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Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win views round IT companies and Internet Cafe at Mandalay ICT Park, Mandalay Yadanabon Market. — MNA

Secretary-1 inspects Mandalay ICT Park, Mandalay Industrial Zone

YANGON, 2 Dec—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, accompanied by Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, deputy ministers and officials, left here by air and arrived at Mandalay International Airport at 8 am today. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win and officials.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party arrived at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin

Township by helicopter. They were welcomed there by Minister for Education U Than Aung and officials.

At the main hall of CICS (Upper Myanmar), Rector Col Aung San Win reported on courses being conducted at the institute, progress in construction of the building, farming undertakings and staff welfare measures to the Secretary-1 who attended to the needs.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party inspected seasonal crops, perennial crops and greening tasks at the MPF Central Training Department and Central Fire Services Training School in PyinOoLwin Township.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Success of the education promotion programmes depends on the united cooperation of teachers, students and parents and the public

YANGON, 2 Dec— State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address at the concluding of the Special Refresher Course No 54 for Basic Education Teachers held at Nawarat Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-

Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the attorney-general, the auditor-general, the civil service selection and training board chairman, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, the deputy auditor-general, members of CSSTB, officials from the SPDC Office, departmental heads, the rector of CICS, heads of departments, coaches and trainee teachers.

Myanmar Education Committee Vice-Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein

Sein delivered an address on the occasion. He said basic education teachers nurture the students to become intellectuals and intelligentsia and outstanding ones on whom the State can rely. The special refresher courses for teachers have been opened for the teachers to realize the true situation of the State and future prospects, to make endeavours based on the experience gained without losing track of national interests and to be

able to make efforts in education sector for development of the State and the people.

At a time when human resources, needed for the interests of the State in future, have been nurtured, the role of the teachers at basic education schools is of prime importance. While performing the duties of teaching, teachers are to bring out the effectiveness of all-round education.

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Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers a speech at the concluding ceremony of No 54 Special Refresher Course for Basic Education Teachers. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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For observance of 57th Union Day with full political essence

As the Union of Myanmar is home to more than 100 national races, it is of utmost importance for all the national people to safeguard their homeland with Union Spirit and in accord with our national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

The work coordination meeting on observance of the 57th Anniversary of the Union Day (2004) was held at the Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta in Yangon on 1 December and it was attended by Chairman of the Central Committee for Observance of the 57th Anniversary of the Union Day Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

In his address at the meeting, the Prime Minister said that the yearly observance of the Union Day in accordance with full political essence reflects the stronger Union Spirit with which the national brethren of the Union won back their independence and sovereignty.

After invading and occupying Myanmar, the colonialists employed the divide-and-rule policy to prolong their control and attempted through various ways and means to disintegrate the national unity and tear the Union Spirit to shreds.

It was only due to the farsightedness and relentless efforts of patriots and other national leaders that the national unity was restored and, as a result, independence was regained.

Even 40 years after the regaining of independence, as the colonialists sowed discord among the national brethren, they had harboured suspicion and distrust for one another and armed insurgencies broke out all over the nation. The result: failure to carry out the nation-building endeavours. It was a great historical lesson for our nation.

Therefore, the Tatmadaw Government, since its assumption of State responsibilities, believes that only when there is strong national unity will peace and development be ensured. With this end in view, the Government has placed a special emphasis on restoration and flourishing of national unity.

Realizing the genuine goodwill of the Tatmadaw Government, most of the groups of national races have returned to the legal fold and are now cooperating with the former in national endeavours. As a result, the border areas are now able to enjoy the fruits of peace and development.

It is necessary to make concerted efforts to be able to observe the 57th Anniversary of the Union Day with full political essence so that national unity and Union Spirit will become stronger and stronger.

Computers donated to Auditor-General's Office

YANGON, 2 Dec — To ensure further strengthening of economy and mutual relations between the two countries, the Chinese embassy to Myanmar donated computers to the Auditor-General's Office this morning.

Present on the occasion were Auditor-General's Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Deputy Auditor-General U Khin Win, Director-General Daw Thin Thin, Deputy Director-General U Myo Myint

and officials, Chinese ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun and embassy staff.

Next, Chinese ambassador Mr Li Jinjun had spoken purposes of the donation. Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung accepted computers presented by the Chinese ambassador and he spoke words of thanks.

Today's donation were five computers worth about 2.5 million. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence looks into upgrading tasks of the Mindat-Matupi road section. — MNA

Upgrading of Mindat-Matupi road in Chin State in progress

YANGON, 2 Dec — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, together with Chairman of the Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Chairman of Chin State PDC Col Tin Hla, Chairman of Mindat District PDC Lt-Col Ohn Myint Oo and officials,

on 29 November morning inspected the extension of road at milepost No 40/2 on Mindat-Matupi road in Chin State.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to the milepost No 41/1 and viewed the road construction work being carried out by the Tatmadaw men.

Afterwards, they proceeded to 56th mile camp. At the briefing hall, an engi-

neer reported on storage of materials for the construction of road, machinery, tasks being carried out and future tasks.

Next, the commander gave a supplementary report. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on minimizing loss and wastage and worksite safety.

They also inspected the road construction work at

various sections and the Mone Creek Bridge. At the entrance to Matupi, they inspected the durability of the Lemyo Creek Bridge.

Mindat-Matupi Road is 102 miles long, including the tarred section that is two miles and seven furlongs long, the gravel section that is 71 miles two furlongs long. Over 27-mile long section of the earth has been extended.

MNA

Information Minister receives ambassadors

YANGON, 2 Dec — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr DMM Ranaraja at his office on Theinbyu Street at noon and Australian ambassador to Myanmar Mr Paul Grigson at 12.30 pm today.

During the calls, they frankly discussed information matters and mutual relations between the two countries.

Present at the calls together with Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Directors-General and Managing Directors of

the departments and enterprises under the Min-

istry of Information, the head of office and

officials. — MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Australian ambassador to Myanmar Mr Paul Grigson at his office. — MNA

ISD Badminton Tourney ends

YANGON, 2 Dec — The prize presentation ceremony for the 35th Inter-State/Division Badminton Tournament (2003) took place at Aung San Gymnasium this morning.

It was attended by of-

ficials of the Ministry of Sports, leading patrons of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Myanmar Badminton Federation, President U Maung Maung Swe and executives, guests and en-

thusiasts.

Officials presented prizes to the winners and championship shields to Yangon Division women's and men's teams.

The 4th Great Wall

National Championship Badminton Tournament (Men) organized by MBF and sponsored by the Great Wall Traditional Medicines Enterprise will be held from 3 to 7 December. — NLM



President of the Myanmar Badminton Federation U Maung Maung Swe presents prizes to winners in Badminton event (Men). — NLM



Leading patron of the Myanmar Badminton Federation Daw Khin Hla presents Meritorious Service Award honoured by the MBF to Thihathudhamma Theingi Thirithudhamma Theingi Daw Mi Mi Khin. — NLM

440 US service members killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 Dec—As of Monday, Dec 1, 440 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 303 died as a result of hostile action and 137 died of non-hostile causes, the department said.

The British military has reported 52 deaths; Italy, 17; Spain, eight; Denmark, Ukraine and Poland have reported one each.

On or since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 302 US soldiers have died 188 as a result of hostile action and 114 of non-hostile causes, according to the Defence Department's figures.

Since the start of military operations, 2,122 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department's figures as of Monday. Non-hostile injured numbered 350.

The latest death reported by US Central Command: A soldier with the Task Force "All-American" was

killed when his patrol was ambushed near Habbaniyah, Iraq, 50 miles west of Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defence:

Army Staff Sgt Stephen A Bertolino, 40, Orange, Calif, was killed Saturday when his convoy came under attack in Haditha, Iraq; assigned to Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Troop, Regimental Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.

Spc Aaron J Sissel, 22, Tipton, Iowa, was killed Saturday when his convoy came under attack in Haditha, Iraq; assigned to the 2133rd Transportation Company, Army National Guard, Centerville, Iowa.

Internet

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A shop owner shows the hole he found on the wall of his building Monday after the firefight in Samarra.

INTERNET

Floods hit northern Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 Dec—Heavy floods have hit three districts in Terengganu State, northern Malaysia, in the past few days causing 648 people fleeing their homes and taking shelter at evacuation centres.

Spokesman for the Flood Operations Room at the Terengganu Police Headquarters said on Sunday that 562 of the evacuees were in Dungun, 83 in Marang and five in Kemaman.

Meanwhile the State Drainage and Irrigation Department reported that the water level in Dungun reached 20.48 metres at 8 a.m. Sunday, surpassing the danger mark of 19.8 metres.

The river's level at Jerangau Bridge was 12.46 metres, close to the danger mark of 12.5 metres and the level was expected to rise further with rain in upstream areas, according to a spokesman of the department.

MNA/Xinhua

US soldier dies as doubts grow over Samarra

BAGHDAD, 2 Dec—A US soldier has died of bullet wounds even as doubts were cast over the version of events being put out by the Pentagon over Sunday night's bloodbath in Samarra.

The occupation soldier was wounded when he was attacked by resistance fighters west of Baghdad on Monday morning.

No further details were available.

In Samarra, scenes of devastation dotted the town after fierce US attacks in which senior police and hospital officials said at least eight civilians were killed and dozens wounded.

American troops said on Monday that

54 resistance fighters had been killed in clashes on Sunday.

But a correspondent and other news agencies quoted hospital sources and Samarra residents as saying that the US fire killed eight people, all civilians.

Samarra hospital accident and emergency department anaesthetist Bassam Ibrahim said "we received the bodies of eight civilians, including a woman and a child".—Internet



Japan has decided to postpone sending a team of civilian specialists to help rebuild Iraq following the weekend slaying of two Japanese diplomats in the country's north. December 1 issues of Japanese papers carry the news about the death of the two diplomats. —INTERNET

Bush strategy falling short in Iraq, Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 2 Dec—Senators just returning from Iraq and Afghanistan said Monday the Bush administration is not committing enough resources to maintain stability in Afghanistan and is trying to move too quickly to set up a sovereign government in Baghdad, and both failures could have disastrous consequences.

Sen. Jack Reed, D-RI, who made the six-day trip with Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-NY, said the US has not given consistent attention to Afghanistan, where insurgent forces are very active.

Reed and Clinton said they told National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice on Monday that they were sending her a letter outlining the concerns and recommendations triggered by their trip. One of those concerns, they said, is the shortage of highly skilled forces in Afghanistan, including teams to eradicate the drug trade.

At the same time, the two senators said the Bush administration may be speeding up the transfer to a new Iraqi government in Baghdad to gain favor from US voters in the 2004 election.—Internet

India, Pakistan to resume air links, overflights

NEW DELHI, 2 Dec — India and Pakistan agreed on Monday to resume air links and allow overflights after a two-year halt, laying the ground for India's Prime Minister to travel to Islamabad next month for a regional summit.

An Indian aviation official said the two sides reached the agreement during talks in New Delhi on Monday.

"A joint statement is being prepared," the official, who took part in the talks but who asked not to be named, told Reuters.

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf offered on Sunday to end a ban on Indian flights over Pakistani territory, the main obstacle to resuming air links severed in January 2002 during tension over disputed Kashmir.

Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee is due to travel to Islamabad for the summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) from January 4 to 6. A bus service connecting New Delhi with the Pakistani city of Lahore which was resumed in July is the only transport service between the neighbours.

But both sides have said they wanted to resume train services and discuss new links, including a bus between the Indian- and Pakistani-controlled parts of Kashmir and a ferry between Bombay and Karachi.

Officials say peace proposals by both sides in recent weeks would help prepare an atmosphere for the SAARC summit — already delayed a year because of the tension — to go ahead.

MNA/Xinhua

Political will, alternative therapies needed for "AIDS" in India

NEW DELHI, 2 Dec — With a strong political will and several modern and alternative therapies available to treat HIV/AIDS, the healthcare system in India should make judicious use of them to provide quality and prolonged life to millions of affected people, NGOs and healthcare experts said in Mumbai, south India, on the eve of World AIDS Day Sunday.

With over 73 drugs available in the world and a similar number of drugs under clinical trials and Indian pharmaceuticals alone having tens of formulation drugs at a reasonable rate, there should not be any hurdle treating those affected with HIV/AIDS, representatives of NGOs told local reporters.

And the vaccine would be a boon when it is made available to the people as a preventive measure, they added.

MNA/Xinhua

Hebei to create advanced forest ecological, industry systems

SHILIAZHANG, 2 Dec — North China's Hebei Province has set a goal to build up advanced forest ecological and industry systems by the year 2020, according to a recent provincial conference on forest development.

Under the scheme undertaken through three phases, local areas covered by forest are to increase to 23 per cent in 2005, or 4.3 million hectares, 26 per cent in 2010, or 4.9 million hectares, and 30 per cent in 2020, or 85 million mu some 5.67 million hectares.

The output value of local forestry will increase to 45 billion yuan (5.4 billion US dollars) in 2005, 60 billion yuan (7.2 billion dollars) in 2010, and 100 billion yuan (12 billion US dollars) in 2020.

The deteriorating ecological situation in some areas in the province will be eased in 2005 and greatly improved in 2010. A forestry industry system will take form in 2005 and will be upgraded in 2010.— MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia buys four Dutch warships

JAKARTA, 2 Dec — Indonesian Navy Chief of Staff Bernard Kent Sondakh said here Monday the country entered the final stage in its plan to purchase four warships worth 680 million US dollars from the Netherlands.

"We order four warships, two of them will be assembled overseas while the two others will be assembled by PT PAL Surabaya," Bernard was quoted by Detikcom online news service as saying, referring to the state ship maker in East Java.

MNA/Xinhua

S Korea instructs embassy in Iraq to reinforce security measures

SEOUL, 2 Dec— The South Korean Government Sunday instructed its embassy in Baghdad to reinforce its self-defence systems and take additional security measures, reported the South Korean *Yonhap News Agency*.

The instruction, issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, was sent to the embassy in wake of the killing of two Japanese diplomats in northern Iraq Saturday afternoon.

In the instruction, the government asked the embassy to more closely monitor the security situation throughout Iraq.

The chief of the embassy was also asked to flexibly cope with any emergency situation or deterioration in security circumstances, said *Yonhap*.

"In case of an outbreak of an emergency situation, the Iraq Embassy was

asked to take security measures before reporting home about them," *Yonhap* quoted an unidentified official of the ministry as saying.

However, the ministry has no immediate plans to close the Baghdad Embassy or evacuate South Korean diplomats from the war-ravaged country, *Yonhap* said.

On Saturday afternoon, two Japanese diplomats were ambushed and shot to death in their car near the city of Tikrit, the home town of ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Moreover, in the same day, seven

Spanish intelligence officers were killed in an ambush on a road south of Baghdad by insurgents who appeared to be loyalists to Saddam.

The South Korean Government has accepted the US request to send more troops to Iraq. And the Government mulled dispatching some 3,000 troops with independent command to the Middle East country.

Now, some 464 South Korean engineers and medical personnel were deployed there to attend post-war rehabilitation.

MNA/Xinhua

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Jordan, Iraq ink agreement on electrical power

AMMAN, 2 Dec— Jordan and Iraq on Sunday reached a memorandum of understanding under which Jordan will help Iraq develop electricity system.

"Jordan will help Iraq in the field of electricity and probe the possibility to participate in maintenance actions of various components of Iraq's electricity system," Jordanian Minister of Energy Azmi Khreisat said in a statement, quoted by the official *Petra* news agency.

Jordan will also train Iraq's engineers and technicians in the posts of Jordanian electricity corporations, according to the agreement.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia calls for Europe-Asia cooperation to end Iraqi crisis

KUALALUMPUR, 2 Dec— Malaysia on Monday called on the European Union (EU) to collaborate closely with Asian countries in seeking a peaceful solution to the Iraq crisis.

"It was time now for Europe and Asia to work together to help restrain the tendency towards unilateralism in dealing with problems confronting Iraq," Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar said when attending a luncheon-talks with EU ambassadors, led by Italian Ambassador to Malaysia Anacleto Felicani.

"We need to work hard (together) to find ultimate solutions to bring peace and democracy to Iraq and its people," said Syed Hamid.

He was confident that every country, including the Brussels-based 15-member EU, could contribute effectively in finding long-term solutions for the good of Iraq.

"All this needs collaboration among the countries. It needs cooperation," the minister said.

Syed Hamid also said that a single country, no matter how big and powerful, would not be able to find the correct approach on its own to deal with underlying problems, like the killings in Iraq.

On the situation in Iraq, he said, "The war is over but peace has yet to be won."

The minister said the United Nations should play the central role in the rebuilding of Iraq and help in putting in place a fully democratic government.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi youths look at a burned out car south of Baghdad on 30 Nov, 2003, the day after a deadly attack on Spanish troops. Seven Spanish intelligence agents were killed in Iraq on Saturday in an attack with rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles on their unmarked vehicles south of Baghdad, Spanish Defence Minister Federico Trillo said.—INTERNET

China to maintain continuity of macro-economic policy

BEIJING, 2 Dec—China will maintain continuity of its macro-economic policy to ensure steady economic growth in 2004, according to a national economic meeting which closed here Saturday.

The Chinese economy is in the upward phase of the economic cycle and it is necessary to maintain the continuity and stability of its macro-economic policy to enhance confidence and stabilize the overall situation, according to the annual Central Economic Work Conference jointly held by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the State Council.

China will continue to stimulate its domestic demand and implement proactive fiscal policy and prudent monetary policy in the new year while making timely and proper readjustments in policy priorities for steady economic growth, the meeting decided.

Efforts will also be made to step up tax collection nationwide to increase revenues while restructuring public expenditures to ensure sufficient funds for key projects.

More public funds will be spent on agriculture and rural economy, on social development, on the country's programme of developing the western regions and the revitalization of the old industrial bases in northeast China.

The sectors that will get more financial support from the state also include environmental protection, re-employment, social security system and key state construction projects.

The meeting also called for the comprehensive use of various instruments in implementing the monetary policy so as to produce better effect through the coordination of monetary policy, fiscal policy and industrial policy.

To maintain a prudent monetary policy, efforts should also be made to properly control credits, improve their structure and maintain an adequate growth of monetary supply, according to the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

Chavez says Venezuelan economy recovering

CARACAS, 2 Dec— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has predicted a noticeable economic, social and political recovery in 2003 for his country.

Venezuela's economy is expanding, its international reserves are increasing and the inflation level is dropping, the local Press Saturday quoted Chavez as saying.

According to Chavez, inflation in October stood at 22.6 per cent, with unemployment at 16.7 per cent.

While the country's economic dynamics are being spearheaded by telecommunications, construction and agriculture, it is also embracing more foreign investment, said the Venezuelan leader while inaugurating the fourth generator of the hydroelectric plant of Caruachi, in Bolivar state.

Chavez described Friday as a historical day and a day of victory for the Constitution, when the opposition started to collect signatures for a referendum to determine his continuity in office.

He claimed that it was an achievement of his government in paving the way for referendums. He also expressed his confidence that he would defeat the opposition and win the election to govern Venezuela until 2013.

MNA/Xinhua



Polish coalition forces secure the road close to the spot where seven Spanish intelligence agents were killed in Iraq on Saturday, near the town of Suwayrah, 30 km south of Baghdad, on 30 Nov, 2003.—INTERNET

Cubans demand release of compatriots imprisoned in US

HAVANA, 2 Dec— About 10,000 Cubans gathered on Saturday in central Cuba, demanding the release of five Cubans imprisoned in the United States for espionage and conspiracy.

At the municipality of Quemado de Guines, in the central province of Villa Clara, the demonstrators denounced in a statement the long jail terms issued against Gerardo Hernandez, Ramon Labanino, Rene Gonzalez, Fernando Gonzalez and Antonio Guerrero.

Arrested in the United States in 1998, "The Five", as they are internationally known, were brought to trial in 2001 by a federal court in Miami, Florida. Gerardo, Ramon and Antonio were sentenced to life imprisonment, while Fernando and Rene to 19 and 15 years in jail, respectively.

The demonstrators said "The Five" never endangered the US national security and only gathered information on terrorist acts against the Caribbean country planned by anti-Cuban groups based in Miami.—MNA/Xinhua

FOREIGN TROOPS IN IRAQ FACE WIDESPREAD RESISTANCE, PROTESTS



Anti-war protesters stage a rally near the Diet building in Tokyo Monday, on 1 Dec, 2003, a day after the report that two Japanese diplomats were shot to death in Iraq.—INTERNET



An Iraqi boy gestures in front of a burned-out car in Samarra, 100 km (60 miles) north of Baghdad, December 1, 2003.

INTERNET



Salvadoran troops from the Cuscatlan Battalion man a checkpoint on the southern outskirts of Baghdad, on the road leading to the central town of Kufa amid rising guerilla resistance in Iraq on Monday.—INTERNET

Scenes of devastation dotted the Iraqi town of Samarra after fierce clashes between US forces and guerillas in which senior police and hospital officials said at least eight civilians were killed and dozens wounded on early Monday.

INTERNET



South Korean activists shout slogans during a protest near the US embassy in Seoul. Some 30 activists urged the South Korean government to cancel its decision to send troops to Iraq following the killing of two Korean workers in Iraq.

INTERNET



Soldiers of the US Army's 4th Infantry Division (Task Force Ironhorse) secure an area during a night raid on the outskirts of town of Baquba in central Iraq, on 1 December, 2003.

INTERNET

Dutch hold protest against US-led Iraq war

MAASTRICHT (The Netherlands), 2 Dec — Hundreds of people in Maastricht of the Netherlands held Monday a peaceful protest against the US-led war on Iraq ahead of a meeting of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Chanting slogans of "George Bush terrorist" and "This is what democracy looks like", the protesters made their way from the Congress centre where the OSCE meeting is held to the city centre.

The demonstration was organized by a platform of anti-war and human rights organizations to protest against the alleged violation of human rights as a result of the so-called war on terrorism and the US-led wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The protesters, who marched to the beat of a samba band, waved banners reading "Get out of Iraq" and "Powell go home" in reference to US Secretary of State Colin Powell who will attend the OSCE meeting on Tuesday.

The two-day meeting will focus on anti-terrorism efforts and international cooperation. Around 900 police officers are said to have been deployed in the region of the city during the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

UN chief meets contact group on Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Dec — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Monday held his first meeting with envoys of the 17-nation contact group on Iraq to discuss the situation in the war-battered nation and how the UN can help its reconstruction.

Present at the closed-door meeting were representatives from Iraq's six neighbours, Egypt and 10 UN Security Council members.

Chinese Ambassador to the UN, Wang Guangya, told reporters that all contact group members supported the establishment of such an informal advisory mechanism on Iraq.

The contact group, which includes a majority of the UN Security Council member states and all neighbours of Iraq, will serve as a channel for Annan to exchange views with the international community on Iraq, he said.

The move indicated Annan's interest in a UN role in Iraq, which is required by relevant Security Council resolutions, Wang noted.

"I think this will be conducive to the final settlement of the Iraqi issue," he stressed.

Syrian Ambassador Fayssal Makdad echoed Wang's opinion, describing the establishment of the contact group as "a step in the right direction".

"We want the restoration of the Iraqi sovereignty and independence as soon as possible, in line with the wishes of the Iraqi people," he said.—MNA/Xinhua

Thailand to consider withdrawing Iraq troops if situation worsens

BANGKOK, 2 Dec — Thailand will consider withdrawing its troops in Iraq if the security situation there worsens, Foreign Minister Surakiart Sathirathai said.

"At this time we are able to function like every other country but if the situation worsens and our troops cannot perform their duties then I will consult with the prime minister," Surakiart told reporters.

Surakiart said the defence ministry was assessing the situation on a daily basis and so far it believed the presence of the 440-strong Thai contingent in the central city of Karbala was welcomed by the Iraqi people. "If we can still help them and still receive cooperation we will continue our work," he said.

Concern for the safety of the kingdom's troops, including engineers, medical teams and a surveillance platoon, has escalated in line with the mounting death toll among foreign troops in Iraq. A Thai military envoy was last month



British soldiers patrol a road in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on Monday.

INTERNET

Fewer Finns want vote on NATO membership

HELSINKI, 2 Dec — The number of Finns who want a referendum if their country decides to join NATO has dropped sharply, according to a poll published on Sunday, although the majority says Finland is best off outside any alliance.

Finland's decades-long policy of non-alignment is the subject of growing debate, with the country's next defence review paper due for release in 2004.

Finland already cooperates with NATO in the partnership for peace programme, but few politicians have dared to directly address the sensitive issue of joining the Western alliance, something most Finns oppose.

The poll in regional daily *Aamulehti* showed 61 per cent of Finns wanted their country to hold a referendum should it decide to join NATO, down from 81 per cent in June last year.

The poll found that 56 per cent felt the Nordic nation could cope well outside a military alliance. No comparative figures were given for this question.

The poll did not ask respondents whether the country should join NATO.

NATO opponents say non-alignment has worked well for Finland, which shares a 800-mile border with Russia, and some are wary of the dominant US role in the alliance.

NATO proponents argue that the world has changed since the collapse of the Soviet Union and point out that Finland's southern Baltic neighbours are already joining the alliance.—MNA/Reuters

China successfully grows paperbark imported from Australia

NANJING, 2 Dec — China has successfully grown 41.3 hectares of paperbark with seedlings imported from Australia in its southern Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The Guangxi Academy of Forestry imported the seedlings in 2001 and started to grow them in Qinzhou in May 2002. So far, the paperbark trees are more than 1.7 metres tall and are ready for use. More than 2.5 tons of branches and leaves could be yielded from each mu of paperbark (15 mu equals one hectare).

Paperbark produces a pungent oil which is used by chemical and pharmaceutical industries in skin disease remedies and as a stimulating expectorant.

Paperbark oil can only be produced in a few countries, shoring up its price internationally.

Experts in Guangxi believe that increasing the growth of paperbark in Guangxi will help lower the price of paperbark oil and also bring in big profits for local growers.

MNA/Xinhua

Record tax revenue collected in Tibet

LHASA, 2 Dec — Southwest China's Tibetan Autonomous Region has so far recorded more than one billion yuan (124 million US dollars) in tax revenue since the start of the year, a rise of 15 per cent year-on-year, according to the region's taxation administration bureau.

This means that the region has collected 96 per cent of the tax revenue planned for the whole year, said the bureau.

During the first 10 months of the year, fixed asset investment in Tibet amounted to 10.8 billion yuan (1.3 billion US dollars), up 36 per cent year-on-year, setting conditions for the rise in tax revenue. Construction work on 117 key local projects, including railway, cement and power plants, went ahead smoothly, shoring up tax revenue collected from the building industry.—MNA/Xinhua



German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder (L) with Chinese President Hu Jintao during a meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Schroeder said a healthy relationship between Berlin and China was beneficial for the whole of Europe.—INTERNET

Sino-German ties to score new progress

BEIJING, 2 Dec — The existing Sino-German partnership of overall cooperation, based on mutual trust and benefit and equality, can score new progress with concerted efforts, Chinese President Hu Jintao said here.

In a meeting with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, Hu said that in recent years, bilateral ties have maintained a good momentum of fast growth, as high-level exchanges of visits are on the rise and political mutual trust has been strengthened.

The economic and trade cooperation is growing rapidly, as bilateral trade volume in the first 10 months this year far exceeded the total of last year, Hu said, adding that

Germany is the largest trading partner of China in Europe.

The two countries have also achieved new progress in exchanges and cooperation in fields of science and technology, culture, education, public health and law, while keeping close consultation and coordination in international affairs, Hu said.

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Bagan witnesses flying of flags

Ketu Nila

Bagan is the land where the Myanmar cultural heritage is being preserved and exhibited, and where the First Myanmar Empire was founded and had flourished. It is also the place where the economy, religion and culture of Myanmar flourished, and the political and military power was built, and peace and stability prevailed. As the national pride was at its height, Bagan was the glory of Myanmar people. Throughout the successive eras, men of letters, whether they be poet, writers or composers, have been endlessly praising the virtues of Bagan, which is the symbol of Myanmar culture and character. The flags of victory fluttering high in Bagan has led to vitalizing the nationalistic fervour of the entire Myanmar people.

The Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation strategy among the four countries — Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand — was successfully held on 12 November 2002 in Bagan which has fine historical traditions. At the Summit, Prime Minister of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of Cambodia Sandech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Laos Mr Boungnang Vorachith, and Prime Minister of Thailand Dr Thaksin Shinawatra held discussions on the development of the four countries.

The Summit meeting was held with the aim of ensuring the peaceful co-existence among the four countries and the progress and prosperity based on mutual understanding, sympathy, trust, amity and respect, that are the principles of the good neighborliness, and of equally sharing the opportunities.

As the Prime Ministers of the four countries held discussions, based on the above stand, the meeting was able to realize its aims and objectives. In other words, the Summit has been the combination of the strength of the four countries to bring about regional peace and stability and progress and prosperity that is the common interest of the developing countries of the region.

The holding of the Summit meeting of the four countries — Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand — which are ASEAN members, is to realize the vision of the present era — to make cooperation among the ASEAN members in the Southeast Asia region, based on common interest, to set up a prosperous family of South Asian nations that can stand shoulder to shoulder with the global powers, the European Union, and the North America Free Trade Area, and to set up an ASEAN Free Trade Area, the economic aim of the Association, in 2003.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe delivered a historic speech at the Summit of the ASEAN ten nations in Bangkok on 15 December 1995. In his address the Senior General expressed the stand of Myanmar that

Myanmar had already made a firm resolve to actively take part in the regional integration and the globalization process of the 21st Century. And with this stand, Myanmar proudly and actively hosted the Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation strategy among the four countries — Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand.

Similarly, Myanmar hosted the Ninth ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting, the Second ASEAN+China Transport Ministers Meeting, and the First ASEAN+Japan Transport Ministers Meeting. In this way, Myanmar has strengthened her international relations, regional relations, and relations with the neighbours.

Some powers of the west are blindly believing the slanders and lies of the internal and external destructive elements while ignoring positive changes and developments occurring in the political and economic sectors of Myanmar. But the success in Myanmar's international relations has shown that the destructive schemes of those western powers to isolate Myanmar and impose sanctions and put pressure on her will never be effective, and will fail in the end.

Myanmar is able to extend her relations with the neighbours, the regional countries and friendly countries from afar, based on mutual respect, trust, amity, the family spirit and friendship. With greater acceleration, Myanmar is also promoting its cooperation with other countries based on common interest. The Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation strategy among the four countries — Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand — will help materialize the ASEAN Vision 2020 and the ASEAN integration plan, and will lead to laying of the good foundations ensuring peace, stability and development of the Southeast Asia region.

In this way, the Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation strategy among the four countries — Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand — includes the Action Plan, covering a wide array of sectors and a large volume of task, that must be implemented under long-term and short-term plans. Some of the tasks will have to be carried out by all the four countries, and some will have to be carried out by the two countries concerned. And the more work the four countries can carry out, the larger benefits the peoples of the countries will enjoy. The peoples of the four countries will surely enjoy the social stability, peace and prosperity. Moreover, Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos in particular will surely gain rapid economic development.

(To be continued)

(Translation: TMT)

Kyemon+Myanma Alin: 1 December 2003.

US economist slams Bush on “war agenda” “AIDS”

VIENNA, 2 Dec — Leading US economist Jeffrey Sachs fiercely attacked US President George W Bush on Monday for pursuing an “agenda of war” and neglecting the fight against poverty and AIDS in the developing world.

“Development was pushed off the world’s agenda this year by an agenda about war,” said Sachs, who is a special adviser to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and head of Columbia University’s Earth Institute.

“September 11, which has dominated the world’s agenda for more than two years, claimed 3,000 lives. Every day, 20,000 people are dying because of poverty — from AIDS, TB (tuberculosis) and malaria. Every single day,” he said.

Speaking at the opening of the annual General Conference for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Sachs said the world was spending an astronomical amount of money on the instruments of war and a fraction of that on AIDS. “This

year, the world will spend 900 billion US dollars on armaments, 50 billion US dollars on development assistance, and perhaps one billion dollars on AIDS,” he said in

told a news conference that AIDS had clearly become a pandemic.

“Why? Well, President Bush proposed 200 million US dollars of his budget to

the global fund to fight AIDS, TB and malaria,” he said. “Two hundred million and 87 billion US dollars for the war in Iraq.”

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

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Myanmar beat Thailand 4-2

YANGON, 2 Dec — Myanmar women came back from behind to beat Thailand 4-2 in the thrilling women's soccer match of the XXII Southeast Asia Games in Hanoi, Vietnam, this evening. The first half ended with 1-1 draw. In the second half, Thailand added another gold. But the Myanmar women were able to score there more goals showing their brilliant performance and endurance throughout the 90 minutes. — NLM



Visiting Chinese delegation led by Deputy Chief of General Staff (CPLA) General Wu Quanxu to Shwe Dagon Pagoda. —MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint looks into regional development tasks in Matupi

YANGON, 2 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 North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Col Tin Hla, Col Hsan Aung of Matupi Station, Chairman of Mindat District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Ohn Myint Oo and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, paid a visit to Matupi Township Monastery on 30 November, and they paid homage and offered alms to Sayadaw Saddhama Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Rajindha and members of the Sangha.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to the school for nationalities youth of border areas and heard reports on educational performance, strength of students, school activities on agriculture and livestock breeding presented by principal U Htay Win. Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the needs and presented cash assistance to the students.

Then, he inspected tea plantation grown on both sides of the Matupi-



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects Border Areas Development School in Matupi. — MNA

Kanpatlet road where he was conducted round by officials.

Upon arrival at Matupi Township People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party gave Polio vaccine to preparatory measures children under five years old as for launching National Immunization Days.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party met with departmental officials, social organizations and town-sellers at the meeting hall of Matupi Township Peace and Development Council Office. And, Lt-Gen Ye Myint

gave necessary instructions on regional development tasks. After that, Lt-Gen Ye Myint handed over a television, a video cassette player and a computer set donated by the Prime Minister to Matupi BEHS through the headmistress Daw Naw Khwa Yi, and clothing for local people through Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Nyunt Soe.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to No 1 Farming Zone of San Baung Ward, where he inspected tea plan-

tations grown by service personnel. — MNA

Chinese goodwill delegation visits Shwe Dagon

YANGON, 2 Dec — Visiting Chinese goodwill delegation led by Deputy Chief of General Staff of CPLA, General Wu Quanxu together with Deputy Chief of Armed Forces Training of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Nyan Win, Military Attaché of Chinese Embassy to Myanmar Senior Colonel Xu Shulai yesterday evening visited Shwe Dagon Pagoda where they were welcomed by members of Pagoda Board of Trustees. First, visiting General Wu Quanxu and party paid obeisance to the Jade Buddha Image and

offered flowers and lights to Buddha Image on western stairway.

Next, visiting General Wu Quanxu and party signed in the visitors' book and donated cash. After the members of Pagoda Board of Trustees had accepted the donation, they presented a photo of Shwe Dagon Pagoda as a Dhamma gift to the Chinese goodwill delegation. Afterwards, they paid obeisance to the pagoda going round clockwise and studied the bell donated by Thayawady King and Mula Htidaw by King Mindon and left there.

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President of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents a prize to an outstanding trainee at the concluding ceremony of No (1/2003) Basic Fruit Arrangement course.

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MMCWA conducts courses

YANGON, 2 Dec — Organized by Domestic Training School of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the concluding of No (30/2003) Tailoring course, the opening of No (31/2003) Tailoring course and the concluding of No (1/2003) Basic Fruit Arrangement course took place at the building of the association at the corner of Thanthuma Street and Parami Street this morning. Present on the occasion were President of the MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin

Lin Myint, members of central executive committees, patrons of Supervisory Committee and course instructors.

First, President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe made a speech on the occasion.

Next, President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and members presented course completion certificates to trainees. President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented prizes to outstanding trainees.

Afterwards, Patron of Supervisory Committee for

Courses CEC member Daw Kyin Khine presented gifts to course instructors. Trainees presented souvenirs for the training school to Patron of Supervisory Committee Daw San San Myint and Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha. After the trainees had spoken words of thanks, they paid respects to the president, the vice-president, members and course instructors. Afterward, the No (31/2003) Tailoring Course was opened. Those wishing to attend the courses may contact the MMCWA.

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YANGON, 2 Dec — Chairman of Myanmar International Freight Forwarders' Association U Aung Kyaw Min and Executive Director Daw Hla Hla Yee left here today for Manila, the Philippines to attend the 13th AFFA General Meeting, December 4-6, sponsored by Asean Federation Forwarders Association. They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Vice-Chairman of MIFFA U Tint Wai Oo, Treasurer Dr Aye Aye and Admin Officer Daw Khaing Swe Nwe.

Central Council of MRC to hold meeting on 18 & 19 Dec

YANGON, 2 Dec — The 54th meeting of the Central Council of the Myanmar Red Cross Society will be held on 18 and 19 December at the assembly hall of the University of Nursing (Yangon). It is kindly requested that members of the Central Council of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, chairmen of Red Cross Supervisory Committees from states and divisions, health officers from states and divisions, red cross company officers, and police officers of states and divisions, are to attend the meeting without fail.

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Secretary-2
Lt-Gen
Thein Sein
presents best
cadet award
to Daw Khin
San Lwin
(SAT) of
Kywepwe
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Ottwin
Township,
Bago
Division.

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Success of the education promotion...

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The whole world today is developing with momentum thanks to rapid development of communication technologies. At this time, it can be seen that some big nations with technological advancement are taking advantage of their superiority and trying

to control the ideological and cultural sectors of the developing nations through communication technologies. At this situation, the developing countries like the Union of Myanmar are to try not to be influenced by the big power nations but to stand firmly and prosperously with own

national policies, he highlighted.

In making endeavours to ensure all-round development of the State, the high standard of knowledge and education of the citizens are pivotal. So, the educational goals in knowledge age are to be implemented not only in schools but also in human society. They include literacy

for all, promotion of national education standard, an opportunity of constant learning regardless of age and building of a modern developed nation, he elaborated.

In implementing national education promotion programmes, basic education schools are most fundamental. It is known to all teachers that three phases are being implemented for education promotion in basic education sector as of 1998. In implementing them, emphasis is placed on mental development with the aim of promoting the students' creativity to be well-versed in every field, to be the ones with high morale who respect and abide by the law, discipline and social ethics, who value traditional customs and social value and to be the patriots fully equipped with firm nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit, he added.

In education promotion programmes, success has been achieved in basic education sector thanks to the leadership of the State, co-operation of local authorities and participation of students, teachers, public and wellwishers. Tasks for enrolment of all school-going children, tasks for opening post-primary schools to create opportunity to continue pursuing middle school education, tasks for opening of multimedia classrooms to

have the equal opportunity between urban and rural areas in cooperation with wellwishers and literacy campaigns for older persons and the cultivation of reading habit, he said.

Success of the education promotion programmes depends on the cooperation of teachers, students and parents and the public. Only when teachers, students and parents cooperate, will the programmes achieve success as expected. Teachers should take a leading part in successful implementation of the programmes. National brethren have lived together through thick and thin for thousands of years. Each division and state is, in fact, small communities where various national races reside. Teachers are urged to earnestly strive for amity among national people, equitable development and narrowing down the development gap. So, teachers at border areas are to make efforts with goodwill and national outlook for development of the national peoples' knowledge, for strengthening of Union Spirit, for literacy of all citizens, for educating them the evil consequences of abusing drugs and scourge of drugs.

He urged the teachers to nurture the students to be endowed with knowledge, high efficiency, right outlook and thoughts and to be able to

realize and choose their own future. In conclusion, he said in nurturing the youths who will shoulder the duties of the State, the teachers are to adopt right view and aim high and strive for the better future of the country.

Afterwards, prizes and completion certificates were presented to the trainee teachers. Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented the best cadet trainee awards to Schoolhead U Okaw of Kanyinkhe Post-primary school in Mawlamyinegyun Township, Ayeyawady Division, and SAT Daw Khin San Lwin of Kywepwe BEHS in Ottwin Township, Bago Division, the awards for diligence to Schoolhead U Kyi Win of Nyaungbin Village BEHS in Kayan Township, Yangon Division, Schoolhead Daw Khin Toke of Hsabgan BEPS in Kawhmu Township, Yangon Division and PAT Daw Nwe Nwe Khin of Latha Township BEHS-2 in Yangon Division. He also presented the best hostel awards and completion certificates to trainees.

The trainees then presented K 86,720 for religious, education and social affairs to the Secretary-2 who accepted the donation and presented certificate of honour.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-2 cordially greeted the trainee teachers.

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Boat for Ngwehsaung-Chaungtha trip inspected

YANGON, 2 Dec — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, accompanied by officials, inspected "MV. Myat Lay", which was renovated by Myanmar Shipyards at Hsinmalaik dockyard after being handed over to Myanmar Five Star Line under the Ministry of Transport, at Nanthida Jetty here yesterday morning.

Managing Director of MS U Percy Maung Maung, Managing Director of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services U Htay

Aung and departmental officials conducted the minister round the ship. The minister also inspected the trial run of the ship in Yangon river and gave necessary instructions.

The measurement of the ship is 61 feet in length and 15.7 feet in width, with a six-foot draught. The ship can accommodate altogether 46 passengers and will be run between Ngwehsaung and Chaungtha under the tourism industry promotion programme.

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PBANRDA Minister inspects construction of road

YANGON, 2 Dec — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, accompanied by officials, this morning inspected the tarring of the road linking Nyaungnnapin and Ngahsutaung villages in Yangon Division and attended to the needs.

First, the minister arrived at the Nyaungnnapin-Takuton road section being constructed by the Hmawby Township Development

Affairs Committee. Officials concerned reported to the minister on construction tasks.

Afterwards, the minister also inspected the Takuton-Ngahsutaung road section. During his tour, the minister also inspected the Nyaungnnapin vegetable plantation of the ministry.

He urged the officials to produce more vegetables and to sell at low price.

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Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspects construction of tarred road linking Nyaungnnapin and Ngahsutaung villages in Hlegu Township. — MNA



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein has cordial conversation with trainees of Special Refresher Course No 54 for Basic Education Teachers. — MNA





Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win meets with industrialists at Kanaung Industrial hall. —(News Page 1) MNA

Myanmar celebrates cent...

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In conclusion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint called on respective officials to cooperate with the people in carrying out standard health care services in rural areas in accordance with guidance of the Head of State.

Next, the commander delivered a speech.

The minister also made an address on the occasion, saying that as is known to all now TB is rearing its ugly head again in the world nations including Myanmar, standing as a community health problem.

About one third of the world's population (2,000 million people) have been infected with TB, annually causing around 8.9 million TB patients. Their age ranges from 15 to 54 years. And about 2 million people die of TB yearly.

So, in 1993 the WHO had to announce that TB was global emergency, and adopted the Directly Observed Treatment Short Course Strategy.

According to the WHO 2002 TB Report, out of 210 world's nations, only 148 were working the strategy.

And out of the 148, some nations can achieve cent per cent success of the DOTS strategy and the others remained as DOTS expansion ones.

Being well convinced the effect and impact of TB, Myanmar has been taking measures for control of the disease as national concern, designating TB as the second in the list of common diseases in the nation.

The TB Central Supervisory Committee formed in 1993 with the minister for Health as chairman has been supervising the TB control tasks.

Being satisfied with the results of Myanmar's control tasks, the Global Drug Facility (GDF) provided Myanmar with TB medicines for three years, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) for five years worth US\$ 17 million, thereby contributing towards cent per cent success.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented cash donations and medical equipment, the commander TB medicines and the minister a microscope to the hospi-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially converses with industrialists at Kanaung Industrial hall. (News Page 1) MNA

tal through the head of Township Health Department. They gave TB medicines to the patients.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed the photos of activities on health care services and health educative posters at the hospital.

They visited the specialists giving medical treatment to the patients.

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Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects development undertakings in Mongkai Township, Shan State (South)

YANGON, 2 Dec—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, on 29 November, met with service personnel, local people, and member of social organizations in Tonglaw Village, Mongkai Township, Shan State (South).

On the occasion, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe spoke of the need of the service personnel to participate in regional development endeavours with Union Spirit hand in hand with local people. He also urged them to extend agriculture and livestock

breeding tasks and explained about the five rural development tasks.

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint reported to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe on measures being taken for regional development, future plans and efforts to be made by service personnel and local people.

After hearing reports presented by Headmaster U Than Aung of Tonglaw village affiliated Basic Education High School reported on academic matters; Health Assistant U San Lwin on health matters; and Chairman of Tonglaw Village PDC U Nyo Gyi on tasks being carried out for regional development, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe fulfilled the needs.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung

Htwe inspected dispensary of the village and gave necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party proceeded to Mongkai and paid homage to Shwemyintin Pagoda and presented offertories to Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Revata.

In meeting with service personnel, townselders and members of social organization at the town hall, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe said that collective efforts are to be made with Union Spirit for regional development. He urged them to extend sown acreage and use quality strains for regional rice sufficiency. He stressed the importance of meeting the target in grow-



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence giving DOTS to local people. — MNA

ing the ten major crops. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe also spoke of the need of officials and local people to strive collectively for ensuring regional stability and law enforcement.

The commander, next, reported to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe on matters relating to agriculture, livestock breeding and regional development.

After hearing reports presented by officials, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attended to the needs.

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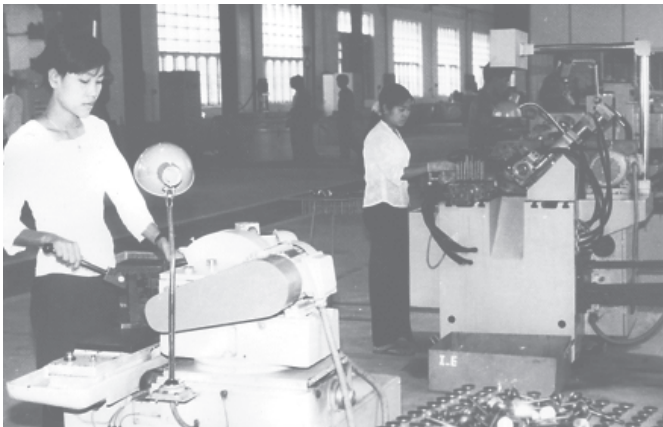


Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung accepts computers donated by Chinese ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun. — MNA

For industrial development

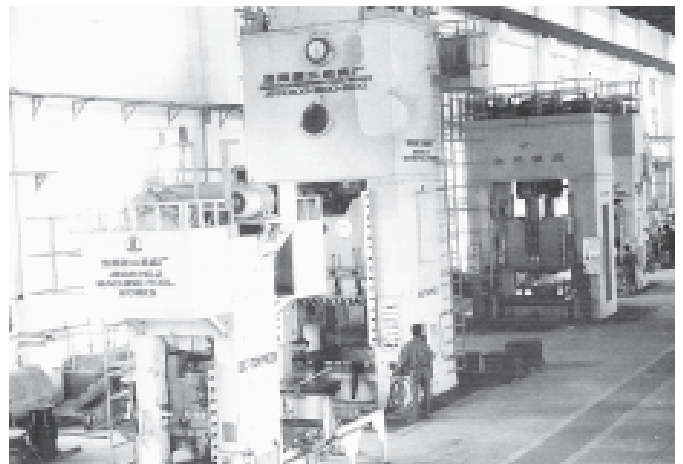


The State is encouraging industrial development and increased production of export. In the process industrial zones have been established wherever possible in the country. The photo taken on 1 December 2002 shows the industries in the Industrial Town of Dagon Myothit (East) Township. —PHOTO:MNA

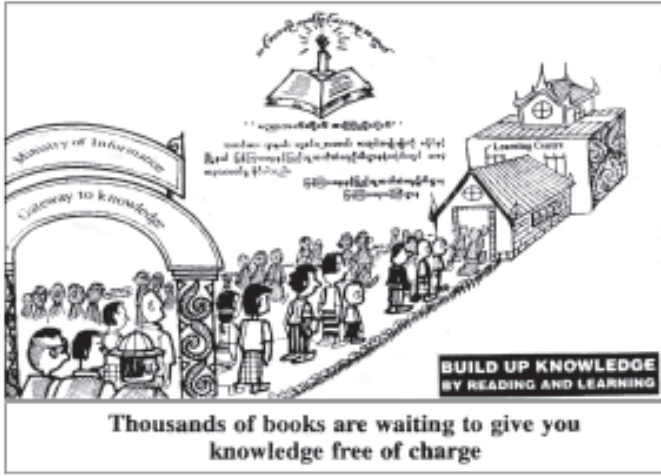


Discwheel Workshop of the Ministry of Industry-2 in Indagaw Industrial region, Bago Division, produces 34,500 discwheels every year to fulfil the domestic needs. — INDUSTRY-2

The inlet & exhaust valve plant, constructed by Ministry of Industry-2 in Indagaw Industrial Zone of Bago Division, produces a total of 46,000 inlets and exhaust valves per year as import substitute goods to be used in truck diesel engines, jeep petrol engines, tractor diesel engines, water pumps and diesel engines used in power stations. — INDUSTRY-2



Thanks to the assistance of the State and endeavors and innovation of Myanmar national industrialists, Myanmar industrial sector sees its development. The photo taken on 28 April 2002 shows the view of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone.



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Illicit liquor claims 15 lives in south India

NEW DELHI, 2 Dec— In a major hooch tragedy, 15 people died and over 80 were hospitalized, some in serious condition, after they consumed illicit liquor in Tiruvallur District in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

Four persons died soon after consuming the illicit brew Friday night in nine

villages around suburban Ponneri while 11 others lost their lives Saturday morning as more and more victims were admitted to the hospital, the *Press Trust of India* reported.

The condition of some of those under treatment at the Government Hospital was stated to be serious and several of the victims complained of blurred vision.—MNA/Xinhua

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CORRIGENDUM

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Assignment Reg: 4621/2002

ပြည်တွင်းပြန်လှန်အားပေးပါ

ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်
ကြော်ငြာအမှတ် ၄၄/၂၀၀၃
(၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ်၊ နိုဝင်ဘာလ ၂၅ ရက်)

လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအားဝန်ကြီးဌာနအောက်ရှိ လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအားဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် မြန်မာလျှပ်စစ်ဓာတ်အားလုပ်ငန်းတွင် လစ်လပ်လျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများ အလို့ရှိပါသည်-

စဉ်	ရာထူး	ပညာအရည်အချင်း	လစ်လပ်
(က)	လျှပ်စစ်	လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအား	၂ နေရာ
	စွမ်းအား	အင်ဂျင်နီယာ	
	ဦးစီးဌာန	(လျှပ်စစ်)	
		-လက်ထောက်	စက်မှုအင်ဂျင်
		အင်ဂျင်နီယာ	နီယာတွဲ
		(စက်မှု)	၁ နေရာ
(ခ)	မြန်မာ	လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်း	(အမျိုးသား) ၂၇ နေရာ
	လျှပ်စစ်	အင်ဂျင်နီယာ	အားအင်ဂျင် (အမျိုးသမီး) ၃ နေရာ
	ဓာတ်အား	(လျှပ်စစ်)	နီယာတွဲ
	လုပ်ငန်း	-လက်ထောက်	စက်မှုအင် (အမျိုးသား) ၁၈ နေရာ
		အင်ဂျင်နီယာ	လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအင် (အမျိုးသမီး) ၂ နေရာ
		(စက်မှု)	အင်ဂျင်နီယာ
		-လက်ထောက်	အီလက် (အမျိုးသား) ၁၈ နေရာ
		အင်ဂျင်နီယာ	ထရပ်စ်နစ် (အမျိုးသမီး) ၂ နေရာ
		(အီလက်ထရိုနစ်)	အင်ဂျင်နီယာ

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
(ခ) ၂၆-၁၂-၂၀၀၃ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀ နှစ်) ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်ရုံးသို့ ၂၆-၁၂-၂၀၀၃ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၄။ ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးထက် ပို၍ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းလိုပါက ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးစီအတွက် ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ရှိ/-ကို သီးခြားပေးသွင်းပြီး ရာထူးအလိုက် လျှောက်လွှာသီးခြား တစ်စောင်စီ တင်သွင်းရမည်။

၅။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ ပုံတူပါရှိရမည်။ စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ရှိ/-ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေဖြေ နှုတ်ပြေ စစ်ဆေးမှု အတွက်လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့ကကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၁/၉၁ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်း

လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၆။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့် မန္တလေးမြို့များတွင် ရေဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများ တာရှိမည်။ မိမိရေဖြေလိုသောစာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်း တိကျစွာ ဖော်ပြရမည်။

၇။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ စွန့်ပြုချက် ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်ရုံးသို့ ၂၆-၁၂-၂၀၀၃ နေ့အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဓာတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

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Chinese farmers turn farmland into forest

BEIJING, 2 Dec— About 53 million Chinese farmers had converted their farmland to forest by the end of 2002 and every affected farmer received 215 kilograms of grain, equal to 230 yuan (27.7 US dollars), according to a newly-completed report.

A mid-term evaluation report on China's nationwide project to return fragile land back to forest was recently completed by the China International Engineering Consulting Corp. and has been submitted to the State Development and Reform Commission.

The Consulting Corp was entrusted to make the report as early as February, by the former State Development and Planning Commission.

The report said at the end of 2003, China is expected to return a total of 15.1 million hectares of fragile land from farmland to forest, completing 50 per cent of the planned goal.

The area of bare land has been reduced by 7.81 percent from 1997 to 2002 in Yan'an and Yulin regions, located in north China's Shaanxi Province.

MNA/Xinhua

US to build anti-drug coordination centre in Peru

LIMA, 2 Dec— The United States plans to build an anti-drug coordination centre next month in the Peruvian Amazon in a bid to crack down on illegal plant growing and drug smuggling in the area, Peru's official *Andina* news agency reported on Sunday.

The central base will serve as "the axis" for regional operations, supporting air, naval and river forces in the fight against drug traffickers, and details are under final negotiations by the two countries, the agency said, citing a spokesman of the US Embassy in Lima.

Increasing drug trafficking has turned Peru into a stronghold of illegal drug processing and dealing in South America.

Drug traffickers are equipped with satellite communicating facilities, grow thousands of hectares of coca, marijuana and opium, and have built drug refineries, and even airports for landing small-sized aircraft hidden in the jungle.

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Tanzania selects HIV/ "AIDS" center

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 2 Dec— The Tanzanian Government has selected Mwanza region in western Tanzania as a central place to fight against HIV/AIDS disease in the East African country.

Tanzanian Minister for State in the Prime Minister's Office William Lukuvi said on Sunday that Mwanza region was not only considered as AIDS centre in Tanzania, but also the centre for Lake Victoria region, because Mwanza region is near the lake.

Another reason for choosing Mwanza region is that the place was also badly suffered HIV/AIDS disease, the minister said.

He said that according to the figures from the government, new infection of AIDS virus in Tanzania have been decreased.

The World AIDS Day is marked on December 1 each year. It has been selected by the United Nations as to give the society an opportunity to evaluate the fighting against the scourge.

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Roy Disney forced out of Disney Board

LOS ANGELES, 2 Dec— Walt Disney Co. said on Sunday it was forcing Roy Disney off the board due to its mandatory retirement age policy, removing the last Disney family member from the board and a prominent critic of Chairman and Chief Executive Michael Eisner.

Clearly stung, Roy Disney said he would go and said Eisner should step down, a letter obtained by the *Wall Street Journal* showed. The move may be the last act of a showdown between Eisner, who has led the company for nearly 20 years, and the man who recruited him and then became a chief critic.

"It is my sincere belief that it is you who should be leaving and not me," Roy Disney told Eisner in the letter dated November 30, announcing he was stepping down from the board and his job as head of animation at the company named after his uncle. George Mitchell, presiding director of the board, said in a statement that Roy Disney and two other directors, Thomas Murphy and Raymond Watson, would have to leave because of the mandatory retirement age, which is 72. —MNA/Reuters



Bertrand Piccard, the first man together with Briton Brian Jones to circumnavigate the world non-stop in a balloon in 1999, gestures during a news conference in Lausanne, Switzerland November 28, 2003. Piccard announced plans to fly around the world in a solar powered airplane.

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Roy Disney, Walt Disney Company vice chairman and nephew of the entertainment giant's legendary founder, has quit his post and called for Disney chief executive Michael Eisner to follow suit.

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Swiss adventurer plans solar-powered flight

LAUSANNE, (Switzerland), 2 Dec— Swiss adventurer Bertrand Piccard, the first man to pilot a balloon around the world non-stop, has announced plans to circle the planet in a specially built solar-powered aircraft.

Piccard, who circumnavigated the Earth in 1999 with Brian Jones of Britain,

will lead a team of scientists and aviators in his attempt to fly around the world in a fuel-free plane—to be called *Solar Impulse*.

"A century after the Wright brothers' first flight, we look forward to adding new pages to solar aviation," Piccard, 54, said. "It is a colossal challenge."

Lausanne's Federal Institute of Technology will help Piccard's team build an aircraft that can store enough power to stay in the air throughout the night.

Initial test flights are planned for 2006 with a flight of at least 36 hours set for the following year.

MNA/Reuters

Italian volunteers to start "AIDS" vaccine testing programme

ROME, 2 Dec— Some 40 Italian volunteers will start the first phase of a testing programme for a pioneering AIDS vaccine in this country, the Italian HIV Association said. Many of the volunteers are HIV-positive but there are also healthy people.

According to a local report on Sunday, the volunteers were recruited on a freephone line and will now be given the telephone number of a clinic nearest to them.

After further talks and lab tests, they may

end up at one of the three testing centres—the Spallanzani Hospital and La Sapienza University in Rome, or the San Raffaele Hospital clinic in Milan.

Barbara Ensoli, the head of the research programme, eventually plans to test the vaccine on 56 HIV-positive volunteers and another 32 healthy people. The vaccine, described by eminent oncologist Umberto Veronesi as "intelligent", received the green light for human testing last week. MNA/Xinhua

Business leaders failing to address "AIDS"

GENEVA, 2 Dec— Business leaders around the globe fail to recognize the threat to their companies' future posed by the AIDS epidemic, the Swiss-based World Economic Forum (WEF) said on Monday. Citing results of an opinion survey among executives, the WEF said it showed business was not yet playing a significant role in fighting the disease which the United Nations says has infected five million new victims this year. — MNA/Reuters



Proving that felines do indeed enjoy multiple lives, the Mike Myers comedy 'The Cat in the Hat' claimed a narrow victory at the North American weekend box office on 30 Nov, 2003 after a studio error earlier gave the victory to Eddie Murphy new release 'The Haunted Mansion.'

INTERNET

Women's federation calls for concerted efforts to prevent "AIDS"

CHANGSHA, 2 Dec— The Women's Federation of Hunan Province, in central China, has called on the 30 million local women to make concerted efforts to create a sound social environment in which everybody can avoid contracting AIDS.

In an open letter to all the province's women, issued on Monday, World AIDS Day, the provincial women's federation called on local women to cherish their lives, care for others and work hard to curb the spread of AIDS.

Women's federations in China are non-governmental institutions which work to protect women's and children's rights and interests.

In early 2003, the Ministry of Health designated six pilot counties and cities of Qiyang, Chenxi, Cili, Shimen, Hongjiang and Linxiang in Hunan to carry out a campaign to curb the spread of AIDS. —MNA/Xinhua

Eddie Murphy zaps "Cat" at US box office

LOS ANGELES, 2 Dec— Eddie Murphy scared "The Cat" from the top slot at the North American box office as three family films fought a close battle for honours during the US Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

According to studio estimates issued on Sunday, Murphy's "The Haunted Mansion," a comedy based on a Disneyland attraction, earned 25.3 million US dollars in the three days since November 28 — about 2.3 million US dollars lower than the opening for his previous film, "Daddy Day Care," in May. Incumbent champion "The Cat in the Hat," starring Mike Myers, followed close behind with 24.7 million US dollars in its second weekend as the total for the critically reviled Dr. Seuss adaptation rose to 77 million US dollars. The acclaimed fall sleeper hit "Elf," starring Will Ferrell, held steady at No. 3 with 22.2 million US dollars in its fourth weekend. Its total rose to 130.1 million US dollars.

Coincidentally, Murphy, Myers and Ferrell all got their big breaks as cast members of veteran sketch-comedy TV show "Saturday Night Live." — MNA/Reuters

New Zealand announces HIV/"AIDS" action plan

WELLINGTON, 2 Dec— The New Zealand Ministry of Health Monday announced a HIV/AIDS action plan in which an extra three million NZ dollars (about 1.82 million US dollars) will be appropriated for fighting the AIDS epidemic.

Of the extra funding, 1.2 million NZ dollars (about 720,000 US dollars) will be spent this year on supporting national and local sexual health services, including the AIDS Foundation and the New Zealand Family Planning Association.

The rest 1.8 million NZ dollars (about 1.1 million US dollars) will be put into a safer sex campaign with work on that beginning in the New Year. The Ministry of Health released the HIV/AIDS action plan to coincide with the promotion of a new *Sexual and Reproductive Health Resource Book* for healthcare organizations.

The plan reflects continued and expanded targeting of health promotion and education programmes and services to the groups most vulnerable to and affected by HIV/AIDS.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Vietnam tie Thailand 1-1 at "SEA" Games soccer

HANOI, 2 Dec—Vietnam played a surprising 1-1 tie against reigning champions Thailand in the soccer tournament of the South-East Asian Games (SEA Games) here on Sunday.

Earlier, Indonesia scored a lone goal to beat Laos 1-0, leading Group A with three points, followed by Vietnam and Thailand with one point each. Laos tailed in the group.

In the 55th minute, Pham Van Quyen scored the opening for Vietnam with a powerful shot in front of a sea of home fans at the 40,000-seat My Dinh National Stadium, before Datsakorn Thonglao hit the equalizer for Thailand in the 81st minute with a free kick.

Vietnam's Austrian coach Alfred Riedl said that "I'm happy with the results. In the first half, the Thai team was a better team. We didn't play with enough confidence. We were a little bit afraid. But we were a better team in the second half, but not enough to win the match."

Thailand's manager Thavatchai Sajakul felt lucky for the tie, saying that "we were lucky to get one point from the free kick. I've been manager of the Thai team for many years but I've never seen Vietnam play this well. We got this one point with respect for Vietnam."

MNA/Xinhua

Draw for finals of Euro 2004 championship

LISBON, 2 Dec—Draw for the finals of Euro 2004 soccer championship made on Sunday:

Group A	Group B	Saturday, June 19
1. Portugal	1. France	Group D —Latvia v Germany (Oporto, 1600)
2. Greece	2. England	Netherlands v Czech Republic (Aveiro, 1845)
3. Spain	3. Switzerland	
4. Russia	4. Croatia	Group A —Spain v Portugal (Lisbon, 1845)
Group C	Group D	Russia v Greece (Faro-Loule, 1845)
1. Sweden	1. Czech Republic	Monday, June 21
2. Bulgaria	2. Latvia	Group B —Croatia v England (Coimbra, 1845)
3. Denmark	3. Germany	Switzerland v France (Lisbon, 1845)
4. Italy	4. Netherlands	Tuesday, June 22
Match schedule (kickoff times GMT):	Group stage	Group C —Italy v Bulgaria (Guimaraes, 1845)
Saturday, June 12		Denmark v Sweden (Oporto, 1845)
Group A —Portugal v Greece (Oporto, 1600)		Wednesday, June 23
Spain v Russia (Faro-Loule, 1845)		Group D —Netherlands v Latvia (Braga, 1845)
Sunday, June 13		Germany v Czech Republic (Lisbon, 1845)
Group B —Switzerland v Croatia (Leiria, 1600)		Quarterfinals
France v England (Lisbon, 1845)		Thursday, June 24
Monday, June 14		25. 1-Group A v 2-Group B (Lisbon, 1845)
Group C —Denmark v Italy (Guimaraes, 1600)		Friday, June 25
Sweden v Bulgaria (Lisbon, 1845)		26. 1-Group B v 2-Group A (Lisbon, 1845)
Tuesday, June 15		Saturday, June 26
Group D —Germany v Netherlands (Aveiro, 1600)		27. 1-Group C v 2-Group D (Faro-Loule, 1845)
Czech Republic v Latvia (Oporto, 1845)		Sunday, June 27
Wednesday, June 16		28. 1-Group D v 2-Group C (Oporto, 1845)
Group A —Greece v Spain (Oporto, 1600)		Semifinals
Russia v Portugal (Lisbon, 1845)		Wednesday, June 30
Thursday, June 17		W-Match 25 v W-Match 27 (Lisbon, 1845)
Group B —England v Switzerland (Coimbra, 1600)		Thursday, July 1
Croatia v France (Leiria, 1845)		W-Match 26 v W-Match 28 (Oporto, 1845)
Friday, June 18		Final
Group C —Bulgaria v Denmark (Braga, 1600)		Sunday, July 4 (Lisbon, 1845)—MNA/Reuters
Italy v Sweden (Oporto, 1845)		

Cruzeiro beat Paysandu to win first Brazil title

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 Dec—World Cup winner Zinho scored an early goal as Cruzeiro beat Paysandu 2-1 on Sunday to clinch the Brazilian championship for the first time.

The win, in front of a 70,000 crowd in Cruzeiro's home city of Belo Horizonte, gave the Foxes an unassailable nine-point lead over second-placed Santos with two games each to play.

Zinho, who played in Brazil's victorious 1994 World Cup team, scored with a seventh minute free kick which evaded a bunch of players in the penalty area before bouncing in.

Substitute Mota toe-poked the second goal past goalkeeper Carlos Germano in the 73rd minute before Aldrovani pulled a goal back with the last kick of the game.

Cruzeiro coach Vanderley Luxemburgo

added a fourth Brazilian title to the ones he won with Palmeiras in 1993 and 1994 and Corinthians in 1998. —MNA/Reuters

Ajax restore four-point lead

AMSTERDAM, 2 Dec—Ajax restored their four-point lead over champions PSV Eindhoven when they beat arch-rivals Feyenoord 2-0 thanks to two early Rafael van der Vaart goals in the Dutch first division on Sunday. PSV have 34 points from 13 matches. PSV are second after crushing bottom team Zwolle 4-0 on Saturday while Feyenoord are now 10 points off Ajax in fourth. Ajax skipper Van der Vaart opened the scoring in the fourth minute with a brilliant back-heel from a Nicolae Mitea cross.

He struck again seven minutes later after a defensive mix-up and Ajax then coasted to victory. —MNA/Reuters

Chelsea down Manchester United, go top

LONDON, 2 Dec—Chelsea swept to a 1-0 victory over champions Manchester United on Sunday to go top of the Premier League and emphatically stake their claim to this season's title.

England midfielder Frank Lampard secured the win by converting a 29th minute penalty after United skipper Roy Keane tripped Chelsea playmaker Joe Cole at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea are top on 35 points, one ahead of an Arsenal side who earlier had to settle for a 0-0 draw with Fulham at Highbury, with United stuck in third place on 31 points.

Elsewhere, Liverpool rallied to beat Birmingham City 3-1 at Anfield, while an own goal by Chinese defender Sun Jihai sent Manchester City to a 1-0 home defeat by Middlesbrough.

But the match of the day was unquestionably at Stamford Bridge where Chelsea, transformed by a 111-million-pound (190.9-million-dollar) spending spree since the July takeover by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich, were deserving winners.

Lampard, in outstanding form, was the linchpin of a dominant Chelsea midfield—precisely the department on which United had built the club's enormous success in recent years.

Lampard was unlucky not to add to his tally with further efforts in each half, while Cole will rue a glorious chance which he

ballooned over the bar.

United, beaten for the third time in the league this season, failed to manage a single shot on target despite plenty of pressure from Alex Ferguson's men in the closing stages.

Over at Highbury, there was frustration for Arsenal as a barrage of shots from their much-vaunted strike force, led by Thierry Henry, Dennis Bergkamp and Robert Pires in both halves were all dealt with by Fulham keeper Edwin Van Der Sar.

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger, though pleased with his own team's performance was clearly disappointed with Fulham's defensive tactics.

Fulham are now fourth on 22 points, ahead of Charlton Athletic on goal difference.

Liverpool cancelled out a Mikael Forssell strike with a penalty converted by skipper Steven Gerrard after 35 minutes at Anfield.

Victory was achieved with a second half goal from Australian forward Harry Kewell and a superb solo effort by England striker Emile Heskey as Liverpool moved up to sixth in the table on 21 points.

MNA/Reuters



From left: former soccer players Pfaff from Belgium, Pele from Brazil, Eusebio from Portugal and Klinsmann from Germany, pose with the Euro 2004 mascot Kinas, Sunday, Nov. 30 2003, in Lisbon, Portugal. The former players were in town to attend the Euro 2004 European Soccer Championship final round draw.—INTERNET

Barca off target without injured Ronaldinho

MADRID, 2 Dec—Barcelona were held to a 0-0 draw by a stubborn Valladolid at the Nou Camp on Sunday, once again failing to prove that they can perform in the Primera Liga without injured Brazilian forward Ronaldinho. The draw meant that the Catalans missed their chance to move up into the Champions League berths and they are now two points behind Atletico Madrid in fifth place in the table and seven adrift of leaders Valencia.

Valencia went top of the table on Saturday thanks to a 3-2 home win over Real Zaragoza, while former leaders Real Madrid slipped to second after Ronaldo earned them a barely deserved 1-1 draw at dominant Osasuna. However third-placed Deportivo Coruna could leapfrog both teams and snatch top spot if they win their game at home to Villarreal in Sunday's late match.

Barcelona went on the attack from the first whistle at the Nou Camp, but they sorely missed Ronaldinho's creative skills as they tried to break down a well-organized Valladolid defence.

Although they enjoyed the lion's share of possession and laid siege to the Valladolid goal for much of the game, they hardly managed a shot on target. When they did, keeper Albano Bizzarri produced some fine saves to keep them at bay.—MNA/Reuters

Hughes' injury-time goal hands Rangers 1-0 win

GLASGOW, 2 Dec—Midfielder Stephen Hughes swept home a stoppage time winner to rescue a 1-0 victory for Rangers away to Hibernian on Sunday and keep the Scottish champions five points behind Celtic at the top of the Premier League. A feisty young Hibs side matched the visitors for long periods of a breathless Easter Road encounter until a late lapse in concentration saw Scottish under-21 international Hughes break free to smash a venomous shot into the corner of the net.

Celtic lead the table with 40 points from 14 games after Saturday's 3-1 home win over bottom club Partick Thistle, while Rangers move on to 35.

Third-placed Hearts remained on 26 points after going down 2-1 away to Dundee United in Sunday's other match. United are third from bottom after their first home win.

Hibs manager Bobby Williams on said his players had only themselves to blame for not taking something from the game.

Hibs certainly enjoyed enough pressure in the first period against the Glasgow side.

Home captain Ian Murray scooped the ball over from Alen Orman's cross with the goal at his mercy while Shota Arveladze was forced to clear the excellent Mathias Doumbé's effort off his line with Hibs throwing bodies forward.—MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3
**3-12-2003 (Wednesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greetings
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 Deaf School
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Sour Soup of
tender tamarind leaves
with head of fish)
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Fossilized Wood
Garden
9:25 Tanditiona Pa-O Dance
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Song "Gaze Upon"
9:40 School for the Blind
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Leisurely Cruise Along
The Coast
(Myeik to Kawthoung)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**3-12-2003 (Wednesday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
15:36 Deaf School
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Sour Soup of
tender tamarind leaves
with head of fish)
15:45 **National News**
15:50 Fossilized Wood
Garden
15:55 Traditional Pa-O
Dance
16:00 **National News**
16:10 Song "Gaze Upon"
16:12 School for the Blind
16:15 **National News**
16:20 Leisurely Cruise Along
The Coast
(Myeik to Kawthoung)
16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma

- Panorama & Myanmar
Sentiment"
16:30 **National News**
16:35 Spirulina (or) Blue
Green Algae
16:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Steamed Prawn
Curry"
16:45 **National News**
16:50 Fabulous glassware
Decorations
16:55 The Beauty and Grace
of the Hands
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Travelogue
"Taunggyi"
17:10 Song "Mawlamyaing
The Jewel of the
Crown"
17:15 **National News**
17:20 Finished Products of
Teak
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 & Myanmar
Sentiment"
19:36 Bentonite
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Short headed
fish with Morinda)
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Hill Resort Town
(Thandaung)
19:55 Unforgettable Bonfire
Dance
19:58 Usefulness of the
whole Toddy Palm
20:00 **National News**
20:05 Central Glass Pavilion
20:10 Song "A Diamond-
studded song"
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Leisurely Cruise Along
The Coast
(Mawlamyaing to
Myeik)
20:25 Song "Naung Inlay"
20:30 **National News**
20:35 Oboe:Myanma Musi-
cal Instrument
20:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Noodle with coconut-
soup"
20:45 **National News**
20:50 Shawezawar Lacq-
uerware
20:55 Auspicious Glory
21:00 **National News**
21:05 A village of Pa-O

- 21:10 Song "Ayeayawady"
21:12 Dat Taw Gyaik Water-
fall
21:15 **National News**
21:20 A Trip to Inlay Lake
21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"(K.
Ja Nu)
21:35 Deaf School
21:40 **Headline News**
21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Sour Soup of
tender tamarind leaves
with head of fish)
21:45 **National News**
21:50 Fossilized Wood
Garden
21:55 Traditional Pa-O
Dance
22:00 **National News**
22:10 Song "Gaze Upon"
22:12 School for the Blind
22:15 **National News**
22:20 Leisurely Cruise Along
The Coast
(Myeik to Kawthoung)
22:25 Song "The Land of
Myanmar"
22:30 **National News**
22:35 Spirulina (or) Blue
Green Algae
22:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Steamed Prawn
Curry"
22:45 **National News**
22:50 Fabulous Glassware
Decorations
22:55 The Beauty and Grace
of the Hands
23:00 **National News**
23:05 Travelogue "Taunggyi"
23:10 Song "Mawlamyaing
The Jewel of the
Crown"
23:15 **National News**
23:20 Finished Products of
Teak
23:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**3-12-2003 (Wednesday) &
4-12-2003 (Thursday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 01:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
23:36 Deaf School
23:40 **Headline News**
23:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Sour Soup of
tender tamarind leaves
with head of fish)
23:45 **National News**

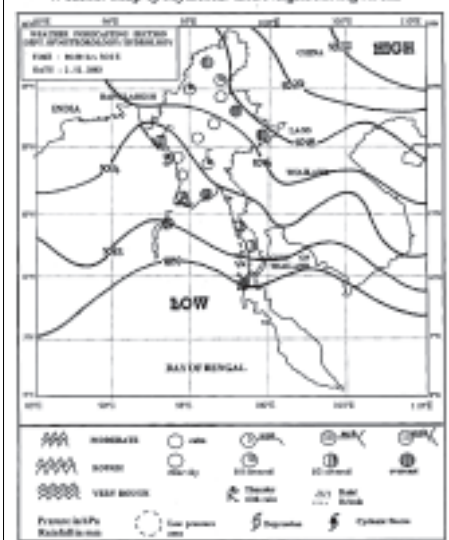
- 23:50 Fossilized Wood
Garden
23:55 Traditional Pa-O
Dance
24:00 **National News**
00:10 Song "Gaze Upon"
00:12 School for the Blind
00:15 **National News**
00:20 Leisurely Cruise Along
The Coast
(Myeik to Kawthoung)
00:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanmar
Sentiment"
00:30 **National News**
00:35 Spirulina (or) Blue
Green Algae
00:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Steamed Prawn
Curry"
00:45 **National News**
00:50 Fabulous Glassware
Decorations
00:55 The Beauty and Grace
of the Hands
01:00 **National News**
01:05 Travelogue
"Taunggyi"
01:10 Song "Mawlamyaing
The Jewel of the
Crown"
01:15 **National News**
01:20 Finished Products of
Teak
01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**4-12-2003 (Thursday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanmar Sen-
timent"
03:36 Bentonite
03:40 **Headline News**
03:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Short headed
fish with Morinda
Curry)
03:45 **National News**
03:50 Hill Resort Town
(Thandaung)
03:55 Unforgettable Bonfire
Dance
03:58 Usefulness of the
whole Toddy Palm
04:00 **National News**
04:05 Central Glass Pavilion
04:10 Songs on Screen "A
Diamond-studded
song"
04:15 **National News**

- 04:20 Leisurely Cruise Along
The Coast
(Mawlamyaing to
Myeik)
04:25 Song "Naung Inlay"
04:30 **National News**
04:35 Oboe:Myanma Musi-
cal Instrument
04:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Noodle with coconut-
soup"
04:45 **National News**
04:50 Shawezawar Lacq-
uerware
04:55 Auspicious Glory
05:00 **National News**
05:05 A Village of Pa-O
05:10 Song "Ayeayawady"
05:12 Dat Taw Gyaik Water-
fall
05:15 **National News**
05:20 A Trip to Inlay Lake
05:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sight "Mingalabar"
(K. Ja Nu)
05:35 Deaf School
05:40 **Headline News**
05:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Sour Soup of
tender tamarind
leaves with head of
fish)
05:45 **National News**
05:50 Fossilized Wood
Garden

- 05:55 Traditional
Pa-O Dance
06:00 **National News**
06:10 Song "Gaze Upon"
06:12 School for the Blind
06:15 **National News**
06:20 Leisurely Cruise Along
The Coast
(Myeik to Kawthoung)
06:25 Song "The Land of
Myanmar"
06:30 **National News**
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Green Algae
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"Steamed Prawn
Curry"
06:45 **National News**
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Decorations
06:55 The Beauty and Grace
of the Hands
07:00 **National News**
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"Taunggyi"
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The Jewel of the
Crown"
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Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER
Monday, 2 December, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Mon, Rakhine, Kachin States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were 7°C to 8°C below normal in Rakhine State and Mandalay Division, 5°C below normal in Shan, Chin States, Yangon 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 1-12-2003 was 34.5°C (94°F). Minimum temperature on 2-12-2003 was 17.0°C (62°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 2-12-2003 was 69%. Total sunshine hours on 1-12-2003 was (8.4) hours approx. Rainfall on 2-12-2003 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-12-2003 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 13 mph from North at (08:30) hours MST on 2-12-2003. **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 3-12-2003:** Possibility of isolated light rain or thunder-showers in Kachin State and Taninthayi division. Weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Mon States, Mandalay, Bagon and Yangon Divisions. Generally fair in the remaining areas. **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Possibility of isolated light-rain or thundershowers in extreme Northern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-12-2003:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-12-2003:** Generally fair weather.


**Wednesday, 3 December
View today:**
7:00 am

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တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- မြို့မြို့ကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုဇာတ်

8:10 am

- ရုပ်သေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

- မင်းတရားလှောင်တံ

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Learning English the
easy and happy way for
children and beginners

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:05 pm

- Songs to uphold
National Spirit

4:15 pm

- (၂)ကြိမ်မြောက်အရောင်တောင်အဖွဲ့
အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ
(အမျိုးသား)တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု
အစီအစဉ် (မြန်မာ-ကမ္ဘောဒီးယား)

6:15 pm

- ရှုမဝနီလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

6:30 pm

- Evening news

7:00 pm

- Weather report

7:05 pm

- Milo success in soccer

7:10 pm

- Musical programme

7:30 pm

- အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမသန်စွမ်း
သူများနေ့စားများ

7:45 pm

- နိုင်ငံအစိုးရသစ်တစ်ရပ်

8:00 pm

- မင်းသန်းစေတီ

8:00 pm

- News

8:10 pm

- International news

8:20 pm

- Weather report

8:30 pm

- နိုင်ငံအစိုးရသစ်တစ်ရပ်

8:40 pm

- "မေတ္တာဟူသည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

8:50 pm

- The Next day's
Programme


Wednesday, 3 December
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music
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9:00 am Music
9:05 am International news
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1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
- You are the one
(021)
- Unbreakable
(Westlife)
9:00 pm Variations on a tune
"When you say
nothing at all"
- Ronan Keating
- Alison Kross
Article/Music
9:15pm Music at your request
9:25pm - Ain't love without
your love affec-
tion
- (Natural)
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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects production of 42-passenger bus in No 1 Industrial Zone, Mandalay Division. — MNA

Secretary-1 inspects Mandalay ICT Park ...

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On arrival at Mandalay, the Secretary-1 and party proceeded to Mandalay ICT Park at Yadanabon Market.

At the briefing hall, Acting Chairman Mandalay ICT Park Development Corporation Ltd Col Myo Nyunt Aung reported on the salient points of the ICT Park.

Next, member of the MICTDC Board of Directors U Thein Htut reported on establishment of the ICT Park in Mandalay, companies engaged in the ICT Park

and measures being taken for development of the facility to the Secretary-1 who gave instructions.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party inspected the IT companies and the Internet cafe at the ICT Park.

In the afternoon, the Secretary-1 and party inspected the ear of paddy-brand bicycle tyre and inner tube factory of the Flying Wheel Industrial Ltd at Mandalay Industrial Zone-1 where officials reported on the production process of tyres and in-

ner tubes.

After inspecting tyres and inner tubes the Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions.

Next, they proceeded to the Mandalay power tillers factory of Good Brother's Machinery Co at the industrial zone.

Officials of the company reported on the functions of the respective sections of the factory.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party inspected power tillers produced by the factory.

Next, the Secretary-1 and

party arrived at the UD Group in the industrial zone and inspected production of Light Trucks and buses.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party met with the entrepreneurs at the Kanaung Industrial Hall.

At the meeting, the Secretary-1 made a speech. He said that the Mandalay Industrial Zone is meeting with success. With regard to the GDP of Mandalay Division, progress has been made with added momentum in the industrial sector of the division. In other words, out of

the economic sectors of the division, the development rate of industrial sector is the highest. With development in the industrial sector, the per capita income of the division is high. To sum up, progress has been made in the economy as well as in the industrial sector of the division.

Therefore, realizing their capabilities and roles, the entrepreneurs of the industrial zone are to strive for further development of the industrial sector. The government, on its part, will pro-

vide necessary assistance.

In addition, the industries of the entrepreneurs are needed to be the import-substitute ones, the ones that are meeting the standard of imported items and the ones that contribute to industrial development. Only then, progress will be made with added momentum in the Myanmar industrial sector.

After meeting with the entrepreneurs, Secretary-1 and party left Mandalay by air and arrived back here.

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Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects breeding of pigs in Mya Sein Yaung Multi-purpose agriculture and livestock breeding farm. — MNA

Secretary-2 inspects Mya Sein Yaung multi-purpose farm in Hlegu

YANGON, 2 Dec — Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspected Mya Sein Yaung multi-purpose agriculture and livestock breeding farm being undertaken by Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading under the Ministry of Commerce

on Yangon-Bago Road in Hlegu Township 34 miles from Yangon this afternoon.

Accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Secretary-2 was welcomed there by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen

Aung Tun and officials.

The officials reported on location, area, functions, investment, profits and strength of the farm; and the deputy minister, on agriculture and livestock breeding tasks and future plans.

In response to the reports, the Secretary-2 gave instructions

on systematic extension of the tasks, minimizing loss and wastage, ensuring more profits and greater emphasis to be placed on staff welfare, and attended to the needs.

The Secretary-2 and party looked into harvesting of monsoon paddy, ploughing of the fields for cultivation of

summer paddy, fish breeding ponds and raising of poultry and left necessary instructions.

The farm has an area of 163,508 acres. Its future plans included extended agriculture and livestock breeding tasks. And measures are being taken to turn the farm into a model

multi-purpose agriculture and livestock breeding farm. Now, the farm put 126 acres under monsoon paddy and 70 acres under summer paddy, breeds over 110,000 different species of fish, 10,000 broilers and layers, 10,000 ducks, 425 pigs, 32 cows and 10 goats. — MNA

Myanmar celebrates cent per cent success of DOTS strategy

YANGON, 2 Dec — The ceremony to mark cent per cent success of DOTS strategy in Myanmar under the supervision of the Ministry of Health took place at Matupi People's Hospital in Chin State on 30 November morning, with an address by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Sagaing Division Peace and Development

Council Chairman North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Chin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Tin Hla, Col Hsan Aung of Matupi Station, departmental heads, officials, local authorities, members of social organizations and local people.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and the minister formally opened the ceremony.

In his address, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that the government, in its drive to ensure all-round development of the nation, has been steadfastly implementing the 12 objectives. In connection with the health sector, it is realizing the aim — uplift of health and fitness of the entire nation.

The government has been building up a modern developed democratic nation. Ensuring health and fitness of the entire people in all parts

of the nation plays an important role in the process, he noted.

Myanmar is carrying out the Directly Observed Treatment Short-course in 323 out of 324 townships of the nation. In the remaining town Matupi, TB control activities have been launched such as conducting respective courses, providing TB medicines, laboratory equipment and microscopes, he added.

It could be regarded as an important and auspicious

ceremony for Myanmar to proudly declare Myanmar's cent per cent success of DOTS strategy to the world including ASEAN region, he remarked.

Regarding the health sec-

tor, it is a distinct evidence that Myanmar managed to totally eliminate leprosy and polio and to successfully prevent from outbreak of SARS in the nation, he said.

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