28 November and it was attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

In his address the Prime Minister said, "The future work programmes prescribed in Economic Cooperation Strategy among Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand are massive, covering the tasks to be implemented by all four nations as well as by the two nations concerned. Therefore, if the four nations actively participate in the tasks, the momentum of economic development will be gained all the more."

The success of the summit on Economic Cooperation Strategy will contribute a lot not only towards the economic development of the respective nations but also towards the ASEAN.

As the development tasks prescribed in the strategy have been focused on development of border areas, they will benefit the people living in the border areas of the four nations.

Economic development in the border areas will contribute to the realization of the objective to ensure the emergence of peaceful and tranquil border areas, the goal of the four nations.

In addition, it will help reduce border problems likely to crop up between any two nations and further enhance trust and understanding among peoples of the four nations.

We would like to urge all the ministries concerned and respective work committees to seriously address themselves to the implementation of agreements reached at the Summit on Economic Cooperation Strategy among Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand.

Radiological Society conference

YANGON, 1 Dec —The Radiological Society of Myanmar Medical Association will hold its fifth medical conference at the MMA here on 5 and 6 December 2003.

Interested persons and radiologists may attend the conference. —MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends message of felicitations to Laotian Vice-President

YANGON, 2 Dec — On the occasion of the 28th Anniversary of the founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which falls on 2 December 2003, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Choummaly Sayasone, Vice-President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends message of felicitations to Laotian counterpart

YANGON, 2 Dec — On the occasion of the 28th Anniversary of the founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which falls on 2 December 2003, General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Boungnang Vorachith, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. — MNA

U Win Aung sends message of felicitations to Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister

YANGON, 2 Dec — On the occasion of the 28th Anniversary of the founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which falls on 2 December 2003, U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. — MNA

Japanese Ambassador Mr Yuji Miyamoto welcomes Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and wife attending the reception in commemoration of the Birthday of His Majesty Emperor of Japan.

MNA

Myanmar Ambassador presents Credentials to SRV President

YANGON, 1 Dec — U Tin Latt, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Tran Duc Luong, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on 19 November 2003, in Hanoi.

MNA



Thailand Exhibition 2003 to be held in Yangon Trade Centre

YANGON, 1 Dec — Under the economic cooperation promotion programme between Myanmar and Thailand, with the permission of the Ministry of Commerce of the Union of Myanmar, jointly-organized by the Office of the Commercial Royal Thai Embassy in Yangon and the Department of Export Promotion of Ministry of Commerce of Thailand, a press conference on Thailand Exhibition 2003 to be held at Yangon Trade Centre on upper Pazundaung Street, Mingalar Taungnyunt from 10 to 13 December was held at Mingalar hall of Dusit Inya Lake Hotel at 11 am today.

Present were Managing Director of the News and Periodicals Enterprise U Tin Kha, Director (News) U Hla Tun, Chief Editors of Dai-

lies and Myanma News Agency, Minister Mr Opas Chantarasap and Minister-Counsellor Mr Matyawongse Amatyakul of Royal Thai Embassy in Yangon, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htwe, Chairman U Sao Kai Hpa and members and guests.

Minister Mr Opas Chantarasap and Minister-Counsellor Mr Matyawongse Amatyakul of Royal Thai Embassy in Yangon explained that the Thailand Trade Exhibition were held for seven times from December 1998 to May 2003 in Myanmar and the 8th Thailand Exhibition will be held on December 10, 2003. Altogether 150 companies will display a wide range of products and services in 180 booths, namely: auto parts &

accessories, chemical products, children products, construction materials, hardware, cosmetics, electronic products, food products, beverage, packaging, furniture, garments and textile, fashion accessories, household products, kitchenware, leather products, footwear, machine-tools and parts, pharmaceutical, sanitary products, service trade and stationery products. Trade Day's entrance tickets without charge can be taken out to be able to meet with Thai traders and Myanmar businessmen on 10 and 11 December. The exhibition will be kept open for general public on 12 and 13 December from 10 am to 6 pm daily. Moreover, special events will include Thai Fresh Fruits & Fruit carving Contest, Technology-Transfer presenta-

tion on Beauty & Health and Thai famous Papaya-Salad Contest. Office of the Thai Commercial Affairs in Yangon invited Myanmar Traders and entrepreneurs to hold Myanmar Trade Exhibition in Thailand for which it will render all possible help and assistance. Conditions of the exhibitions held in Myanmar from 1998 to 2003, attitude of Thailand regarding the exhibitions and trade matters were explained.

Next, Minister-Counsellor Mr Matyawongse Amatyakul replied to queries raised by journalists.

The entrance tickets can be taken out at TTF (Yangon), Co. Ltd No 96, Bogalazay Street, Botah-taung Township, Yangon, Ph-294006 or 296227 or 245137 or 245138 and Fax-245092. — MNA

A Press Conference on the Thailand Exhibition 2003 in progress at Dusit Inya Lake Hotel. — MNA



A record month of casualties in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 Dec — 30 November: Two South Korean workers killed near Tikrit.

29 November: Seven Spanish intelligence officers killed and one wounded near Hillah; two Japanese diplomats and their Iraqi driver killed near Tikrit; two American soldiers killed near the Syrian border; one Colombian contractor killed and two wounded near Balad.

28 November: US soldier killed when rebels shelled a military base in Mosul; a second US soldier died from gunshot wounds.

27 November: A US soldier found dead in his barracks in Ramadi from a gunshot wound.

26 November: A US soldier found dead in Mosul.

23 November: Five US soldiers killed in three separate incidents. One died when his patrol vehicle rolled into a canal. Another from the 4th Infantry Division killed by an explosive device in Baqubah. Three killed in west Mosul.

22 November: Two US soldiers from the 1st Armoured Division killed in a traffic accident near Baghdad airport.

21 November: Two US soldiers killed. One from the 4th Infantry Division drowned when his vehicle rolled into a canal in Tikrit; another from the division is killed by an explosive device near Ghalibiyah.

20 November: Soldier from the 82nd Airborne Division killed in a bomb attack near Ramadi.

17 November: Three soldiers killed. One from the 1st Armoured Division died in non-hostile gunfire in Baghdad, another from the 4th Infantry Division killed by a bomb in Balad and another from the division killed in a grenade attack on a patrol in Abu Shukayr.

15 November: Seventeen soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division killed when two *Black Hawk* helicopters are brought down in Mosul. A soldier from the 1st Armoured Division killed by an explosive device in the Azamiyah area of Baghdad.

14 November: A soldier from the 1st Armoured Division killed by an explosive device in central Baghdad. Special Operations Force soldier dies when his vehicle struck a landmine. Two Task Force Ironhorse soldiers killed when their convoy was attacked with explosives north of Samarra.

12 November: Nineteen Italians killed when a suicide bomber drives a petrol tanker into the Italian base in Nasiriyah. A soldier from the 1st Armoured Division was killed by a bomb in Baghdad.

11 November: One member of Task Force Ironhorse killed when his vehicle struck an explosive device north of Baghdad. Another from the 1st Armoured Division killed by an explosive device in Baghdad.

10 November: One US Military Police Brigade soldier killed in rocket-propelled grenade attack west of Iskandariyah.

9 November: A US soldier from the 18th Military Police Brigade killed in a grenade attack west of Iskandariyah.

8 November: A member of the 1st Armoured Division killed by an explosive device in the Wehda district of Baghdad. A soldier from the 82nd Airborne Division killed near Fallujah.

7 November: Six soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division killed when their helicopter caught fire on landing near Tikrit. A member of the 101st Airborne Division killed during a grenade attack in Mosul.

6 November: One soldier from the 3rd Armoured Division, the Cavalry Regiment, killed when a military truck hit a landmine on a border road near Husaybah. Another from the 101st Airborne Division killed by an explosive device east of Mosul.

5 November: A US soldier from the 82nd Airborne Division killed and two wounded during a grenade attack on a patrol near Mahmudiyah.

4 November: One soldier from the 1st Armoured Division died from non-hostile gunshot wounds sustained in Iraq. A second killed by an explosive device in Baghdad.

3 November: US soldier from the 4th Infantry Division killed by an explosive device in Tikrit.

2 November: Fifteen soldiers killed when their helicopter was shot down near Amiriyah. A US soldier from the 1st Armoured Division dies from wounds sustained in an explosives attack in Baghdad.

1 November: Two soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division killed by an explosive device near Mosul. —Internet

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Two South Korean workers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 Dec — Gunmen shot and killed two South Korean electricians and wounded two others Sunday near Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, South Korea's Foreign Ministry said.

A day earlier, a Colombian civilian working as a contractor for the military was killed in an ambush on a convoy, the US military said Sunday.

The South Koreans were shot while riding in a passenger car apparently en route to Tikrit, north of Baghdad, Foreign Ministry Director General Lee Kwang-jae said.

South Korea's *Yonhap* news agency said the victims were electricians for a South Korean company under contract with a US firm to lay power lines at an electric transmission station near Tikrit. *Yonhap* identified the wounded as Lee Sang-won and Lim Dae-shik, and said one was in critical condition.

Lee could not confirm the identities of the dead, who were employees of Ohmoo Electric Co, a company based in Seoul. He said officials from the South Korean Embassy in Iraq were on their way to the scene to investigate.

US Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said at a news briefing in Baghdad that the Colombian citizen died when insurgents opened fire with small arms on a convoy near the town of Balad, 45 miles north of Baghdad.

The Colombian was an employee of the US defence contractor Kellogg Brown & Root, a subsidiary of Halliburton Co, the company previously headed by Vice-President Dick Cheney, the military said.

Internet

Singapore's visitor arrivals down 8.2% in October

SINGAPORE, 1 Dec — Visitor arrivals to Singapore numbered 586,016 in October 2003, down 8.2 per cent from a year ago, the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) said here.

Indonesia, China, Malaysia, Australia and Japan remained as the top markets, accounting for almost 50 per cent of visitor arrivals, said the STB.

For the first ten months

of 2003, visitor arrivals declined by 23.5 per cent compared to the same period last year, it said.

The STB added that the average hotel occupancy rate for October 2003 stood at 75.3 per cent, with average room rates reaching 120 Singapore dollars (about 70 US dollars), the highest since the SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) outbreak in March 2003.

Visitor arrivals plunged by 70 per cent in May this year when Singapore was hard-hit by the SARS epidemic with hotel occupancy rate dropping to less than 20 per cent. —MNA/Xinhua

Australian photographer presents show in Beijing

BEIJING, 1 Dec — Rawmoves, a show of dance photos by well-known Australian photographer James Houston, opened here Friday in Jintai Art Museum in Beijing, after touring Taiwan, Guangzhou, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

The exhibition is co-sponsored by the Australian Embassy to China and the art museum. The photographer said he was inspired by the moves of dancers of the three Australian dance troupes, namely Australian Ballet, Sydney Dance Group and Bangarra Dance Theatre.

MNA/Xinhua



US army OH-58D, Kiowa helicopters patrol the area in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 30 Nov. 2003. Two Japanese diplomats were killed in Iraq after their car was ambushed in an apparent guerilla attack outside Tikrit Saturday. —INTERNET



The major Spanish newspapers, Madrid on 30 Nov, 2003 carry the news and photos on their front pages of the Spaniards killed in Iraq. Seven members of Spain's military intelligence agency were killed Saturday in an ambush in Al Mamudiya, 30 kilometres from Baghdad. Headlines read 'Seven Spanish secret service agents die in an ambush near Baghdad, Tragedy in Iraq, Seven Spanish spies killed in Iraq, Massacre of Spaniards in Iraq'.

INTERNET

Top Chinese legislator meets Bayer chairman

BEIJING, 1 Dec — The rapid growth of the Chinese economy and government commitment in protecting intellectual property rights have provided favourable conditions for Bayer Group and other multinational companies to expand business in China, top Chinese legislator Wu Bangguo said here.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) of China, made the remark during a meeting with Werner Wenning, chairman of the Board of Management of Bayer Group of Germany.

Wu expressed great delight in meeting with Wenning again after his visit to Germany in 2001. Noting that Sino-German relations are enjoying good momentum, Wu said Bayer has increased its investment and actively conducted training, research and

development in China.

Wu congratulated Bayer on the start of construction of a polymer project in Caojing of Shanghai in east China. He said it is a technology and capital-intensive project and in line with China's goal of optimizing its industrial structure. He wished all Bayer projects in China success.

Wenning said Bayer Group has expanded its business in China over the years because of the support of the Chinese Government and corporate circles. —MNA/Xinhua

As Spain absorbs deaths in Iraq, support for US is questioned

MADRID, 1 Dec— José María Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, said yesterday that his government's course was unchanged and its determination unbroken and that Spain would stay in Iraq "with loyalty and serenity," despite the killing Saturday of seven Spanish intelligence agents.

Yet as Spaniards absorbed the repeated display on 24-hour news channels of Iraq youths kicking the corpses of their countrymen and jubilantly waving bloodied remnants of their clothing, it was evident that Mr. Aznar's policy of support for the United States will come under increased scrutiny and perhaps stronger resistance.

Sharp contrast

Public opinion in Spain has been overwhelmingly against the war in Iraq, in sharp contrast to the willingness of Mr Aznar to come to the assistance of the United States.

The killings on Saturday, the latest in a series of raids apparently targeting countries that have supported the invasion orchestrated by the United States, threatens to raise fresh debate about the purpose of the Spanish presence in Iraq

even among those who until now have backed without questioning Mr Aznar's position.

In an editorial titled, "Deaths That Require Explanations and Reflection," the conservative daily *El Mundo*, which has long supported Mr Aznar and his governing Popular Party, wrote that, "beyond partisan politics, it will be inevitable that both the government and society reflect deeply on the mission of Spain's military in Iraq."

Questions raised

"Concretely, what is the objective of the mission they are fulfilling and does the evident risk that they are taking really serve the interest of national security," the editorial said, defining the terms of a necessary debate. "Furthermore, is the sacrifice of these

lives really going to contribute to the democratization of the country." *El Mundo* said the government also had to inform the country just how many Spaniards are in Iraq. Officials acknowledged Saturday that the agents who were killed were not part of the official military contingent.

Eighty-five per cent oppose war

Spaniards overwhelmingly opposed the war; *El Mundo* said that a recent survey showed that 85 per cent continue to do so. Hundreds of thousands of Spaniards took to the streets in protests, which continued even after the invasion started.

The seven agents were killed on Saturday in an ambush south of Baghdad; an eighth agent was injured. —Internet

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Iraq war, occupation cost Britain huge money

LONDON, 1 Dec— The Iraq war and occupation of the country have cost Britain more than two billion pounds (3.4 billion US dollars), London-based *Financial Times* newspaper reported Friday.

The cost of fighting in Iraq was 850 million pounds in the year to the end of March, shortly after the US-led war began, the report quoted the Treasury as saying.

A further 1.23 billion pounds has been spent during the current financial year, said the report.

"The scale of the expenditure on the war and ensuing occupation so far suggest that the three billion pounds set aside to cover the costs of fighting Iraq will run out in the first half of next year," said the report.

It has been estimated that Britain's continuing peace-keeping presence in Iraq is costing 100 to 200 million pounds a month, according to the report.

There are about 10,000 British troops in Iraq, most of them in the south of the oil-rich country. — MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers control traffic outside the Japanese Embassy in Baghdad, on 30 Nov, 2003. The killing of seven Spanish intelligence agents and two Japanese diplomats in ambushes in Iraq sparked fresh debate in countries allied to the United States on the risks of joining the Iraq mission. —INTERNET

Bloodiest month in Iraq leaves 105 troops killed

BAGHDAD, 1 Dec— The bloodiest month since the United States led the invasion and occupation of Iraq has come to a deadly close after insurgents killed 14 people from five nations in a weekend of apparently carefully calculated attacks.

During the past month, however, America's allies bore the brunt of the assaults which were intended to fuel opposition within their countries to the occupation and to hinder efforts to rebuild Iraq.

79 US soldiers plus 26 allied troops

The latest military deaths bring the number of troops to die in November in Iraq to 105—79 American soldiers and 26 allied troops—the highest yet. That figure includes 19 Italians blown up in Nasiriyah by a suicide truck bomber, and 17 American soldiers who died when two *Black Hawk* helicopters crashed in an incident that the US military now say might have started with a missile strike.

That is the largest monthly casualty total since the war began on 20 March—a

grim statistic that gives the lie to claims by the US military that the guerilla war is under control.

Deaths in Afghanistan

If the deaths of six US soldiers in Afghanistan last month are added, November was the most costly month for the American military since February 1991, when 162 US troops were killed in the 1990-91 Gulf war. In the space of 48 hours, insurgents killed two South Korean electricians, a Colombian contractor, seven Spanish military intelligence officers, two Japanese diplomats and two American soldiers.

The South Korean electricians became the latest victims when they were shot yesterday in a car while travelling to Tikrit.

Internet

Russian State Duma approves 2004 budget in final reading

MOSCOW, 1 Dec— The Russian State Duma, the Lower House of Parliament, passed the 2004 draft budget in the fourth and final reading on Friday.

The draft budget was approved by a vote of 245 in favour to 152 opposing with two abstentions in the 450-seat Russian Chamber, ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

The budget projects federal revenues at nearly 2.743 trillion roubles (91.4 billion US dollars) and expenditures at over 2.659 trillion roubles (88.6 billion dollars), providing a surplus of 84 billion roubles (2.8 billion dollars) for 2004.

The surplus, equivalent to 0.5 per cent of the anticipated 15.3-trillion-rouble (510-billion-dollar) gross domestic products (GDP), will be contributed to a stabilization fund. The budget also forecasts the inflation rate at 10 per cent. National security is a priority in the 2004 budget. Spending on national security is set to increase by 19 per cent as against last year, and expenditure on judiciary will go up by 30 per cent and law enforcement and security by 27 per cent. —MNA/Xinhua

Four killed in road accident in Romania

BUCHAREST, 1 Dec— All four passengers in a car died instantly in Romania Friday as their vehicle crashed at high speed into a road barrier and overturned, PRO-TV reported.

The accident took place in a remote area of the Alad Province, some 450 kilometres from the capital, according to local police. The police said the young driver in the Dacia car had probably been drunk and that the crashed car remained undetected for some hours in the sparsely populated region. — MNA/Xinhua

US Embassy in Bulgaria tightens security

SOFIA, 1 Dec— The US Embassy in Bulgaria's capital Sofia steps up security measures, local media reported Friday.

The embassy has insisted that no pedestrians were allowed near the building of the American mission in the centre of Sofia, the report said.

Following the September 11 tragic events, car traffic near the US Embassy has been banned.

Such precautionary measures are part of the entire tightening of the security in the region due to the deadly bombings in neighbouring Turkey, the report quoted Bulgaria's Foreign Minister Solomon Passy as saying.

A Bulgarian police official said that the moves were not in connection to some specific threat. One day earlier, the British Embassy, situated near Bulgaria's Parliament, was closed down for security reasons and was opened later at noon.

MNA/Xinhua



US troops take position after a roadside explosive went off just outside Samara, Iraq on 30 Nov, 2003. —INTERNET

Swiss agency starts to pay crash victim families

GENEVA, 1 Dec— The first payouts have been made to relatives of some of the 71 people who died in a plane crash over Swiss-controlled airspace last year, Swiss Radio International (SRI) reported Friday.

The Swiss air traffic control agency, Skyguide, confirmed it had reached an out-of-court settlement with the families of 12 of those who lost their lives.

The mid-air crash on July 1, 2002, occurred when a Russian passenger plane carrying over 40 schoolchildren collided with a DHL cargo jet while flying over southern Germany. Skyguide's Berlin-based lawyer, Heiko von Schyndel, said a settlement had been reached, but declined to specify exactly how much compensation the families would receive, according to SRI. —MNA/Xinhua

Japan fearful of sending troops to Iraq

TOKYO, 1 Dec—Most Japanese hold deep reservations about plans to send non-combat troops to Iraq, according to an opinion poll released Monday after two of its diplomats were shot to death there.

About 79 percent of respondents believe sending troops to help rebuild Iraq would make Japan a greater target of terrorism, the poll conducted by the Mainichi Shimbun newspaper showed. It also found support for Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi was plunging.

It was published Monday as Japan's Foreign Ministry was to hold a memorial for envoys killed in a roadside ambush on Saturday.

Senior ministry officials held an emergency meeting early Monday to discuss the ambush. Though chief Cabinet spokesman Yasuo Fukuda

said Sunday the attack was most likely an act of terrorism, the government was still investigating who carried it out and why.

The men were Japan's first fatalities in Iraq since the US-led war began in March.

Details of the ambush remained sketchy, but the news renewed public jitters about Koizumi's pledge to provide non-combat troops to help with humanitarian and other non-combat support.

In the Mainichi Shimbun poll, more than 80 percent said they had reservations about sending troops to Iraq.

Forty percent said a deployment should occur only after the security situation stabilizes, while 43 percent were against any deployment regardless of timing.

The same survey noted support for Koizumi's Cabinet fell 14 percentage points in the last month to 42 percent.

The nationwide poll of 1,036 people was conducted by telephone on the weekend, with a quarter responding after news of the attack was reported early Sunday. No margin of error was provided.

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US businessman convicted for weapon sale to Iraq

BERLIN, 1 Dec—A German court on Friday convicted a US businessman of violating weapons export laws after he sent materials in 1999 to Iraq that were used to make long-range cannons.

The 60-year-old Iraqi-born liquor trader was sentenced to four years and nine months in jail for two shipments of drills worth 205,000 euros used to build 10-metre cannons, a state court in the southwestern town of Mannheim said.

Sahib Abd al-Amir al-Haddad, who holds an American passport but lived in Jordan, was also found guilty of trying to sell 25 gun barrels worth 1.37 million US dollars from Switzerland to Jordan.

"There is no doubt that the drills were shipped to Iraq" in violation of German export laws and UN arms controls regulations, said Judge Joachim Plass.—MNA/Reuters



Demonstrators carry banners protesting against the US-led war in Iraq on the eve of the start of a two-day Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe summit in Maastricht, southern Netherlands, on Sunday 30 Nov, 2003. Foreign Ministers from 55 nations will be participating including the US Secretary of State Colin Powell. —INTERNET

Blix hopes US learned a lesson in Iraq

BRUSSELS, 1 Dec— Hans Blix, the former chief UN weapons inspector, was quoted on Friday as saying he hoped Washington had learned its lesson in Iraq about the need for multinational cooperation.

Blix also told the Belgian daily *De Morgen* the United States could not simply choose to leave Iraq after toppling Saddam Hussein.

"The United States is on the ground, they can't leave now. But... they don't have much experience in reconstructing a country," said Blix, the former Swedish foreign minister who for 16 years headed the UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"They will need the United Nations a great deal. I hope the Americans have learned their lesson and recognize the need for cooperation.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesian coffee export to drop to lowest level

JAKARTA, 1 Dec— Indonesian coffee exports have declined steadily over the past five years and are expected to reach their lowest level this year, according to the Association of Indonesian Coffee Exporters (AEKI).

Rachim Kartabrata, an executive at AEKI, said in a recent interview that coffee exports this year were estimated to drop to 134,481 tons compared with last year's 258,849 tons worth 266.5 million US dollars.

The primary factors contributing to the problem included harvest failure, low productivity and a poor-quality product, he was quoted Saturday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

Rachim explained that the El Nino and La Nina weather disturbances that occurred in 1997 and 1998 had caused the coffee harvest to fail.

The country's coffee production fell to 335,400 tons in 1999 from 344,400 tons in 1998 and 391,800 tons in 1997.

The drop in production turned Indonesia into the world's fifth-largest coffee producer, supplying only around 4.17 per cent of world demand. In 1993, Indonesia was the world's largest producer, with a total output of 427,800 tons.

Rachim said that low productivity and poor quality products were making it hard for Indonesian coffee to compete with Vietnam, the world's second-largest producer after Brazil.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai-Lao joint meeting successful

BANGKOK, 1 Dec— Thai Foreign Minister Surakiart Sathirathai and his Laotian counterpart Somsavad Lengsavad hailed the success of the joint Thai-Laotian cooperation (JC) meeting held on the southern resort island of Surat Thani.

Speaking after the meeting, the two foreign ministers said that the two countries would hold joint Cabinet meetings in the Laotian town of Pakse and the Thai town of Ubon Ratchathani in March next year. They revealed that Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra had urged both sides to expedite the resolution of long-standing disputes before the meeting, which would not have a fixed agenda, the *Thai News Agency* reported Saturday.

However, the two ministers noted the considerable progress in discussions over border demarcation disputes, with both sides agreeing to survey and demarcate the border before February 28, 2004. Under the measures drawn up at the meeting, demarcation officials from the two countries will record any differences of opinion, which will then be forwarded to the heads of both demarcation committees for further discussion. The meeting also discussed issues such as the opening up of new border checkpoints.

After the main meeting of the joint committee on Friday, a further meeting was held on the arbitration in investment and business disputes between the two countries. Thailand accepted Lao's suggestion on receiving goods via Laos destined for third countries, while discussions were also held on plans for allowing all types of goods, including cigarettes and alcohol, to pass into Thailand through any border checkpoint.

The Laotian Foreign Minister also sought to downplay suggestions that the smuggling of drugs from Laos could pose a problem for Thailand once Thailand declared itself a drugs free zone, saying that the two countries had agreed to exchange information, while Laos was working on programmes to encourage drug traders to turn to other types of work.

MNA/Xinhua

Jiangsu Province continues to lead in use of overseas money

NANJING, 1 Dec— East China's Jiangsu Province has retained its position as the country's leading user of overseas money, as growing international investment flows into the Yangtze River delta area.

From January to October in 2003, Jiangsu ratified 5,881 new overseas-funded projects, up 25.7 per cent year-on-year, using 24.5 billion US dollars of contractual overseas investment, up 51.5 per cent, according to the provincial foreign economy and trade department. The projects include 1,259 costing more than 10 million dollars each and 79 costing more than 30 million dollars each, and 27 each at more than 100 million dollars.

The previously established 1,359 overseas-funded enterprises added a combined 3.2 billion dollars to their contractual investment during the period.

The influx of overseas money mainly went to high-tech, high-value-added projects, especially those in information technology, new materials, bio-pharmaceutical projects and the development of environment-friendly and energy-saving items. —MNA/Xinhua



Liv Tyler, left, who plays the role of Arwen waves to the crowd as co-star Orlando Bloom, right, who plays the role of Legolas in the *Lord of the Rings* movies looks on during the parade for the World Premiere of *Return of The King*, the third film in the *Lord of The Rings* trilogy in Wellington, New Zealand, on Monday, 1 Dec, 2003. More than a hundred thousand people lined the streets of the New Zealand capital for the parade for tonight's world premiere. —INTERNET

Jordan to officially begin training Iraqi policemen

AMMAN, 1 Dec — Jordan will officially launch the training courses for Iraqi policemen on Monday to help resume Iraq's security and stability, a Government Spokeswoman said on Sunday.

"The first course, which is due to last six to eight weeks, will start from Monday," spokeswoman Asma Khader said in a statement.

A total of 294 Iraqi policemen arrived in Jordan later Sunday, and 206 others are expected to arrive soon.

Last week, Jordan completed training for more than 100 Iraqi police

instructors at the Prince Hashem School, who were set to train other policemen in Iraq after finishing their courses.

In October, Jordan agreed to train 32,000 Iraqi policemen over a period of two years, and every course will be attended by 1,500 Iraqis.

The agreement was reached by the Jordanian

Government and the Iraqi Interim Coalition Authority.

Jordanian King Abdullah II, however, ruled out sending the kingdom's own police or military forces to Iraq.

Sending Jordanian policemen to patrol Iraqi lands is not a normal issue either to Iraqis or to their neighbours, he stressed.

MNA/Xinhua

Al Arabiya TV denies US charges over Iraq

DUBAI, 1 Dec — Arab television station Al Arabiya denied on Sunday US allegations that it was linked to insurgents in Iraq and asked American officials to prove the accusations or retract them.

US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said on Tuesday the United States had gathered compelling evidence that the Dubai-based channel, which had its Baghdad offices closed down, was cooperating with guerillas fighting the US-led occupation of Iraq.

Rumsfeld also said guerillas had called in Al Arabiya and its competitor, Al Jazeera, to witness attacks on US-led forces.

"Al Arabiya news channel has never aired any foot-

age of an attack against coalition forces. Its reporters have never been in close proximity to such attacks. Nor have they cooperated with any persons with a view to filming such an attack," an Al Arabiya statement said.

"Mr Rumsfeld's allegation is baseless and we invite him to produce the evidence or retract the statement," it said. Al Jazeera officials were not immediately available for comment.

Iraqi police shut down

Al Arabiya's Baghdad office last week after the US-appointed Iraqi Governing Council said it would take legal action against the channel for inciting violence by airing an audio tape purportedly from ousted president Saddam Hussein.

Al Arabiya said Rumsfeld's statements "can only incite hostility to our channel and its reporters, so making their job more difficult and dangerous both in Iraq and the US". "We hope that in the future, officials of



A US army soldier gives directions outside the Japanese Embassy in Baghdad, Sunday, on 30 Nov, 2003. Two Japanese diplomats and their Iraqi driver were killed in Iraq after their car was ambushed in an apparent guerilla attack outside Tikrit.—INTERNET

Two US soldiers killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 Dec — Guerrillas killed two US soldiers and wounded a third in an ambush in western Iraq, a military statement said on Sunday. A day earlier, seven Spanish intelligence agents and two Japanese diplomats died in separate attacks near Baghdad.

With the latest deaths, guerrillas have killed 106 coalition troops in Iraq in November, with 79 American soldiers slain along with 25 other allied soldiers. It has been the bloodiest month of the war that began March 20.

A military statement said the US troops were killed when a task force from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment was hit Saturday by rocket-propelled grenades and automatic fire east of the border town of Husaybah, 180 miles northwest of Baghdad.—Internet

MNA/Reuters

Colombian shot dead in Iraq, says US military

BAGHDAD, 1 Dec — A Colombian civilian contractor was shot dead and two colleagues wounded in an attack on a convoy in northern Iraq (news - web sites), a US army commander said.

"Yesterday morning near Balad one civilian contractor, a citizen of Colombia, was killed and two associates were wounded when attackers using small calibre weapons fired on a convoy," US military deputy director for operations Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt told a Baghdad press conference.

He gave no further details of the attack near the town about 60 kilometres (36 miles) north of the capital.

Internet

China strengthens fundamental role of agriculture

BEIJING, 1 Dec — The three-day Central Economic Work Conference which ended here Saturday stressed that the fundamental role of agriculture should always be upheld with more efforts to be made in protecting farmland and raising farmers' income.

The annual conference, held in Beijing and addressed by Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao, mapped out guidelines for the nation's economic development in 2004.

"It has been a consistent strategy of the Chinese leadership for the last three generations to strengthen the fundamental role of agriculture and pay close attention to and conscientiously resolve the issues relating to agriculture, rural development and rural population," the meeting said, noting that the strategy must be carried on unswervingly.

In an effort to ensure the fundamental role of agriculture, great importance must be attached to protecting farmland, increasing grain production, safeguarding the interests of grain production areas and farmers, and raising farmers' income.

MNA/Xinhua

India warns not to ignore poorer nations'

NEW DELHI, 1 Dec — India warned that ignorance of developmental concerns of poorer countries could be disastrous.

"Unless the developmental concerns of the poorer countries of the world are taken into account, popular support for economic liberalization will collapse in the developing countries. This could have disastrous consequences for our future discussions on the international trading regime," Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said at the on-going India-EU Business Summit here.

Vajpayee said that it was important not to upset the carefully-balanced agenda of interests that resulted from hard fought

negotiations and compromises at Doha.

Comparing the World Trade Organization to a chariot pulled by many horses, Vajpayee said that unless each horse pulls at same the pace and in the same direction as others, the chariot will eventually collapse, according to the *Press Trust of India* (PTI).

"We can move forward successfully only at a pace with which all parties are comfortable," he said, adding that this has been a cardinal principle that guided the EU in its integration.

MNA/Xinhua

Over 4,500 S Korean companies invest in east China

QINGDAO, 1 Dec — More than 4,500 companies from South Korea had made investments in Qingdao, one of east China's coastal cities, by the end of September, said Jong Sun Park, South Korea consul-general to Qingdao Saturday.

There are a total of 45,000 South Korean people living in Qingdao, accounting for 80 per cent of all foreigners in the city, the diplomat told the Sino-Foreign Enterprise Culture Qingdao Summit 2003.

Although South Korea companies' total foreign investment shrank by 9 per cent in the first three quarters of this year, the part going to China increased by 70 per cent, of which Qingdao took one-third.

"Qingdao and South Korea have similar geographic and climatic conditions, similar cultural backgrounds, and even similar agricultural products and seafood," said Park. "All these things make the South Korea people very happy to live here, and willing to invest in the city."

MNA/Xinhua



Gertrude Ederle swims the English Channel in this on 6 Aug, 1926 file photo as she crosses the waterway in 14 hours and 31 minutes. Ederle, who was the toast of America and Europe in 1926 when she became the first woman to swim the English Channel, died on 30 Nov, 2003. She was 97.

INTERNET

Two points of view on human rights

Aung Moe San

Today's international sphere, there emerge two points of view on human rights. One should distinguish between the right and wrong with regard to the two points of view because philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways and the point however is to change it.

Philosophers have interpreted the world in various ways. But the point is to change it. This is the law of social science. According to the first point of view, it is accepted that human rights is the freedom of human beings; political freedom of man; and freedom described in United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and thus progress will be made if freedom is open to all.

The second point of view says that human rights means the basic needs of man that is food, clothing and shelter and commodity production. It accepts that only economic productive force and development can bring about human rights and democracy. Human rights can be enjoyed only with physical development. And human rights cannot be achieved through freedom or enacting of laws. It cannot be said that a hungry man with freedom enjoys human rights. In other words, a society suffering from hunger cannot be portrayed as a society that is enjoying human rights.

On the whole, the two views can be assessed as follows: one is based on physical development and the other on spiritual freedom. Human right is really essential for all. If one makes a thorough study on cause and effect it can be seen that the world today has been changing on its physical development path. For example, human rights in industrial technological age is better than that in stone age, iron age and manual technological age.

In reality, for a human society, only when there has been the development of infrastructures such as basic needs and productive force, there will be the development of superstructures such as politics, administration, legislation and human rights, democracy and culture.

Out of the two points of view, the US and West bloc are practising the former while most of the Asian countries are practising the latter. The US and its allies who have invaded Afghanistan and Iraq are now facing the situation that democracy could not flourish without any economic development. Their attempts have therefore reached deadlock. They are committing such wrong acts because they ignore the fact that they themselves have enjoyed human rights and democracy along with economic development.

In 1920, the right of women of the US to vote was included in the State Constitution after confirming the Amendment XIX. Starting from early 1960s, the opposition against the right of women to vote decreased significantly. At that time, most of the Americans still held the belief that home is the right place for a woman. The US has amended its Constitution 26 times in 195 years.

The Bill of Rights granted freedom of speech, freedom of faith, right to assemble and right of trial by jury. Later amendments ended the slavery and prohibited discrimination. They helped women, and inhabitants in District of Columbia and all adults enjoy the right to vote.

Although the US and the West bloc that have forgotten their past history and lost sight of their objective still regard themselves as capitalist democracies, they are imposing all sorts of sanctions on developing countries which are trying to become capitalist democracies. In some cases, they use force and, in others, they employ economic embargo method. Instead of doing so, they should help bring development of world market and peace and stability to these countries. Why are the US and the West bloc eliminating their own generations, developing countries we mean? It is because the characteristics of capitalism hardly belong to them any longer and they are apt to practise feudalistic hegemonism. Most of the Asian countries holding the second point of view accept the idea that human rights influence the universe. Therefore, they accept the concept of social science that development of productive forces is the sine qua non for the advancement of society.

China, the third country which succeeded in launching the manned spaceship in the world, also accepts and practises this concept. In his interview with the 14-6-93 issue of the Time magazine, Lee Kuan Yew, former prime minister of Singapore, explained the Asian point of view on human rights. On the main problem of democratization in developing countries, Mr Lee said that even in such old democracies as Britain and the US, everyone did not have the right to vote from the very beginning. Suffrage depends on one's personal possessions at first and later on one's educational qualifications. Only when more and more people became educated and the nation wealthy did the grass roots come to have the right to vote. However, in such a big country as China, direct representation system should be practised in urban areas where there is a larger population of educated people and indirect representation system in rural areas where the number of educated people is small.

On the question of whether Asian nations are practising the system halfway between the western liberal democracy and the eastern dictatorship, Mr Lee said that he did not think that Japan, China (Taipei), South Korea and Singapore were practising the US-European system. He said that there was hardly any people or country in society that discarded the entire system they had practised for ages but they might try to improve their system. They may use the system of other nations if it can contribute to their socio-economic development. The Philippines that copied the US system did not succeed, he added.

On human rights, Mr Lee said that Asian nations, whether in times of wealth or poverty, value society more than individuals. This attitude saved Asia from falling into deep poverty. Some Asians said that the right to freedom of assembly was not their culture. Regarding this, Mr Lee said that the Human Rights Declaration was drawn up by the Allies who won victory in World War II. The other member nations of the United Nations signed the Declaration just as witnesses. It would be a different story only if a country that sticks to the Human Rights Declaration would be given help.

Are there different types of human rights? On this question, Mr Lee said that it was different only in the way the priority was given. No one ignored human rights. No one said ill-treating people was right. Some know that changes will have to be made in human rights so that all the world will come to accept them and it would take another 15 or 20 years.

Therefore, of the two points of view on human rights, developing countries including Myanmar are to choose and practise the second point of view.

(Translation:BG+NN)

India welcomes Pakistan's announcement

NEW DELHI, 1 Dec — India Sunday night welcomed Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf's announcement that his country will lift the ban on Indian flights through its airspace and grant them landing rights and hoped that the two-day talks on resumption of civil aviation links would be fruitful.

"We welcome the announcement by President Musharraf that Pakistan will agree to overflights and landing rights", External Affairs Ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna said ahead of the talks Monday between the civil aviation authorities of the two countries. "We are looking forward to a successful outcome of the talks tomorrow and the day after," he said. — MNA/PTI



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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABLED PERSONS

3rd December, 2003

"မသန်စွမ်းသူတို့ရင်တွင်းစကား၊ စာနာဆည်းပူးအလေးထား"

"A Voice of Our Own"

လူမှုဝန်ထမ်း၊ ကယ်ဆယ်ရေးနှင့် ပြန်လည်နေရာချထားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

People's Desire

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

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets departmental officials, social organizations in Mindat

YANGON, 1 Dec—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Col Tin Hla, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, met with students of No1 Border Areas and National Races Development Training School in the compound of Taungpulu Pariyatti Patipatti Kyaungtaik in Mindat on 28 November morning, and spoke words of encouragement to them.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party paid homage to Presiding Sayadaw of the Kyaungtaik Bhaddanta Panāsiri and presented of fortities to him.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence meets with departmental officials, staff and local people in Mindat. — MNA

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party met with district and township level departmental officials, members of social organizations, townsenders and others at No 1 Basic Education High School in Mindat.

At the meeting, Lt-Gen

Ye Myint made a speech. He said that the government has laid down the five rural development tasks and is implementing them to ensure regional development and bring about harmonious development across the nation.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint

handed over a set of computer, a set of TV, a set of video and one generator donated by the Prime Minister for No1 BEHS and No 2 BEHS in Mindat.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected learning of students in the

multimedia classrooms of No 1 BEHS.

On arrival at No 2 BEHS, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected skills demonstration of students in the computer aided instruction room.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party in the afternoon

arrived at the local battalion in Mindat where they met with officers and other ranks and their families and gave instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected farming undertakings of the local battalion. — MNA

World AIDS Day...

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AIDS account for the highest number of deaths by any single infectious agent, he highlighted.

HIV/AIDS is not only a health issue. Experience from other countries has shown that it impedes national de-

velopment and in some countries it has even become a security issue. Among the eight millennium development goals spelled out at the Millennium Declaration in the year 2000, the sixth goal states to halt and reverse the trend of HIV/AIDS, Malaria

and TB by half by the year 2015, he added. Myanmar has launched an all out effort to prevent and control HIV/AIDS. With the guidance from the National Health Committee a multisectoral National AIDS Committee was formed in 1989, to combat HIV/AIDS. National AIDS Programme was formulated and implemented in accordance with the objectives of the National Health Plan.

In implementing the comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention and control programme there are certain areas which need to be scaled up. This will require more financial resources. Antiretroviral drugs should also be made more widely available at an affordable price, he elaborated.

The spread of HIV infection is mainly related to human behaviour. The strong social and cultural values in Myanmar have contributed in preventing the spread of HIV infection and also helped in the care of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. The kind-hearted nature of the people and religious teachings emphasizing on loving kindness and compassion contributed to the care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Basic health workers and social organizations are providing support with sympathy and compassion. In conclusion, he emphasized the State's aware of the impact of HIV/AIDS on health, economic and social development. Healthy societies are more likely to become wealthy societies. We are implementing health and education programmes, including the comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention and control activities. He reiterated that Myanmar is seriously committed in fighting "HIV/AIDS war" with an all out effort and with all available resources, in partnership with national, re-

gional and international partner agencies. Afterwards, Chairman of UN Theme Group on AIDS Mr Najab Assifi read the message of Executive Director Dr Peter Piot of UNAIDS Programme.

The outstanding students who won prizes in the contests were then presented prizes. Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented the first, second and third prizes to ninth grader Ma Khaing Mala Nyunt of Kyimyindine BEHS-1, eighth grader Maung Phyto Paing Thaw of South Okkalapa BEMS-1, ninth grader Maung La Min Win of Lanmadaw BEHS-2 respectively in the higher education level essay contest. Eighth grader Ma Hsu Mon Yee of Ahlone BEMS-3 and ninth grader Ma Cherry Aung of Kamayut BEHS-2 won consolation prizes.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo presented the first, second and third prizes to sixth grader Ma Thazin Thet Su Tin of Kyauktan (Myoma) BEMS, seventh grader Ma Hnin Ei Ei Phwe of Kyauktan BEHS-1, seventh grader Ma Thinzin Lwin of Latha BEHS-2 respectively in the middle school level poster contest. Sixth grader Maung Aung Kyaw Tun of Batahtaung BEHS-6 and seventh grader Maung Thiha Tin of Dagon BEHS-1 won consolation prizes. Chairman Mr Najab Assifi presented the first, second and third prizes to second grader Ma May Htoo Myat Mon of Kyauktan (Myoma) BEMS, second grader Maung Htet Lin San of Kyauktan (East) BEPS and fourth grader Ma Hsu Hnin Wai of Latha BEHS-2 respectively in the primary school level painting contest. Fourth grader Maung Htet Naing Lin of Dagon BEHS-1 and fourth grader Ma Shwe Yee Win won consolation prizes.

After the ceremony, those present viewed the

Industry-1 Minister receives guests

YANGON, 1 Dec — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung this morning received Mr Xu Xiangchun of the China Metallurgical Construction (Group) Corporation (MCC) and party at his

office.

Also present at the call were the director-general and managing-directors of the department and industries under the ministry.

MNA

Maruman Golf Classic

9 December



YANGON, 1 Dec — The Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation will organize Maruman Golf Classic, the Fifth Leg of Myanmar Golf tour 2003, at Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon here from 9 to 12 December.

Only golfers with handicap 0 to 12 may take part in the professional level contest. Those under 18 years of age are not allowed to enter the contest.

Rothmans of Pall Mall

Myanmar Co Ltd mainly sponsored the tour together with Air Mandalay, Grand Slam (Munsing Wear), Loi-Hein (Alpine), UPG, Canon, KM Golf Centre, Maruman and Wilson. Sun Far Travels and Tour, Yangon Golf Club will present hole-in-one prizes. Professional golfers and amateur golfers may enlist at Yangon Golf Club, Danyingon, Ph-635563, 635617, 703785 and 723221 by 7 December afternoon. — MNA



President of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents a prize to an outstanding student at the World AIDS Day 2003 commemorative ceremony. — MNA



Chairman of UN Theme Group on AIDS Mr Najab Assifi presents a prize to an outstanding student at the commemorative ceremony of World AIDS Day 2003. — MNA



Cardiac surgeons of OLVZ hospital, Belgium, together with specialists of Medical Services conducting surgical operation at Tatmadaw General Hospital. — MNA

educative booths displaying HIV/AIDS prevention activities of Myanmar and international organizations

and prize-winning works of students at the lounge of the IBC.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe reports on preparations for holding the 57th Anniversary of Union Day 2004 at the coordination meeting for Organizing the 57th Anniversary of Union Day 2004. — MNA

Prime Minister attends ...

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He said at such a time, discussions are being made for successful holding of the Union Day ceremony with full political and national essence through consolidating the already-achieved national solidarity spirit and the Union spirit and building better foundations and promoting good traditions of significant Union Day.

He said in accord with the national policies that flourished in the course of long Myanmar history the government has laid down the seven-point future policy programme that can guarantee non-disintegration of national solidarity and non-disintegration of the Union and perpetuation of independence and sovereignty in the long run and lead to a united, peaceful, stable and prosperous democratic nation and it is now implementing them.

Therefore, he said, based on national solidarity spirit and the Union Spirit, all the people are to make strenuous efforts with oneness for successful implementation of the seven-point future policy programmes.

At a time when the government is building a new future State, consolidation of national solidarity spirit and the Union Spirit among the national races is the prime national requirement for perpetuation of the Union, he said.

With the belief that the Union of Myanmar established by all national races in unity will stand tall amidst the nations of the world and be perpetual forever, officials concerned are to make efforts for holding the 57th Anniversary Union Day ceremony on a grand scale with full national es-

sence, he said.

He urged various sub-committees to make arrangements for holding of the ceremony, inviting delegates, sightseeing, hosting dinner and sending the message to Union Day Ceremonies.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe reported on arrangements for the 57th Anniversary Union Day ceremony.

Director-General of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein also reported on tasks for holding the 57th Anniversary Union Day ceremony and those present on the respective tasks. The Prime Minister took part in the discussions.

In his discussions, he said the 57th Anniversary Union Day will be observed with the national objectives—

- for all national races to safeguard the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty,
- to keep Union Spirit alive and dynamic among the national people,
- for all national people to safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence,
- to prevent the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development through national solidarity, and
- for all national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-point future policy programme.

He called for cooperation for realization of the objectives.

MNA

Chinese delegation visits Drug Elimination Museum, Defence Services Museum, National Museum

YANGON, 1 Dec — Visiting Chinese delegation led by Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army General Wu Quanxu, accompanied by Vice Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Nyan Win, Ambassador of China to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun and Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xu Shulai, yesterday afternoon visited Drug Elimination Museum in Kamayut Township.

Officials welcomed the delegation and conducted them round the museum. Afterwards, General Wu Quanxu signed in the visitors' book. Next, Deputy Di-

rector-General of the Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win presented record books on elimination of narcotic drug activities and a museum emblem to General Wu Quanxu.

The delegation this morning visited Defence Services Museum where officials welcomed them and conducted them round the museum.

In the afternoon, General Wu Quanxu and party also visited the National Museum on Pyay Road where Director of the Museum Daw Nu Mya Zan and officials welcomed the delegation. — MNA



"Soon" offered to members of the Sangha of State Pariyatti Sasana University

YANGON, 1 Dec — Staff families of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and De-

velopment Affairs yesterday morning offered 'soon' to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha of

the State Pariyatti Sasana University here.

Minister for PBANRD Col Thein Nyunt and wife, the deputy minister and officials presented offertories to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Next, an official pre-

sented K 200,000 donated by the ministry for offering 'soon' through the director of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Myo Win. Afterwards, the staff families offered soon to the monks. — MNA

Matriculation exam timetable

YANGON, 1 Dec — The Myanmar Board of Examinations under the Ministry of Education today announced the timetable for 2004 Academic Year Matriculation Examination.

The examination will be held from 11 to 20 March from 9 am to 12 noon.

Minister inspects new fire engines

YANGON, 1 Dec — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, this afternoon inspected two fire engines renovated by the engineers of the Fire Services Department for Tiddim

Township Fire Brigade and Salingyi Township Fire Brigade.

The director-general of the Fire Services Department and officials reported on the fire engine to the minister. — MNA



Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa inspects a fire-engine to be given to Fire Brigade of Tiddim, Chin State and a fire-engine to Fire Brigade of Salingyi, Sagaing Division. — MNA

Final rites of Thamanya Sayadaw on 5 December

YANGON, 1 Dec — A ceremony to carry the remains of Presiding Sayadaw of Thamanya Hill Monastery in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State, Abhidaja Aggamaha Saddhama Jotika Bhaddanta Vinaya, aged 93, vassa 73, with white umbrella, will be held on 2 December (Tues-

day) afternoon at the monastery and the final rites of the Sayadaw will be held at 1 pm on 5 December (Friday).

On 5 December, the remains of the Sayadaw will be entombed on Thamanya Hill.

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Donate blood

YANGON, 1 Dec — With a view to saving the life of patients at the respective hospitals through blood, the Mittabyuhar Association will sponsor a blood-donation cer-

emony at the Dhammayon of Botahtaung Pagoda on the morning of 7 December 2003. Blood donors may come and donate their blood on the occasion. — MNA

Chinese goodwill delegation led by Deputy Chief of General Staff General Wu Quanxu visits the Drug Elimination Museum. — MNA

Staff of FAD, students of universities of culture honoured

YANGON, 1 Dec — The staff of the Fine Arts Department and students of the universities of culture were honoured this afternoon for their achievements in the 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung made an address at a ceremony to hon-

our the prize-winners held at Kambawza Theatre of the Fine Arts Department on KabaAye Pagoda Road here.

Next, the minister, deputy minister, the directors-general and rectors presented prizes to the staff and students who gained gold, silver and bronze medals in the competitions. — MNA

Kengtung Degree College, the cradle of highly qualified human resources

Article by Thein Win Latt,
Photos by Htay Aung (Kyemon)

The government has laid down the 30-year long-term national education promotion plan and is implementing it to produce highly qualified human resources capable of building a new modern and developed nation. The higher education sector has undergone a great change. The national education promotion plan covers Kengtung Degree College (formerly-Kengtung College) in Shan State (East).

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt (now Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt) drove a stake for construction of Kengtung Degree College on 23-4-97 and Public Works (Eastern Shan State) was engaged in construction of the facility.

During their stay in Kengtung, Kyemon newsmen met with and interviewed Principal U Aung Nyunt of Kengtung Degree College.

Kyemon: We would like to know the salient points of the degree college?

UAN: There were many difficulties and hardships in implementing the project. Based on the Learning Centre of Kengtung College and the Learning Centre of Tachilek Basic Education High School, Electronic Data Broadcasting System was installed at the facility. Kengtung College was upgraded into Kengtung Degree College on 10-7-2001. To possess the characteristics of a degree college, more professors, associate professors and lecturers were appointed. Thus, there are now 50 faculty members including professors. In the academic programme, the first year courses for those who passed the 1999-2000 matriculation and the second year courses for those who passed the 1996-1997 matriculation exam are being conducted as new system, and the third year courses as old system. The major subjects are



Kengtung degree College on Taunggyi-Kengtung Road, Shan State (East).

jects are Myanmarsar, Geography, History, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Zoology and Botany, and other subjects are English, Philosophy, Oriental Studies and Geology. There are 172 day-session students—74 in the first year, 69 in the second year and 29 in the third year.

Kyemon: Please let us know the electronic system

at the degree college?

UAN: We have Computer Training Centre, e-Education Learning Centre, Multimedia Lecture Room and Language Laboratory. Other electronic equipment have also been facilitated. There are 84 sets of computer, two multimedia projectors, one presenter, three screens, one scanner,

one over head projector and 48 sets of equipment for the language lab.

The Department of Human Resource Development of Kengtung Degree College conducted the three-month Basic Computer Training Course 1/2000 in March 2000 for 120 trainees to ensure human resource development. Arrangements

are being made for conducting more new courses.

The Kengtung Degree College is meeting with success in its efforts to produce highly qualified human resources capable of building a new modern and developed nation.

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Indian institutions to welcome more foreign students

BEIJING, 1 Dec — India's prestigious higher educational institutions, which offer high quality courses at a fraction of the cost compared with those in developed countries, will welcome more foreign students, a senior Human Resources Development (HRD) Ministry official said here Sunday.

"India has some of the best institutions for higher education, which are recognized globally for their quality. Now we are in the process of marketing our strengths globally, including for the first time in China," Additional Secretary in the Department of Secondary Education and Higher Education under the Federal Ministry of Human Resources Development, Kumud Bansal said.

Talking to PTI on the sidelines of a major Chinese educational exposition here, she said that the HRD Ministry has, for the first time,

targeted China as a potential market for foreign students.

"This is the first time for India to participate in an education exposition in China and we are very pleased with the initial response from Chinese students as well as parents," Bansal said noting the growing interest on India among the Chinese people.

She said the Indian stall at the expo received a lot of enquiries from Chinese students on different courses, especially in information technology (IT). We are confident that

Indian higher educational institutions can compete with their western counterparts in the Chinese market," Director (Technical), Ajit Kumar Motwani said.

Bansal, during her meeting with Chinese higher education officials, emphasized that India offers the best money value education destination for foreign students.

She also pointed out that since Indian higher education system has English as the predominant medium of communication and learning, the country could offer Chinese students excellent courses in a range of subjects at a fraction of cost compared to educational destinations in developed nations.

She said India is keen to attract foreign students into its higher educational institutions by offering courses in the field of engineering, medicine, agriculture, management, humanities and social sciences, fine arts etc.

Bansal said India would come better prepared to woo Chinese students next time since all the materials were only in English which is generally not spoken here by the public.

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Record number of India-China military exchanges in November

BEIJING, 1 Dec — Close on the heels of high-level exchanges between the Indian and Chinese Armed Forces, the visit of a senior Chinese Army officer to India beginning Sunday provides a fillip to the bilateral relations.

The Deputy Chief of Staff of the People's Liberation Army, Wu Quanxu, left for India on an "official goodwill visit".

The military exchanges between the two countries began on November 10 with Indian warships making a friendly call at Shanghai port and conducting the first-ever joint naval exercise with the Chinese Navy. India sent three warships, namely, *INS Ranjit* (guided missile destroyer), *INS Kulish* (guided

missile corvette) and *INS Jyoti* (replenishment tanker) for the joint search and rescue exercise on November 14 in the East China Sea.

The exercise, aimed at ensuring the safety of maritime trade and improving co-ordination in search and rescue at sea, was a stepping stone in enhancing inter-operability between the two navies, official sources said.

This was immediately followed on November 16 by a senior Indian Army de-

legation's visit to China, which included a first-ever trip to Tibet.

The delegation met senior PLA officials, visited some military facilities and interacted with the National Defence University.

The high-level visits highlight the commitment of the two countries to increase mutual trust and understanding and enhancing mutually beneficial and broad-based cooperation, sources said.

MNA/PTI

"AIDS" drugs to be provided in government hospitals in India

NEW DELHI, 1 Dec — In a major initiative to tackle the dreaded AIDS, the Indian Government will provide drugs for the disease in government hospitals as pharmaceutical industries pledged to lower their prices if incentives were provided.

Addressing a Press conference on the eve of World AIDS Day here, Indian Union Health Minister Sushma Swaraj said that the programme to provide AIDS

medicines in government hospitals would first begin in the six high-prevalence states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Manipur and Nagaland.

The programme is expected to begin from next April and about 100,000 AIDS patients are likely to access the drugs through government hospitals and ante-natal clinics in the first year.

Swaraj said that representatives of pharmaceutical industry requested that they be provided with fiscal incentives structure equivalent to the incentives available to them through the Clinton Foundation.

The minister said that the industry agreed not only to bring down the prices to that of Clinton Foundation but also to lower them further for domestic consumption. — MNA/Xinhua

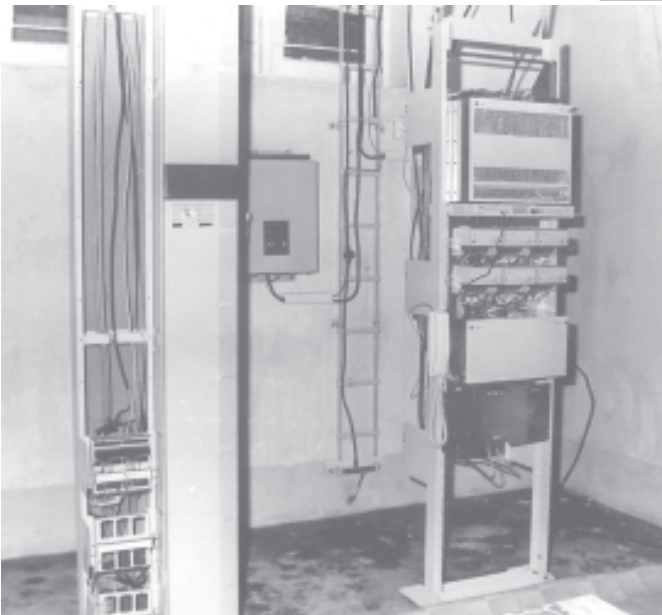


Under the programme on cooperation between e-National Task Force and METI for development of IT, JITEC examination was held at MICT Park, Hline Township at 9 am on 30 November. Altogether 180 candidates sat for the JITEC examination. — (H)

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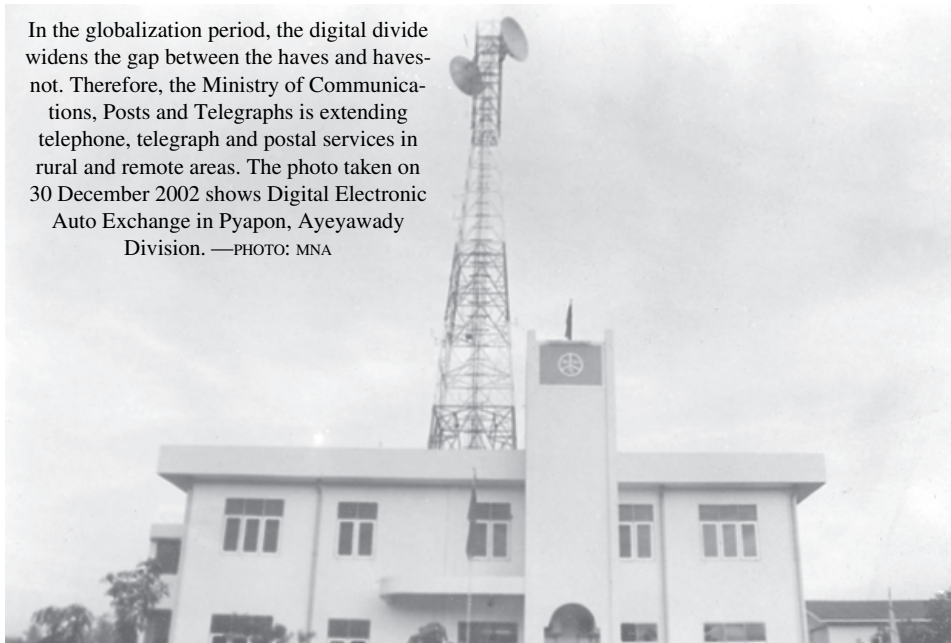
Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on development of Panglong region where the Union Spirit was conceived. In accordance with his guidance, development infrastructures such as universities, colleges and facilities for better transport & communication are built there. The photo shows the 500-line digital auto-exchange in Panglong, Shan State, which was inaugurated on 11-2-2003.— PHOTO: MNA



The development of communication sector is key to the realization of one of the economic objectives of the State— Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well. The photo taken on 9 December 2002 shows modern equipment installed at digital auto-exchange in Panglong.

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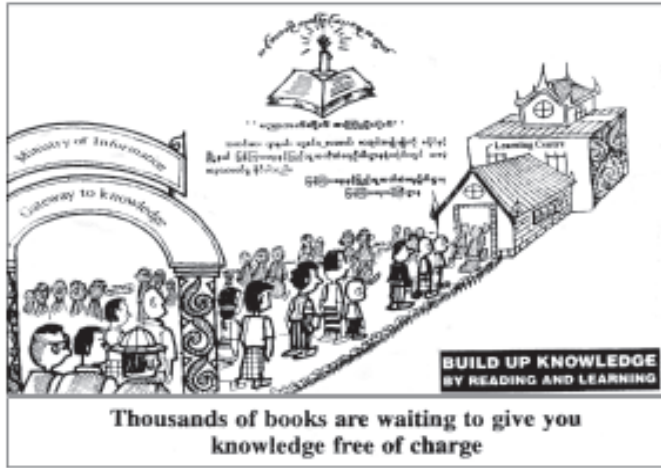
In the globalization period, the digital divide widens the gap between the haves and have-nots. Therefore, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is extending telephone, telegraph and postal services in rural and remote areas. The photo taken on 30 December 2002 shows Digital Electronic Auto Exchange in Pyapon, Ayeyawady Division.—PHOTO: MNA



With the use of modern telecommunication technology, development of various sectors such as education, health, economy, etc. can be achieved rapidly. The photo taken on 30-12-2002 shows modern facilities installed at Pyapon Auto Exchange.—

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Fischer says EU cannot slam door on Turkey

DRESDEN (Germany), 1 Dec—German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said on Saturday it would be a mistake and unfair if the European Union stopped Turkey from becoming a member of the bloc.

“Europe must stand up to its promises and its values,” he told a party congress of his Greens in Dresden via a satellite television link from an EU foreign ministers meeting in Naples. “One cannot simply slam the door shut on Turkey’s nose.”

EU leaders are due to decide in December 2004 if Turkey has implemented enough reforms to begin accession negotiations.

Fischer’s speech came after Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder made a strong endorsement of Turkey’s bid, arguing a bridge into the Islamic world could greatly improve security in Europe.

Schroeder won re-election last year with the help of many voters from among the two million Turks living in Germany.—MNA/Reuters

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China to become Philips’ biggest market

SHANGHAI, 1 Dec—Gerard Kleisterlee, president and CEO of Royal Philips Electronics of the Netherlands, said on Saturday that his company expects its business volume in China to reach 12 billion US dollars in four years, and China then will become the company’s largest market.

Kleisterlee said he is confident about his company’s rapid development in China, owing to years of successful operation here. China is the most important part of Philips’ development strategy, and the company will continue its efficient cooperation with this country, said Kleisterlee as he concluded a week-long visit to China here Saturday. Seventeen senior management members of the company had toured a number of major cities in China.—MNA/Xinhua

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UN plan would rush "AIDS" therapy to world's poor

NAIROBI, 1 Dec — The United Nations unveiled plans on Monday to rush life-saving anti-retroviral AIDS drugs to three million of the world's poor in a 5.5-billion-US-dollar emergency strategy that the global AIDS epidemic shows no signs of abating.

The UN's WHO estimates that six million people in poor countries are in immediate need of the anti-retroviral (ARV) treatment that many rich world sufferers now take for granted, but less than 300,000 actually receive it.

The strategy requires getting ARV treatment to half of the six million by the end of 2005.

The WHO, whose recommendations

guide policymakers around the world, is expected at the global launch of the strategy in Kenya to provide details of how to widen access to "combination therapy", which improves the effectiveness of treatment.

"The aim is to ensure that all people living with AIDS, even in the poorest settings, have access to treatment through this simplified approach," a WHO statement said.

MNA/Reuters

Gene found as definitive cause of heart attacks

NEW YORK, 1 Dec — The first gene to be definitely identified as a cause of heart attacks has been discovered by scientists at The Cleveland Clinic, researchers said.

Data published in the December 28 issue of *Science* showed that a mutation of the gene, MEF2A, discovered in an analysis of the genetic makeup of 21 members of an Iowa family, has a direct causal relationship with coronary artery disease and heart attacks.

Researchers found that certain elements, representing 21 base pairs of nucleotides and seven amino acids, were missing from the gene in the Iowa family, which had been plagued for generations by incidents of coronary artery disease.

"What we discovered is a deletion mutation," said Eric Topol, chairman of the Department of Cardiovas-

cular Medicine at The Cleveland Clinic. "This deletion affects coronary artery walls, making them less able to protect themselves from plaque buildup and heart disease."

Topol said it is unlikely other families will be found with the exact same genetic mutation. But researchers will seek to identify smaller mutations involving the same gene that may be less dramatically linked to heart disease.

People with the exact genetic mutation of the Iowa family have a 100-per-cent chance of having a heart attack or developing coronary artery disease, Topol said.

"For them, it's not a matter of 'if,' it is a matter of

'when.' For that reason, we think this specific mutation will prove to be rare. Most genes that will be discovered to induce heart attack will be more common and not carry as high a risk," he said.

With or without a genetic predisposition to heart disease, there is a vital role to be played in preventing its onset by an individual's willingness to control their weight, blood pressure and diet, he said.

The MEF2A gene makes a regulatory protein that controls the expression of hundreds or even thousands of other genes in the endothelium, the barrier between blood vessels and blood elements, the research shows.

The Cleveland scientists suspect that mutations to the gene weaken the endothelium, making it more susceptible to invasions and attacks by certain large cells. That allows the formation of atherosclerotic plaques.

"Finding the gene opens a new avenue through which scientists can track the pathway that leads to coronary heart disease and heart attack," said Qing Wang, in whose laboratory the discovery was made.

Future research will focus on pinpointing the roles of the missing nucleotide pairs and amino acids, and of seeking ways of counteracting the affect of the shortfall on the artery walls, the researchers said.

Vietnam detains regional games ticket scalpers

HANOI, 1 Dec — Vietnam, the first-time host of the South-East Asian Games, has detained more than 20 people who sold tickets at up to 30 times their face value, police said on Saturday.

Tickets for the SEA Games, to be held from December 5 to 13, went on sale on Wednesday but were rationed to one ticket per person, drawing thousands of fans who camped outside the national stadium's ticket outlet in Hanoi hoping for a seat.

"We will make sure that there will be no inflated prices for tickets and violators will be punished," said a police officer in Hanoi's Tu Liem District, site of the country's largest stadium.

The tickets are priced by the government at 70,000 and 150,000 dong (4.49 and 9.62 US dollars) each but

going rates in the street were between 700,000 dong (44.9 US dollars) and up to two million dong (128.27 US dollars) for a seat in the final football match.

About 5,000 athletes from 11 countries will compete in 442 events to be held in 11 cities and provinces. Major events, such as the opening and closing ceremonies will be held in Hanoi.

Southeast Asia comprises Cambodia, Brunei, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam and East Timor.

MNA/Reuters

Photographers acquitted over Diana crash snaps

PARIS, 1 Dec — Three photographers who took pictures of Britain's Princess Diana and her friend Dodi al Fayed in their car on the night of their fatal 1997 crash did not break French privacy laws, a Paris court ruled over the weekend.

Christian Martinez of the Angeli agency, freelancer Fabrice Chassery and Jacques Langevin, who worked at the time for the Sygma agency, faced charges following a complaint by Dodi's father Mohamed al Fayed.

Both Martinez and Chassery took photographs of the two after their Mercedes had crashed in a tunnel following a pursuit by paparazzi on motorbikes through Paris. Langevin took shots of them shortly before the crash as they left Paris' Ritz hotel.

The case hung on a precedent in French law under which the interior of a car is deemed private, even on a public road.

Under the country's strict privacy laws, the photographers could in theory have been jailed for a year and ordered to pay fines of 45,000 euros. However the public prosecutor had re-

quested only suspended prison sentences.

Similar charges against five other photographers had already been dropped.

The verdict follows fresh controversy in Britain following the revelation by Diana's former butler, Paul Burrell, of a secret letter in which the Princess predicted her own death.

Burrell said the Princess had given him a letter written in October 1996 in which she said someone was planning to kill her in a car crash, in order to allow her estranged husband Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, to remarry.

The report led Mohamed al Fayed, who has repeatedly claimed Diana and his son were murdered by the British secret services because their relationship embarrassed the royal household, to renew his call for a full public inquiry.

MNA/Reuters

UN appeals for \$147m in aid for Eritrea

ASMARA, 1 Dec — The United Nations is appealing for 147 million US dollars to help 1.7 million Eritreans facing food shortages next year after another season of disappointing rains, officials said. The Horn of Africa country has suffered a fourth successive year of drought, with rainfall below average and hail and pests contributing to a low harvest. Simon Nhongo, the UN's resident humanitarian coordinator, said production of cereals and pulses was anticipated to be about 106,000 tons this year, compared to 54,000 a year ago.—MNA/Reuters



Former South African President Nelson Mandela, left at the Nelson Mandela AIDS Benefit Concert in Cape Town, South Africa, on 29 Nov 2003. The number 46664 is the prisoner number Mandela was issued during his years of imprisonment. At back is Bono, right, and The Edge, second from right, from the rock band U2.—INTERNET

World pop stars perform at Mandela's "AIDS" concert

CAPE TOWN, 1 Dec — Bono, The Corrs, Beyonce Knowles and other international stars answered Nelson Mandela's call to help fight the scourge of AIDS on Saturday, putting on a musical extravaganza broadcast across the world on the Internet.

Mandela, 85, one of the world's leading AIDS campaigners, joined 40,000 fans of all races who packed into a stadium in South Africa's tourist mecca Cape Town under a cloudless sky for the fund-raising concert.

"(AIDS sufferers) are serving a prison term for

life," Mandela, who spent 27 years in jail during South Africa's apartheid era, told the crowd.

"AIDS has ceased to be something to be ashamed of. It's just another medical condition," pop singer Bob Geldof, who organized the hugely successful Live Aid concert in London in the

1980s to help Ethiopian famine victims, told the crowd.

The South African Broadcasting Corporation televised the concert live on its Africa channel. A live webcast was put out on the Internet on www.46664.com, organizers said.

The concert will be screened globally by MTV on World AIDS Day on December 1. The music channel has offered a 90-minute concert version to broadcasters rights-free and estimates the event could reach more than two billion viewers.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Sutton double takes Celtic eight points clear

GLASGOW, 1 Dec—Chris Sutton scored twice as Celtic recovered from a goal down to beat bottom club Partick Thistle 3-1 at home and move eight points clear of champions Rangers in the Scottish Premier League on Saturday.

James Grady hit a surprise 11th minute opener for the division's bottom side at a sodden Celtic Park before a goal from Henrik Larsson (23) and two from his strike partner Sutton (36, 60) maintained Celtic's unbeaten league record.

Celtic — who have now played 35 domestic games without defeat — lead the standings with 40 points from 14 games with champions Rangers on 32 before their trip to Hibernian on Sunday.

Celtic must now prepare to face Thistle again in a Scottish League Cup third round tie on Thursday.

Partick, who have just two points and are still without a league win this season, went ahead when Grady's header from Derek Fleming's free kick went in off the underside of the bar.

But Celtic equalized 12 minutes later when Sutton set up Larsson to score and the Englishman put them ahead early in the second half when he flicked Larsson's free kick into the net. —MNA/Reuters

Valencia claim top spot, Ronaldo rescues Real

MADRID, 1 Dec—Valencia snatched top spot in the Primera Liga on Saturday thanks to a 3-2 home win over Real Zaragoza, while champions Real Madrid slipped to second after a barely deserved 1-1 draw at dominant Osasuna.

Ronaldo saved the day for Real with a 74th-minute strike to cancel out a top-class finish from Ivory Coast striker Ibrahima Bakayoko, who had put the Navarrans ahead early in the first half.

Valencia made a great start at the Mestalla as they stormed to a 3-0 halftime lead against Zaragoza, with neatly crafted goals from wingers Jorge Lopez and Vicente, and gifted Argentine playmaker Pablo Aimar.

But Zaragoza hit back with well worked strikes from centre forward David Villa and midfielder Cani and the Mediterranean side had to endure a nervous last 10 minutes to hold on for victory.

The results left Valencia and Real level on 27 points, but Rafa Benitez's side lead the table on goal difference.

Their reign at the top may turn out to be short-lived, though, as third-placed Deportivo Coruna, who are only a point behind, could leapfrog both teams if they beat Villarreal on Sunday.

Atletico Madrid moved up into fourth place a further four points back after notching their sixth victory in seven matches with a 2-0 win over Malaga at the Calderon, while Osasuna climbed to fifth.

Real Madrid, who made the trip north without injured midfielders Zinedine Zidane and Luis Figo and defender Roberto Carlos, began with Esteban Cambiasso and Guti in the centre of midfield, while David Beckham reverted to his former position on the right flank.

But they never looked comfortable at a packed El Sadar and it was Osasuna who were the first to show when Bakayoko controlled a flying cross with his back to goal, swivelled and volleyed just over the bar on five minutes.

Real failed to heed the early warning, though, and six minutes later the former Olympique Marseille player put the Navarrans ahead with a cool finish.

Receiving the ball on the edge of the area from fellow striker John Aloisi, Bakayoko checked inside Ivan Helguera and fired the ball past Real keeper Iker Casillas with a fierce left-foot finish.

The champions recovered their nerve a little on the half hour mark when Ronaldo produced a couple of his trademark jinking runs that provided the first threats to the Osasuna defence.

But it was Osasuna who continued to dominate as they poured through the middle and tormented the Real defence.

The Navarrans manufactured a host of further scoring chances but the Primera Liga's leading scorer Ronaldo made them pay when he equalized 16 minutes from time to take his season's tally to 10 goals.

David Beckham, who was back in the middle in the second half, threaded a perfect through pass to the feet of the Brazilian who sprinted past one defender, fended off another and tucked home inside the near post.

MNA/Reuters

Newcastle draw at Wolves, spectator injured

LONDON, 1 Dec—Skipper Alan Shearer earned Newcastle United a share of the points on Saturday in a 1-1 draw at struggling Wolverhampton Wanderers.

The match got under way after a woman in the crowd was taken to hospital after being hit in the face by a wayward firework, let off with others as part of a display as the teams ran on to the pitch. She was treated for cuts, while the club opened an investigation. Once the game started, Nathan Blake gave Wolves a 27th minute lead after a long ball forward from Alex Rae, but Shearer levelled four minutes later in the Premier League's early kickoff at Molineux.

MNA/Reuters

Inter hit back to humble champions Juve

MILAN 1 Dec — Inter Milan recovered from their midweek Champions League mauling by Arsenal to hand Italian champions Juventus their first defeat of the season with a shock 3-1 win at the Delle Alpi Stadium on Saturday.

Argentine striker Julio Ricardo Cruz struck twice as Inter put their 5-1 home defeat by Arsenal behind them with a superb display to end Juve's 11-month unbeaten home record in Serie A.

The result was Inter's first league victory at Juventus in over 10 years — their last was 2-0 in March 1993 — since when they have managed just two draws and one goal in the fixture.

Juventus will lose top spot in the standings if AS Roma or AC Milan win on Sunday.

Cruz fired Inter ahead in the 12th minute with a brilliantly taken free kick.

The Argentine, deputizing for the injured Christian Vieri, added the second in the 69th minute, reacting well to fire home after his first shot was blocked by Juve keeper Gianluigi Buffon.

With Juventus pushing forward in search of a way back into the game, 19-year-old Nigerian Obafemi Martins raced on to a Cruz flick and danced past Nicola Legrottaglie before slipping the ball under Buffon to make it 3-0.

Juve defender Paolo Montero pulled one back for the champions in the final minute but that was no consolation at the end of a game which pushed Inter right back into the title race under new coach Alberto

Zaccheroni.

Lazio also suffered a surprise defeat 3-0 away to Siena thanks to two first-half goals from Brazilian Rodrigo Taddei and a late strike from his compatriot Fernando Menegazzo.

After Dejan Stankovic missed a glorious chance for Lazio in the 19th minute, firing high and wide from just two metres out, Taddei put Siena in the lead, blasting home after the Lazio defence had failed to clear a cross from Gianni Guigou.

Two minutes later the Brazilian doubled the advantage after poor work from Lazio's Serbian defender Sinisa Mihajlovic.

Nicola Ventola whipped the ball away from Mihajlovic as the defender was trying to usher the ball out for a goal kick and fired over a low cross which Taddei slotted home.

Siena's Norwegian striker Tore Andre Flo then missed an easy chance, firing over when unmarked inside the area, before Stankovic was sent off in the 67th minute for dissent.

Menegazzo wrapped up the victory in injury time after being set up by the out-standing Taddei.

The result moved Siena up to seventh place, while Lazio stayed fifth.

MNA/Reuters



Inter's Matias Almeyda, centre, of Argentina, makes his way through Juventus' Alessandro Del Piero, right, and Lilian Thuram, of France, during the Italian soccer league match between Juventus and Inter in Turin, on 29 Nov, 2003. Inter beat Juventus, 3-1. —INTERNET

Troubled Leeds earn morale-boosting win

LONDON, 1 Dec—Bottom club Leeds United put fears about administration behind them with a 1-0 Premier League victory away to Charlton Athletic on Saturday.

Young forward James Milner scored the goal which ended a run of five league defeats for the debt-ridden and loss-making club whose board warned last week of possible administration. With all the top clubs playing on Sunday, when second-placed Chelsea host champions Manchester United and leaders Arsenal are at home to Fulham, the Premier League focus switched to the mid-table and struggling clubs. Alan Shearer's equalizer earned Newcastle United a 1-1 draw at Wolverhampton Wanderers, Leicester City's recovery continued with a 2-0 win at Portsmouth and Blackburn Rovers notched a rare win by beating Tottenham Hotspur 1-0.

Another struggling side, Aston Villa, ran out 1-0 winners over Southampton, while Bolton Wanderers beat Everton 2-0.

MNA/Reuters

Murcia battle to 2-2 draw against Sociedad

MADRID, 1 Dec—Struggling Murcia produced a determined performance to come from behind twice and earn a 2-2 draw at home to Real Sociedad in the Primera Liga on Saturday. Sociedad, who have also been in poor form in the league, took the lead against the run of play when midfielder Igor Gabilondo curled in a free kick on the edge of the area on 30 minutes.

Murcia, who dominated for long periods of the first half, were finally rewarded for their efforts two minutes after the break when striker Luis Garcia equalized with a carbon copy of the Sociedad goal. But Sociedad restored their lead less than a minute later, striker Oscar De Paula volleying in after fine work by Aitor Lopez Rekarte on the right. Murcia refused to throw in the towel and pulled level again when David Karanka sent a glancing header low into the far corner on 69 minutes to help his side gain a hard-earned point.

MNA/Reuters



Australia's victorious Davis Cup tennis team pose with the trophy after defeating Spain 3-1, in Melbourne on 30 Nov, 2003. Players are (L-R) Todd Woodbridge, Wayne Arthurs, captain John Fitzgerald, Mark Philippoussis and Lleyton Hewitt. —INTERNET

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2-12-2003 (Tuesday) (Programme Schedule) Morning Transmission (9:00 - 10:00)

9:00	Signature Tune
	Greetings
9:02	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06	Bentonite
9:10	Headline News
9:12	Easily Cooked Tasty
	Dishes "Short headed
	fish with Morinda
	Curry"
9:15	National News
9:20	Hill Resort Town
	(Thandaung)
9:25	Unforgettable Bonfire
	Dance
9:28	Unforgettable Bonfire
	Dance
9:30	National News
9:35	Central Glass Pavilion
9:40	Songs on Screen "A
	Diamond-studded
	song"
9:45	National News
9:50	Leisurely Cruise Along
	The Coast
	(Mawlamyaing to
	Myeik)
9:58	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Come and See
	Myanmar"

2-12-2003 (Tuesday) 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	Bentonite
15:40	Headline News
15:42	Easily Cooked Tasty
	Dishes "Short headed
	fish with Morinda
	Curry"
15:45	National News
15:50	Hill Resort Town
	(Thandaung)

15:55	Unforgettable Bonfire
	Dance
15:58	Usefulness of the
	Whole Toddy Palm
16:00	National News
16:05	Central Glass Pavilion
16:10	Song on Screen "A
	Diamond-studded
	song"
16:15	National News
16:20	Leisurely Cruise Along
	The Coast
	(Mawlamyaing to
	Myeik)
16:25	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Mingalabar"
16:35	Oboe: Myanma
	Musical Instrument
16:40	Myanmar Cuisine
	"Noodle with Coconut-
	soup"
16:45	National News
16:50	Shwezawar Lacquer-
	ware
16:55	Auspicious Glory
17:00	National News
17:05	A Village of Pa-o
17:10	Song "Ayeyawady"
17:12	Dat Taw Gyaik Water-
	fall
17:15	National News
17:20	A Trip to Inlay Lake
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	Mandalay, a close distance
19:40	Headline News
19:42	Easily Cooked Tasty
	Dishes (Fried Asparagus
	with Fish Flake)
19:45	National News
19:50	Village of Palauing
19:55	The Stage Male Dance
20:00	National News
20:05	Red Panda
20:10	Song "Cherry Present"
20:15	National News
20:20	HIV/AIDS Prevention
	and Control Activities
	in Myanmar
20:25	Song "Hakha"

20:30	National News
20:35	The Wonderful Peik-
	chin Ravine
20:50	A Peaceful Place of
	Mind
20:55	Dawei Water Fetching
	Dance
21:00	National News
21:05	The Ancient City
	Thirikhitya
21:10	Myanmar Modern
	Song "Moonlight"
21:15	National News
21:20	From Yangon to the
	Peak of Mt. Victoria
21:25	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Myanma
	Panorama & Myanma
	Sentiment"
21:35	Bentonite
21:40	Headline News
21:42	Easily Cooked Tasty
	Dishes "Short headed
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21:45	National News
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22:15	National News
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	Myeik)
22:25	Song "A Way for Lov-
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22:30	National News
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23:15	National News
23:20	A Trip to Inlay Lake
23:25	Song of Myanmar

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2-12-2003 (Tuesday) & 3-12-2003 (Wednesday) Evening & Morning Transmission (23:30 - 01:30)

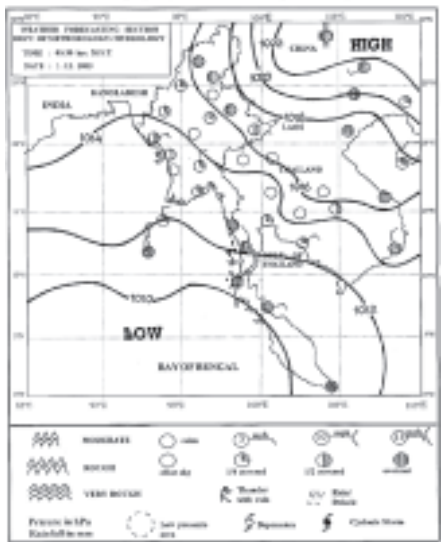
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၁၈-၃-၂၀၀၄ ကြာသပတေးနေ့	နံနက် (၉) နာရီမှ (၁၂) နာရီအထိ	သမိုင်း
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		စိတ်ကြိုက်မြန်မာစာ

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 1 December, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were 8°C below normal in Rakhine State, 5°C to 6°C below normal in Shan, Chin States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, 3°C to 4°C below normal in Kachin State, Taninthayi and upper Sagaing Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. Significant night temperature was -2°C in Hakha.

Maximum temperature on 30-11-2003 was 33.5°C (92°F). Minimum temperature on 1-12-2003 was 18.5°C (65°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 1-12-2003 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 30-11-2003 was (7.9) hours approx. Rain-fall on 1-12-2003 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 4 mph from North at (10:10) hours MST on 30-11-2003. **Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of the 2-12-2003:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayin and Mon States, Taninthayi, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Out-look for subsequent two days:** Generally fair weather in the whole country. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-12-2003:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-12-2003:** Fair weather.



Tuesday, 2 December

View today:

7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးတင် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အစည်းတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာစာရင်း၊ အဘိဓမ္မာစာရင်း၊ ဗောဓိပုဏ္ဏားတော် တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မာပညာဂါရုဏဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိမိတ္တဘာရာသီသင်္ဃာတီ ပရိတ် တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- တရားနာပွဲအတွက်

8:05 am

- Song of yesteryears

8:20 am

- သံလွင်တံတား (ဆစ်လမြို့)

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Grammar made easy

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:05 pm

- Songs to uphold

National Spirit

4:20 pm

- English for Everyday

Use

4:30 pm

- Musical programme

4:45 pm

- (၂၂)မြန်မာ့ပြန်လည်အစုအစည်းအား

အမျိုးသမီးဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်

ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (မြန်မာ့အသံ)

6:45 pm

- Evening news

7:00 pm

- Weather report

7:05 pm

- Milo success in soccer

7:10 pm

- Sing and Enjoy

8:00 pm

- News

11. International news

12. Weather report

13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းဆွဲ

"ဆရာတော်သည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)

14. Calcio Serie A highlight

15. The next day's

programme.



Tuesday, 2 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
	- Top of the world
	(Carpenters)
	- I have a dream
	(Westlife)
9:00 pm	English Speaking
	Course Level I
9:15pm	Article/Music
9:25 pm	Weekly sports reel
9:35 pm	Music for your
	listening pleasure
	- Woman in love
	(The Three Degrees)
9:45 pm	News/Slogan
10:00 pm	PEL

Prime Minister attends...

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So, in the time of Tatmadaw government, the government believes that only when there is firm national solidarity, efforts for emergence of peaceful, modern and developed nation can be made. Based on the mutual understanding and forgiveness, the government has made efforts. As a result, majority of national armed groups, having realized the goodwill of the government, have entered into legal fold, to cooperate with the government. At present, peace prevails all over the border areas, which are developing like cities.

Placing emphasis on strengthening of national solidarity and development of border areas and national people, the State has laid down plans to prevent the dissension, being disunited and incitements of the others and to have equitable development in all states and divisions. The government has implemented short-term border area development

projects to build development infrastructures such as roads, bridges, education, health, agriculture, livestock breeding, electricity, communications and mining.

To honour the patriots who had farsightedness and built national spirit and Union Spirit and the fine traditions and skills, the Panglong region has been designated as special development zone and development projects have been implemented there. Moreover, efforts have already been made for development of other regions which lagged behind in development.

He said the government has been building better foundations that can enhance harmonious development of the Union and unity among the national races for consolidating of national solidarity spirit and the Union Spirit. Now there is national solidarity spirit and the Union spirit among the national races, he added.

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Chairman of Central Committee for Organizing the 57th Anniversary Union Day 2004 Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt makes a speech at the coordination meeting for organizing the 57th Anniversary Union Day. — MNA

Those in attendance at the coordination meeting for organizing the 57th Anniversary Union Day. — MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



World AIDS Day commemorative ceremony held

YANGON, 1 Dec — The World AIDS Day commemorative ceremony was held at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this morning.

It was attended by deputy ministers, members of the Central Committee for Prevention and Eradication of AIDS, information sub-committee members, ambassadors from foreign missions in Yangon, resident repre-

sentatives of agencies under the UN, members of Global Fund for AIDS, TB & Malaria Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM), members of UN Expanded Theme Group on HIV/AIDS, the director-general of Myanmar Police Force, departmental heads, rectors and officials of universities under the Medical Research Depart-

ment, medical superintendents from hospitals in Yangon, officials from the Ministry of Health, social organization members, chairmen and representatives of the organizations at home and abroad conducting AIDS educative activities, invited guests, winners of the World AIDS Day commemorative essay, poster and painting

contests and their parents.

On behalf of the Minister for Health, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo made a speech. He said the aim is to create awareness about HIV/AIDS among the general population and to inform the public about prevention and control activities, leading to increase community participation. This year's theme,

"Live and Let Live" is the same as last year. In other words, it aims for development of activities for care and support for people infected with HIV and AIDS patients and their families.

According to WHO/UNAIDS estimates, there are 42 million persons living with HIV/AIDS all over the

world. Among them, 19.2 million are women and 3.2 million are children under 15 years of age. The number of newly HIV-infected individuals in the 2002 alone was about 5 million. Worldwide AIDS kill more than 8,000 people every day; that is a person dies of AIDS every 10 seconds. At present, HIV/

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Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo delivers an address at the commemorative ceremony for World AIDS Day. — MNA