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Head of State Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej

YANGON, 5 Dec — On the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej which falls on 5 December 2003, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, King of Thailand. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development tasks in Pakokku District

YANGON, 4 Dec — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Chairman North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Magway Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Zaw Min, Col Sein Win of Pakokku Station and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, inspected Hseikhsin rural dam in Hseikhsin Village, Myaing Township, yesterday.

An official reported on facts about the dam. Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged officials and local people to work for durability of the facility.

The dam constructed with the assistance of Magway Division Peace and Development Council benefits about 95 acres of crops.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Kyauktaing rural dam which benefits 30 acres of farmland in Kyauktaing Village.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the embankment and inflow of the dam and paddy fields and left instructions on growing of Mezali (Cassia siamea) and Theitseint (Belleric Myrobalan) trees around the dam. They headed for Thaphankan Village and looked into the dam and paddy fields and left instructions.

Next, they inspected Thiri Nanda dam construction project being

undertaken by the Irrigation Department on Htanngetau Creek near Nyaungnyotaw Village. Officials reported on salient points about the dam that will irrigate 200 acres of land. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected land preparation work and the creek. In meeting with local farmers, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

They inspected Thitkyitaw dam construction project that will benefit 200 acres of land on Kyauksauk (Yayhsu) Creek near Thitkyitaw Village and gave instructions.

Afterwards, they went to Phalannwe rural dam in Pauktaw village. Officials reported on facts about the dam. Col Zaw Min gave a supplementary report. After

giving instructions, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the dam that benefits 43 acres of land and paddy fields.

They also inspected Magyeesudam in Magyeesu Village and Kaing dam in Kaing Village in Pakokku.

They visited Hsugyi-pantaung Monastery in Pakokku and paid reverence to the Sayadaws and presented offertories to members of the Sangha. They looked into Pauk Lake and Myakantha amusement park.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint held a meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders at Pyithaya Hall in Pakokku. At the meeting, officials reported on condition of local rice sufficiency, agricul-

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

ture, livestock breeding, education, health and economy of the region and work done sector-wise.

In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint

said that township level departmental officials are to make filed tours right down to the grassroots level for rural development.

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The Government of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. 1 /2003

Yangon, 12th Waxing Day of Nadaw, 1365 M.E.
(5th December, 2003)

In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (a) of section 41 of the Control of Money Laundering Law, the Ministry of Home Affairs issues the following Rules with the approval of the Government:—

Chapter I

Title and Definition

1. These Rules shall be called the Control of Money Laundering Rules.
2. The expressions contained in these Rules shall have the same meanings as are assigned to them in the Control of Money Laundering Law. In addition, the following expressions shall have the meanings given hereunder: -

(a) **Law** means the Control of Money Laundering Law.

(b) **Money Laundering Offence** means an offence of illegally converting, transferring, concealing, obliterating or disguising of money and property obtained from the commission of any of the following offences to legalize the same: -

- (1) offences committed under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law;

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects Hseikhsin rural dam in Hseikhsin village, Myaing Township.
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Control of Money Laundering Rules issued

YANGON, 4 Dec — The Ministry of Home Affairs of the Union of Myanmar issued the Control of Money Laundering Rules under the Notification No 1/2003 dated 5 December 2003.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards total eradication of narcotic drugs

As narcotic drugs pose a grave threat to mankind, every nation in the world is trying to eliminate the scourge. The Government of Myanmar, on its part, is leading anti-narcotic drugs campaign and carrying out the task of stamping out the danger of narcotics as a national duty.

In accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the 15-year plan has been laid down since 1999 and is being implemented stage by stage. The Government of Myanmar is very serious about wiping out the menace of narcotic drugs from its soil once and for all. The entire people are also actively co-operating with the Government in its fight against narcotics, the evil legacy of imperialists.

Involved in the various measures taken to eradicate narcotic drugs are seizure of drugs, punishing drug traffickers and introducing the cultivation of poppy-substitute crops in the areas where poppy used to be grown. Moreover, as part of the 15-year plan, the New Destiny Project was launched in April, 2002.

According to the New Destiny Project, farmers are being organized to grow poppy-substitute crops. Moreover, cash, food supplies, seeds of crops, piglets are being distributed so that the farmers can engage in agriculture and livestock breeding.

Various organizations of national races are also making efforts to raise the momentum of growing substitute crops and establishment of manufacturing industries to promote the economy of their respective regions.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe on 28 November visited Shan State (North) and inspected the construction of a brick factory on the Lashio-Hsenwi-Muse road.

The construction of the factory is another way to replace poppy cultivation.

In the past, the eastern and northern parts of Shan State were the areas where poppy was grown most. But now, poppy-substitute crops are thriving there.

Agricultural services are also providing all the necessary help from the cultivation season to the harvest season.

We would like to urge all the entire national people to enthusiastically cooperate with the Government for total eradication of narcotic drugs from the soil of our country during the targeted period.



MYANMAR DELEGATION LEAVES: A 13-member Myanmar delegation led by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry CEC member U Nyein left here by air for Thailand on 4-12-2003 afternoon to attend Quadrangle Expo 2003 to be held in Changmai from 3 to 16 December and to participate in entertainment programmes at the Expo 2003. UMCCI President U Win Myint Sees off the delegation. MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends message of felicitations to Prime Minister of Thailand

YANGON, 5 Dec — On the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej which falls on 5 December 2003, General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand. — MNA

Minister U Win Aung sends message of felicitations to Thai counterpart

YANGON, 5 Dec — On the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej which falls on 5 December 2003, His Excellency U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Surakiart Sathirathai, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand. — MNA

Deputy Chief of General Staff General Wu Quanxu and party visit the National Defence College. — MNA



CPLA Deputy Chief of General Staff visits National Defence College

YANGON, 4 Dec — Visiting Deputy Chief of General Staff, General Wu Quanxu of the Chinese People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China and party, accompanied by Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Nyan

Win of the Ministry of Defence and Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xu Shulai of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, arrived at National Defence College on Shwedagon Pagoda Road at 3.30 pm today.

The Chinese general

and party were welcomed at the college by Commandant Maj-Gen Moe Hein, Deputy Commandant Brig-Gen Than Maung, heads of department and instructor colonels.

Commandant Maj-

Gen Moe Hein extended greetings and explained brief history of the college with the use of video tapes.

Later, the visiting Chinese general and party viewed round the college and left there in the evening.

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River water pumping projects inspected

YANGON, 4 Dec — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, accompanied by officials of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, arrived at Tanyaung River Water Pumping Project in Salin Township Magway Division this morning.

Officials of the direc-

torate reported to the minister on irrigation tasks of the station. After hearing the reports, the minister fulfilled the requirements. Next, the minister proceeded to Lawka Nanda River Water Pumping Project and inspected the availability of water and waterway of the river. The minister gave necessary instructions. — MNA

Financial Management Course opened

YANGON, 4 Dec — Financial Management Course (2) of the Public Works under the Ministry of Construction was opened this morning at the Central Training School (Thuwunna) of the ministry here. Construction Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun made an address at the opening cer-

emony. A total of 22 trainees are attending the six-week course. The opening ceremony was also attended by Deputy Ministers for Construction U Tint Thein and Brig-Gen Myint Swe, the directors-general and managing directors of the ministry, officials concerned and trainees. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun addresses the opening of financial management course No 2 of Public Works.

CONSTRUCTION

Attacks on Iraq's oil better planned-official

WASHINGTON, 4 Dec—Attacks on Iraq oil installations are becoming better organized and more concerted, particularly in the northern oil fields, a senior US official said on Wednesday.

Michael Mele, Iraq programme manager for the US Army Corps of Engineers, which is overseeing the restoration of Iraq's oil fields, said the volatile security situation was the biggest obstacle to reconstruction of the crucial industry. "Sabotage obviously continues to be a concern. It looks like it is more concerted and better organized than it has been in the past," Mele told *Reuters* on the sidelines of a reconstruction conference on Iraq.

Restoring Iraq's oil fields and boosting capacity are essential to the long-term success of Iraqi reconstruction, particularly when US and other funding runs out.

Mele said the US Army Corps of Engineers and its contractors were being much more cautious and low-key over where they worked in Iraq.

"We are not advertising or announcing what we are working on, where improvements are being made, especially in the northern oil fields," he said.

Production in those fields has been crippled by bomb attacks on pipelines and other facilities, which the U.S.-led coalition blames largely those loyal to toppled President Saddam Hussein and outside groups helping them.

Mele declined to provide details of recent attacks on oil pipelines and installations or the extent of the damage and how much work had to be repeated due to sabotage. This information, he said, was classified.

Oil production in Iraq is up to its prewar levels of about two million barrels per day, and Mele said about three-quarters of that was being exported.

"As soon as we get tankers into port, we fill them up and ship the oil out. In the north, it's a different story," he said, adding that oil had to be transported via vulnerable pipelines from the north.

The Corps of Engineers' main contractor in Iraq is Kellogg Brown and Root, a subsidiary of Texas company Halliburton Co, the oil services firm

once run by Vice President Dick Cheney. Speaking to the conference, Halliburton executive George Sigalos said two KBR contractors had been killed so far in Iraq, six sub-contractors had died, four KBR staff were wounded and four sub-contractors were missing.

"You have to be diligent about security," he told the conference, packed with about 400 company representatives eager for new business in Iraq.

Two follow-on contracts to replace KBR's no-competition deal issued in March are set to be announced by mid-January, although Mele said he hoped the decision would be made this month.

The amount for the two deals was doubled in October to \$2 billion, following a spate of attacks on oil facilities. By last week, KBR had been given \$1.72 billion in business and Mele said the Texas firm would continue its work until the follow-on contracts were awarded. KBR has also bid for that work. —*Internet*

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Mississippi guardsman killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 Dec—A 10th soldier with ties to Mississippi has been killed in Iraq. Spc Raphael Davis, 24, of Tutwiler, was killed Tuesday, said the Department of Defence, when his vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device.

The Rev Ilanda Pimpton, the stepfather of Davis, said military officials told the family that the incident in which his stepson was killed was still being investigated.

Davis was a member of Company C, 223rd Engineer Battalion of the Mississippi Army National Guard. He is the second Mississippi guardsman to die in Iraq.

"We're still waiting for further details of when and how," Pimpton said Wednesday.

The 223rd Engineer Battalion is headquartered in West Point and has units in Bruce, Calhoun City, Charleston, Webb, Aberdeen and Clarksdale. Members were called to active duty in January. The battalion has about 600 members. Members of the 223rd Engineer Battalion perform general engineering tasks such as constructing and maintaining main supply routes, landing strips, buildings, structures and utilities. —*Internet*



An Iraqi girl carries empty bins while helping her mother queue for heating oil at a gasoline station in Baghdad on 3 Dec, 2003. Power shortages and sabotage since the US-led war that ousted Saddam have hit oil production and refining and made fuel scarce in Iraq.—*INTERNET*

UN inspectors plan possible long-term monitoring of Iraq's weapons despite US ban

WASHINGTON, 4 Dec—UN weapons inspectors are planning for possible monitoring of Iraq's biological, chemical and missile programmes despite being barred from the country by the United States, according to a report to the UN Security Council.

The quarterly report released Wednesday by the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, known as UNMOVIC, outlines a range of activities

undertaken by the UN inspectors to seek new information about Iraq's weapons programmes and to prepare for a possible future role.

UN inspectors were pulled out of Iraq in March, just before the US-led war that toppled Saddam Hussein's regime. After the war, the United States deployed its own search teams and refused to allow UN inspectors to return. —*Internet*

71% Americans support UN role in Iraq, says poll

WASHINGTON, 4 Dec—Seven in 10 Americans do not think the war in Iraq has reduced the threat of terrorism, according to a poll released on Wednesday.

The poll by the Program on International Policy Attitudes at the University of Maryland also found strong support, 71 per cent, for the United Nations taking the lead to help establish a stable government in Iraq. That's up from half in April.

President George W Bush and administration officials frequently say the efforts

in Iraq are central to winning the war on terror.

Attacks on US troops in Iraq have been sharply increasing throughout the fall and terrorists have struck targets in Turkey and Saudi Arabia in recent weeks.

Despite apparent uneasiness with this country's military presence in Iraq, two-thirds said they don't think US troops should withdraw until there is a stable government. That's down 14 points from April.

—*Internet*

UNODC assists Vietnam in fighting drugs

HANOI, 4 Dec—The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) will help Vietnam establish task forces with personnel coming from the country's police, Customs and border forces in the central level and in the six provinces to combat drug crimes and trafficking, local newspaper *Youth* reported here.

This is an important part of a project launched by UNODC and Vietnam on Monday to enhance the country's ability to combat drug crimes and trafficking.

—*MNA/Xinhua*

5.52 billion rupees scheme approved for Indian exports

NEW DELHI, 4 Dec—The Indian Federal Cabinet here approved a 5.52 billion rupees export promotion scheme with the aim of capturing at least 1 per cent of world trade by March 2007 when the 10th Plan period ends.

The promotion scheme was mounted on a modified Market Access Initiative (MAI) originally launched in September 2001 to give more thrust to marketing Indian products in the global markets with a corpus of 145

million rupees now raised to 5.52 billion rupees, a government spokesperson said.

Tuesday's scheme provided for extensive market study/survey of the potential markets through leading marketing consultants, dis-

play of selected products in identified centres in focus countries, intensive and sustained publicity campaign, quality upgradation and product development and state potential.

—*MNA/PTI*

Dhaka seeks assistance to build underground railway system

DHAKA, 4 Dec—Bangladeshi Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia sought assistance of the World Bank to introduce underground railway system in Dhaka City to ease traffic jam in the capital.

She sought the assistance when the World Bank's visiting executive director CM Vasudev called on her at the Prime Minister's Office here, the official *Bangladesh News Agency* reported.

Appreciating Khaleda Zia's plan for underground railway system as a precedence of her farsightedness, Vasudev said the World Bank would come forward if it gets a proposal in this regard.

The World Bank official highly appreciated various steps taken by the Bangladeshi Government including reform measures in the financial sector.

—*MNA/Xinhua*

Vietnam's wood product export to rise sharply

HANOI, 4 Dec—Vietnam is expected to obtain wood product export turnovers of 530 million US dollars in 2003, up 23.3 per cent from 2002, according to the Ministry of Trade here.

The country shipped 508 million US dollars worth of wood products in the first 11 months of this year, increasing 35.2 per cent over the same period last year.

To boost export, the

country will concentrate on exploiting traditional markets such as the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Japan, and new ones including Kuwait, South Africa and Peru. —*MNA/Xinhua*



An Iraqi woman cries as her house is searched by US soldiers during a massive raid in Hawijah west of Iraq's northern oil centre of Kirkuk on 3 Dec, 2003.—*INTERNET*

Chief of PLA General Staff meets Hungarian guests

BEIJING, 4 Dec—Exchanges and cooperation between the Armed Forces of China and Hungary have enhanced mutual understanding between the two sides, said Liang Guanglie, chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), here.

Liang made the remarks when meeting with Havril Andras, Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces of Hungary, and his party.

Liang said the peoples of China and Hungary have a profound friendship despite the geographic distance between the two countries.

Since 1993, China and Hungary have respectively sent 19 military delegations to each other, which has enhanced mutual understanding, he added.

He stressed that the Armed Forces of China are willing to promote military relations with Hungary.

Havril said the Armed Forces of Hungary values the exchanges and cooperation with their Chinese counterparts and are ready to expand areas of cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua

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

WASHINGTON, 4 Dec—As of Wednesday, 3 Dec, 441 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 304 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 1 May, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 303 US soldiers have died—189 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, 2,150 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department's figures. Non-hostile injured numbered 353.

The latest identification reported by the Department of Defence:

Army Spc Raphael S Davis, 24, Tutwiler, Miss; killed Tuesday when his vehicle was hit by an explosive in Tampa, Iraq; assigned to B Company, 223rd Engineer Battalion, Army National Guard, Calhoun City, Miss.—Internet



A US soldier blocks a road during a US Army raid in outskirts of Iraqi town of Kirkuk on 3 Dec, 2003. —INTERNET

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US soldier of Indian origin killed in Iraq

CHANDIGARH, 4 Dec—Twenty-one-year-old US Army Specialist Uday Singh became the first Indian to die in Operation Iraqi Freedom when his convoy was ambushed in Habbaniyah near Baghdad on 1 December. Uday had enlisted in the US Army after he passed Class XII from St Stephen's School here.

Two military officers from the US embassy in New Delhi conveyed the news of Uday's death to his father, Lt-Col (retd) PM Singh, at his Sector 18 home. A third-generation soldier, Uday had enlisted in the US Army on 28 August, 2001.

Singh was in shock when the HT team visited him on Wednesday. He was being consoled by relatives and friends. Uday's friends and batchmates from school were also present at the house. Some of them had spoken to him over the phone just a few days back.

Singh said Uday received 16 weeks of training at Fort Knox in Kentucky and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 34th Armour Regiment, 1st Infantry Division in Fort Riley, Kansas. His unit was deployed in Iraq on 8 September, 2003 after being initially based in Kuwait.

Uday was killed when his unit was attacked while on a patrol in Habbaniyah. He was in a Humvee vehicle as a gunner when it was ambushed. He died on the way to hospital. Exact details are still not available as the official version will be provided by US Army officers when they visit Singh.—Internet

Kuwait bank service to Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 Dec—The National Bank of Kuwait announced yesterday it has started offering money transfer services to Iraq, becoming the first local bank to do so since the 1990-91 Gulf War.

Customers can now transfer dollars and Iraqi dinars to banks in Iraq's capital, Baghdad, and the major cities of Basra and Mosul, NBK, the country's largest commercial bank, said in a statement.

Internet

ASEM ministers call for cultural diversity to curb terrorism

BEIJING, 4 Dec — The culture ministers attending the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) here called on ASEM members to increase dialogue among diverse cultures and civilizations in a bid to wipe out misunderstanding and conflicts, thus to prevent terrorism and exclusiveness.

At the ASEM Conference on Cultures and Civilizations, which opened here Wednesday, ministers and officials from 26 ASEM members warned of the increasingly grave threats to non-traditional security, such as the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States and the Bali bombings in October last year.

They claimed that the radical reaction to the globalization in some countries led to aggravated violence and terrorism against the background of unbalanced economic development and cultural misunderstanding.

Cultural diversity based on mutual understanding and mutual respect should be considered a shield against terrorism, they said. Due to insufficient understanding of each other's ideas and thoughts, culture is playing a more complex role in society than political, economic and scientific factors, said Rais Yatim, Malaysian minister from the Prime Minister's department.

Gunter Mulack, German Ambassador of the federal foreign office, said that the world's cultures are moving toward unity in parallel with information technology, which in turn has led to cultural disputes.

The dialogues should be conducted to achieve understanding and tolerance and curb terrorism, racism and exclusiveness, said Mulack.

Terrorism is increasing in Singapore, a multi-national and multi-racial country, said Lee Boon Yang, Singaporean Minister for Information, Communications and Arts.

The ASEM countries should remove cultural conflicts and differences, and create more channels for mutual understanding among peoples, said Lee.—MNA/Xinhua

Sino-ASEAN economic park to be built

NANNING, 4 Dec— A China-ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) economic park will be set up in this capital of southern Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on the site of the existing Overseas Chinese Investment Zone in the city.

An official from the regional government said that in addition to upgrading the Overseas Chinese Investment Zone, 46 kilometres from downtown Nanning, they would also work out special policies to draw more entrepreneurs from ASEAN and domestic businessmen who export commodities to ASEAN to start businesses in the Sino-ASEAN economic park.

A Sino-ASEAN fair will be held in Nanning next year, according to the official.

The Overseas Chinese Investment Zone, covering 179 square kilometres, is situated in Wuming county of Nanning and was

formerly the Wuming Overseas Chinese Farm. More than 7,300 overseas Chinese returned from Indonesia, Vietnam and other South-East Asia nations have settled down in the zone, but they still retain folkways of ASEAN nations and have kept kindred relations with residents in 29 countries and regions. There are 50 industrial businesses in the zone, including a dozen overseas financial ventures, which are engaged in such industries as sugar processing, cassava starch, toilet paper, galvanized iron plate, pharmaceutical, canned food and garment making.

MNA/Xinhua



Aboriginal Bom tribesmen have found a 'critically endangered' ash-white and owl-eyed monkey in the southeastern Bangladesh hills.—INTERNET

SAARC experts to meet again for free trade treaty

KATHMANDU, 4 Dec—The sixth round meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Committee of Experts that concluded here failed to finalize the draft framework treaty of the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA), but the experts agreed to meet again soon.

The two-day joint-secretary level body meeting failed to draft a comprehensive treaty regime for the SAFTA following differences over providing preferential treatment to the least developed countries among SAARC members, *The Rising Nepal* newspaper on Wednesday quoted a Nepali official who attended the meeting as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

UNMOVIC continues analysis work on Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 4 Dec—The United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) has continued with its analysis work on Iraq since its withdrawal from the country last March, a UN spokesman said Wednesday.

The spokesman told a noon briefing that the commission informed the UN Security Council, in its latest quarterly report, that it had continued with its work, including analyzing biological samples and doing technical evaluations of Iraq's *Al-Samoud 2* missiles.

The commission said that up through the end of the November, it was not provided with the results of investigations by the US-led Iraq Survey Group, other than a statement made to the public on its interim progress report. The survey group has not given the commission that report, it said.

The commission has continued to store equipment for its activities in Cyprus, as well as some in Baghdad, but its core professional staff has been reduced to 51, a 10-per-cent reduction since the last quarter, said the UNMOVIC report.

MNA/Xinhua

Two US soldiers wounded in attack in southern Afghan city

KABUL, 4 Dec—Two US soldiers were wounded on Wednesday in an attack in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar when an Afghan man targeted their car with a hand grenade, an Afghan official said.

The incident took place at 11:30 am local time at Chaoke Shahidan area in the city centre, according to Kandahar police chief Mohammed Salim Hasas.

"Syed Rahim of Helmand Province threw a hand grenade at a US military vehicle on patrol, injuring two US soldiers," the official said, referring to the man from a neighbouring province.

An Afghan policeman was also injured when the culprit resisted police arrest on the spot, he added. "Now the attacker is in police custody and being investigated," said Hasas.

MNA/Xinhua

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New Iraq funds panel set to meet

BAGHDAD, 4 Dec—A new board that will monitor a US- and British-controlled fund for Iraq's development will hold its first meeting tomorrow, a UN spokesman announced.

The International Advisory and Monitoring Board was authorised by a Security Council resolution adopted on 22 May that lifted UN sanctions on Iraq and start rebuilding the country.

The board includes representatives from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the International Monetary Fund, the UN and the World Bank.

UN spokesman Fred Eckhard said the initial meeting will take place at UN headquarters. The IMF will be represented by Bert Keuppens, senior adviser in the finance department; the World Bank by vice-president and controller Fayeul Choudhury; and the UN by assistant secretary-general and controller Jean-Pierre Halbwachs, he said. —Internet

Italy says no plans to send more troops to Iraq

ROME, 4 Dec—Italy said on Wednesday it had no plans to send any more troops to Iraq and its forces there would in fact decrease when 500 Italian Navy personnel return home, as planned, later this month.

But Defence Minister Antonio Martino said the government had no intention of pulling out of the region, despite the poor security situation and a deadly attack on an Italian base in November.

"There has been no request for any increase of our military presence in Iraq and I don't imagine one will be made soon," Martino told a parliamentary defence commission.

Centre-right Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has been one of President George W. Bush's staunchest allies over the war despite million-strong anti-war marches by Italians.

Some 2,700 Italian non-combat troops are in Iraq, principally charged with policing

and helping reconstruction.

"Their number is not set to rise," Martino said, adding that when the Italian ship *San Giusto* returned home later this month some 2,200 troops would remain in Iraq.

Italians in Iraq have been on high alert since a suicide bomber killed 19 of their compatriots in the southern city of Nassiriya last month.

Martino said a few dozen security specialists could be sent to Iraq as a protection measure for the remaining troops following the Nassiriya attack.

Last week guerrillas in Baghdad fired missiles at the Italian Embassy, causing structural damage but no injuries.

MNA/Reuters



A US soldier uses spray paint to cover anti-American graffiti that reads 'We will cut hands of those who cooperate with Americans,' in Baghdad on 3 Dec, 2003.—INTERNET

Authorities arrest 57 Hells Angels in US raids

LOS ANGELES, 4 Dec—Fifty-seven Hells Angels members were arrested on Wednesday as police and federal agents raided homes and motorcycle gang clubhouses across the western United States, seizing guns, explosives and drugs.

Authorities said the predawn raids, which followed a two-year undercover operation in five states, turned up more than 100 firearms, along with a small amount of methamphetamine, and suggested that more charges could follow.

They said the Hells Angels were believed to be involved in a variety of criminal activities, including the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine, firearms trafficking, extortion and motorcycle theft.

But officials gave few details of those arrested on Wednesday or the specific charges against them.

"This joint operation is just one small part of ATF's ongoing, collaborative efforts to reduce violent crime, particularly as it relates to gang violence and firearms related violent crime," said Special Agent Donald Kincaid, a Los An-

geles spokesman for the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

The Hells Angels, active back to the 1940s, have an estimated worldwide membership of 2,500, including chapters in Canada, Europe and Australia.

Their litany of misdeeds includes the stabbing death of a spectator at a 1969 Rolling Stones concert in Oakland, California, and a violent brawl and shootout at a Nevada casino in April 2002 during a motorcycle rally.

Three bikers were killed on a crowded casino floor in Laughlin and a fourth was fatally shot in the back hours later while riding on a nearby highway.

Authorities declined to say if any of the evidence seized was related to the Laughline incident or if any of the weapons found could be tied to a crime.

MNA/Reuters

Indian Navy to outsource maintenance equipment

NEW DELHI, 4 Dec—The Indian Navy said here it was considering outsourcing major maintenance of equipment and implement performance-based logistics concept to achieve guaranteed level of performance and make suppliers more accountable.

"The performance-based logistics (PBL) encompasses the management of logistics support including supply of requisite spares within an agreed time-frame, services and equipment upgrade by the supplier to ensure guaranteed level of performance of the equipment at a contracted price," Vice-Admiral P C Bhasin, Chief of Material, Integrated Headquarters, told the Navy-Industry Partnership Meet 2003 in New Delhi.

"The idea of PBL is to place the support responsibility squarely on the shoulders of the suppliers," he said. The Indian Navy was also considering outsourcing of major maintenance of equipment by the suppliers themselves, Bhasin added.

"This would obviate the necessity for creation of the requisite infrastructure by the Navy and enthrone suppliers in having continued interest in the equipment," Bhasin said.

He also praised the government for allowing private participation in the defence sector, saying it was a 'win-win' situation for both the Industry and the Navy.

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Gusts of wind or a hard rock could spoil next month's landings of two robots designed to explore the surface of Mars, NASA said on 2 Dec, 2003. But the US space agency, shaken by the deaths of seven shuttle astronauts in February and the loss of two robotic missions to Mars in 1999, said it had spared no expense in planning for the latest rover mission. An artist's rendition shows a 2003 rover.—INTERNET

Investment from private sector reaches record high

BEIJING, 4 Dec—Private investment of nearly 1,000 billion yuan in China in the first nine months of the year has exceeded the figure for any whole year since this once-planned economy loosened some restrictions on private enterprise eight years ago.

The latest statistics from the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce show that the private sector invested a total of 957.7 billion yuan (115.4 billion US dollars) in fixed assets in the period, up 30.3 per cent on the same period last year.

Based on a less restricted market and increased economic strength, private investors set foot in fields that were previously off limits, like heavy industry, financial services, education and culture industry, media and publication, roads and urban public infrastructure.

Logistics has become a major new attraction for private investment, according to the federation survey.

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- (2) trafficking in and smuggling of women and children;
 - (3) undertakings of a financial institution without the licence to operate issued by the Central Bank of Myanmar;
 - (4) theft and smuggling out of the country of antiques and articles of cultural heritage;
 - (5) illegal trafficking of arms, ammunitions and explosives;
 - (6) counterfeiting money, using and possessing thereof;
 - (7) hijacking of aircraft, vessel or any type of vehicle;
 - (8) cyber crimes committed by electronic means;
 - (9) offences committed by act of terrorism;
 - (10) offences prescribed by the Government by notification from time to time;
 - (11) transnational crimes of offences mentioned above in sub-rules (1) to (10).
- (c) **Investigation Body** means the Investigation Body formed by the Central Control Board under sub-section (a) of section 9 of the Law and Rule 14;
- (d) **Preliminary Scrutiny Body** means the Preliminary Scrutiny Body formed by the Central Control Board under section 13 of the Law and Rule 26;
- (e) **Financial Intelligence Unit** means the body formed and assigned duty by the Central Control Board under sub-rule (d) of Rule 4 and Rule 5;
- (f) **Central Bank** means the Central Bank of the Union of Myanmar;
- (g) **Person having beneficial interest in the exhibit** means any person other than the person under investigation who has suggested that the money and property obtained by illegal means have been transferred and obtained by any means, with consideration and in good faith.

Chapter II

Duties and Powers of the Central Control Board

3. The Central Control Board
- (a) may liaise with the States Parties of the United Nations conventions, international and regional organizations and neighbouring countries in respect of exchange of information, investigation, taking legal action and adjudication relating to the control of money and property obtained by illegal means;
 - (b) shall co-ordinate and co-operate with the relevant government departments and organizations so as not to enable the owner or possessor of money and property obtained by illegal means to operate economic enterprises or to establish and operate banks and financial institutions and other economic organizations by using such money and property or to use the same as legal money or property;
 - (c) shall, to increase technical know-how in investigating and exposing arrange, supervise and guide the responsible persons from the banks and financial institutions, members of Financial Intelligence Unit and responsible persons from the relevant government departments and organizations for conducting necessary training courses, holding workshops and exchanging of local and foreign knowledge.
4. The Central Control Board:
- (a) shall prescribe the amount and value of money and property against which action can be taken as the money laundering offences under sub-section (c) of section 5 and sub-section (a) of section 8. Such provision may be amended from time to time;
 - (b) shall, with the approval of the Government, prescribe the amount and value of money and property which shall be reported to the Central Control Board under sub-section (c) of section 8, sub-section (b) of section 19, sub-section (b) of section 20 and section 21 of the Law. Such provision may be amended from time to time with the approval of the Government;
 - (c) shall inform the prescribed amount and value of money and property to the relevant government departments and organizations as confidential;
 - (d) shall form the Staff Office comprising experts to assist its functions and duties. The Financial Intelligence Unit shall be formed, with suitable expert members out of the members of Staff Office for detecting money laundering offences;
 - (e) shall, on receiving the information that money laundering offence has been committed, form the necessary Investigation Bodies in accordance with the Law and assign duty to carry out investigation, entering, inspecting, searching and seizing;
 - (f) shall, when duty has been assigned under sub-rule (e) with respect to money and property obtained by illegal means, issue in Form (1) the order granting permission to the Investigation Body to investigate, enter and make inspection, search and seize;
 - (g) may, issue order under sub-section (f) of section 8 of the Law to the responsible persons from the banks and financial institutions to grant permission to the Investigation Body to seize temporarily as exhibit the money and property obtained by illegal means deposited in the relevant banks and financial institutions to inspect financial records and if necessary, to make copy thereof, and seize temporarily as exhibit;
 - (h) shall, if order is passed to return the property seized temporarily in Form (2) as exhibit, under a bond, cause to the bond to be entered into in Form (4); if there is violation of the bond, the order returning the property under the said bond may be revoked.
 - (i) may issue a prohibitory order in Form (3) under sub-section (g) of section 8 of the Law to the relevant departments, organizations and persons not to convert, transfer by any means, conceal, obliterate and disguise the money and property obtained by illegal means during the period in which investigation is being made under these Rules. In addition, if necessary, may direct the sealing of the immoveable property.
 - (j) Under the report of findings of the Investigation Body:—
 - (1) if it is necessary to make further investigation of the supporting evidences, directive may be issued to the Investigation Body to make such investigations and submit thereof;
 - (2) if evidence is found that a money laundering offence is likely to be

committed, the Preliminary Scrutiny Body shall be formed and assigned functions and duties thereto for enabling to conduct hearing of the said matter and to submit remark thereof

- (3) if it is found clearly that no money laundering offence has been committed, the case under investigation shall be closed; in addition, the money and property seized temporarily shall be returned in Form (7) to the person under investigation or the person whose property has been seized.
- (4) if it is necessary to take action against the offender under section 22 or 23 of the Law, the Investigation Body shall be directed to file the information report at the relevant police station and to proceed further.
- (k) may, under the report of findings of the Investigation Body and submission of the Preliminary Scrutiny Body, pass the order confiscating or not confiscating the money and property seized temporarily. If prior sanction has been granted or is to be granted to prosecute the offender, under section 22 or 23 of the Law postponement shall be made without passing the confiscation order on the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit, and necessary order shall be passed in conformity with the order and judgment of the relevant Court which is final and confirmed.
- (l) may, if it is evident that, after committing the money laundering offence the person under investigation is absconding or cannot be found or has died or has gone abroad for good, with respect to money and property involved in the money laundering offence, pass the confiscation order under the report of findings of the Investigation Body and submission made by the Preliminary Scrutiny Body.
- (m) may, before or after passing the order confiscating the exhibit, if the person under investigation applies within 90 days after hearing is made by the Preliminary Scrutiny Body for review of the case, submitting witnesses, document and evidence that he was not able to submit at all in the previous investigation, direct the Investigation Body to investigate again or the Preliminary Scrutiny Body to conduct the hearing again.

Chapter III

Formation of the Financial Intelligence Unit and Functions and Duties thereof

5. The Central Control Board shall, in forming the Financial Intelligence Unit under sub-rule (d) of Rule 4, form with suitable, competent persons from the relevant government departments and organizations who are included in the Office Staff.
6. The Financial Intelligence Unit shall carry out the following functions and duties in accordance with the directive of the Central Control Board:
- (a) with respect to matters on exchange of information relating to money and property obtained by illegal means, liaising mutually with international organizations, regional organizations and neighbouring countries;
 - (b) with respect to matters to be carried out by the banks and financial institutions under these Rules, reporting to the Central Control Board, if no reporting is made on matters that are to be investigated and reported, or if unusual or suspicious information is received;
 - (c) reporting to the Central Control Board, if information has been received on illegal financial transactions, not through the banks and financial institutions;
 - (d) reporting to the Central Control Board, if responsible persons of the Department of Settlements and Land Records and State, Divisional, District and Township Land Records Offices and Registration Offices subordinate to it fail to give information after undertaking intelligence measures under section 20 of the Law on the registration of documents relating to the transfer of immoveable property or obtaining information that is unusual or suspicious;
 - (e) reporting to the Central Control Board, if responsible persons from relevant government department and organization fail to report on matters that are to be reported or obtain the unusual and suspicious information after investigation relating to money which has been brought in or brought out by any person entering or leaving Myanmar;
 - (f) advising and submitting to the Central Control Board to conduct training courses for the responsible persons from the banks and financial institutions, and government departments and organizations to assist in increasing the necessary technical know-how.

Chapter IV

Duties to Report

7. For the purpose of these Rules, the responsible persons from the banks and financial institutions —
- (a) shall, notwithstanding anything contained in the existing laws regarding bank secrecy, with respect to depositing, withdrawing and transferring of money, if any of the following points is found, determine the accounts of the person who has made deposit and withdrawal of money as confidential, and, without delay, report to the Central Control Board in the Form specified by directive of the Central Control Board, and a copy shall be sent to the Central Bank:
 - (1) exceeding of the amount and value of money prescribed by the Central Control Board;
 - (2) being unusual or suspicious although it does not exceed the amount and value of money prescribed by the Central Control Board;
 - (b) may continue to perform according to the procedures of the banks and financial institutions to deposit, withdraw and transfer of money, if no prohibition is made by issuance of order by the Central Control Board although information is made under sub-rule (a).
8. The Central Bank shall, with respect to matters of suspicious nature out of the information sent by copy to it under sub-rule (a) of Rule 7, call for information as may be required from the banks and financial institutions, scrutinize and submit to the Central Control Board matters that are required to be detected and exposed.
9. For the purpose of these Rules, the responsible persons of the Department of Settlements and Land Records and State, Divisional, District and Township Settlements and Land Records Offices and the Registration Offices:

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- (a) shall, if any of the following points is found in performing registration with respect to sale, gift, charity, disowning and exchanging of immoveable property, classify the names of transferor and transferee and the value of property as confidential, and report, without delay, to the Central Control Board in Form (5), and send a copy to the Department of Settlements and Land Records:-

- (1) Exceeding of the value of property mentioned in the instrument over the amount and value of property determined by the Central Control Board;
- (2) Although the value of property mentioned in the instrument does not exceed the amount and value of money determined by the Central Control Board, under field inspection, the value of property being in excess of the amount and value of property determined by the Central Control Board;
- (3) Transferring of property which is unusual or of suspicious nature.

- (b) may, if no prohibition is made by issuance of order by the Central Control Board, although it has been reported under sub-rule (a), continue the registration of instruments in accordance with the procedures relating to registration of instruments.

10. The Department of Settlements and Land Records shall, out of the information sent by copy to it under sub-rule (a) of Rule 9 regarding matters of suspicious nature, call for necessary information from the relevant State, Division, District and Township Department of Settlements and Land Records, Registration Offices, scrutinize and submit to the Central Control Board matters that are required to be detected and exposed.

11. Out of the matters which are to be reported, responsible persons under Rules 7 and 9 shall not have the duty to report the matter which is not related to a money laundering offence and in respect of which supporting evidence can be submitted that it is a deposit, withdrawal and transfer of money or transfer of property under any existing law or any customary law and which is in accordance with the right of inheritance.

12. For the purpose of this Law any responsible person from the Customs Department and relevant government department and organization shall, in respect of foreign currency brought into, imported into the country or carried and sent abroad from a port, airport or any border area or by money order by post which exceeds the prescribed amount of the Central Control Board classify as confidential and without delay report to the Central Control Board in Form 6 and shall send a copy to the Head of his department.

13. The Head of a department shall, out of information a copy of which was sent under Rule 12, regarding suspicious matters, call for necessary information from his subordinate department and organization and after scrutinizing the same submit to the Central Control Board for the necessary exposure and investigation.

Chapter V **Formation of the Investigation Body and Functions** **and Duties thereof**

14. The Central Control Board shall, on obtaining information and data relating to money laundering offence, form the Investigation Body comprising not less than three suitable persons from the relevant government departments and organizations for enabling investigation and exposure. In so forming, the members of the Investigation Body shall not be retained permanently, but shall be assigned duty case-wise or subject to a time limit by changing the composition thereof.

15. The Investigation Body shall, only after obtaining the sanction of the Central Control Board commence carrying out investigation and exposure, entering and inspecting, searching and seizing as exhibits.

16. The Investigation Body, in carrying out under Rule 15 with respect to money laundering offence:-

- (a) shall open the case and conduct the necessary investigation;
- (b) shall, in investigating, show to the person under investigation the sanction of the Central Control Board initially and explain for which matter investigation is going to be conducted;
- (c) may call for and examine the documents and other supporting evidence as are required from the person under investigation, the relevant government departments and organizations, and banks and financial institutions;
- (d) may summon and obtain statements from the person under investigation or other persons as are required.

17. The Investigation Body, in carrying out under Rule 15, with respect to money laundering offence:-

- (a) has the right to enter and inspect the building, land and work-site of the person under investigation;
- (b) shall, if it is required to seize the diamond, gold, silver, gems, jewellery, ornaments, money and valuables, seal the same and seized temporarily. The said properties shall be deposited in the bank determined by the Central Control Board under a safe custody system;
- (c) shall seize temporarily different kinds of vehicles such as motor-car, vessel, engine-propelled vehicle, vehicle without engine and slow-moving vehicles, different kinds of accessories thereof and documents. If the Central Control Board grants permission during the period of investigation to return the property seized temporarily under a bond, a bond with sufficient security shall be entered into in Form (4) and the said properties shall be re-entrusted to the person whose property has been seized;
- (d) shall, if it is required to seize animals such as elephant, horse and cattle, seize the same temporarily. During the period of investigation, a bond with sufficient security shall be entered into in Form (4), and the said animals shall be re-entrusted to the person whose animals have been seized;
- (e) shall, if it is required to seize moveable properties such as furniture, musical instruments and electrical goods, seize the same temporarily, and during the period of investigation, a bond with sufficient security shall be entered into in Form (4), and the said properties shall be re-entrusted to the person whose property has been seized;
- (f) shall, with respect to properties that will be re-entrusted under a bond under sub-rules (c), (d) and (e), re-entrust the same under a bond to the person whose

property has been seized, only when the prohibitory order in Form (3) of the Central Control Board has been obtained.

- (g) shall, in entering and inspecting, searching and seizing temporarily of money and property under the duties and powers mentioned in sub-rules (a) to (e), seizing shall be made in the presence of two search witnesses by making three copies of temporarily seizing of property Form (2). The said Form shall be signed by the person under investigation or the person whose property has been seized, search witnesses and the Head of the Investigation Body. One copy of the temporarily seizing of property Form (2) shall be given to the person under investigation or the person whose property has been seized.

18. The Investigation Body shall, if there arises a cause to pass any of the following orders and directive during the period of investigation with respect to money and property seized temporarily as exhibit, submit to the Central Control Board giving remark:-

- (a) order to return under a bond of sufficient security, on the application made by the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person who has beneficial interest in the exhibit to return the property under a bond;
- (b) prohibitory order that prohibits converting, transferring, concealing, obliterating and disguising of property in any manner;
- (c) directive to seal the land and building.

19. The Central Control Board shall:-

- (a) after scrutiny on the matter submitted under Rule 8, pass any suitable order and directive;
- (b) if the property permitted to be seized temporarily as exhibit are arms and ammunitions, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, controlled precursors or other properties not permitted by any existing law, direct the Investigation Body to hand over systematically to the relevant government department and organization.

20. The Investigation Body shall, after conducting investigation, submit the report on findings to the Central Control Board together with the case proceedings. In the said report, the following points with respect to money laundering offence shall be included as may be necessary:-

- (a) type of offence committed and summary of the case;
- (b) name, father's name, occupation and address of persons involved in the commission of the offence;
- (c) date of ownership or enjoyment of benefit in respect of money and property located locally or abroad by the person under investigation;
- (d) the manner and the date on which deposit, withdrawal or transfer was made;
- (e) type of property, the means by which the said property was owned and date of ownership or transfer;
- (f) estimate current value of properties, location thereof and if the property does not exist at the time of investigation, the reason why that property does not exist;
- (g) type of property which is under the control or not under the control of the person under investigation; type of property transferred to other person's name under pretence; type of property transferred to other person, type of property mingled with property owned by another person, which is easy or not easy to separate and current value of each item of property;
- (h) income and business of the person under investigation;
- (i) submission made by the person who has beneficial interest in the exhibit;
- (j) summary of one's activities under the orders and directives issued by the Central Control Board;
- (k) list of evidential documents and witnesses;
- (l) the findings of the investigation and review.

Chapter VI **Inspecting, Making copies and Seizing as Exhibits of** **Financial Records of Banks and Financial Institutions**

21. The Investigation Body shall, during the period of investigation, for enabling the issue of prohibitory order not to withdraw or transfer money and property relating to money laundering offence that are maintained in banks or financial institutions, and for obtaining permission to inspect and, if necessary, to make copy and to seize temporarily as exhibit of financial records, submit the following points to the Central Control Board in a confidential manner:-

- (a) summary of the offence committed known through investigation and exposure;
- (b) findings on commission of the offence;
- (c) matter desired to be carried out and duration of time;
- (d) name and address of the bank or financial institution relating to the matter desired to be carried out.

22. The Central Control Board:-

- (a) may, after scrutinizing the submission made under Rule 21 by the Investigation Body, during the period of investigation, pass any of the following order:-
 - (1) prohibitory order prohibiting withdrawal and transfer of money and property;
 - (2) order permitting inspection of the financial records and order permitting copies thereof to be made;
 - (3) order permitting seizure temporarily of the financial records and money and property as exhibit.
- (b) when passing any order under sub-rule (a) shall issue the said order to the responsible persons of the banks and financial institutions and send a copy of the order to the Governor of the Central Bank and Head of the relevant bank and financial institution.

23. The Investigation Body:-

- (a) shall, in accordance with the order issued by the Central Control Board, carry out in accordance with sub-rule (g) of Rule 17 inspection, copying, seizing temporarily as exhibit the financial records, seizing temporarily as exhibit the money and property deposited, or transferred by the person under investigation;
- (b) shall deposit the diamond, gold, silver, gems, jewellery, ornaments, money and

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valuables seized temporarily as exhibit in the bank and financial institution determined by Central Control Board for safe custody system.

Chapter VII

Measures to be Taken for Passing the Prohibitory Order and Directing to Seal in Respect of Exhibits

24. During the investigation period, when the Central Control Bank issues the prohibitory order or directs to seal the immovable property to the relevant government department, organization and persons, so as not to convert, transfer, conceal, obliterate or disguise money and property obtained by illegal means to be legal, the Investigation Body:

- (a) shall affix the said order or directive in a conspicuous place at the site where the property in respect of which a prohibitory order or a directive to seal was issued is situated and also at the relevant offices of the Township, Ward and Village-Tract Peace and Development Council;
- (b) may, with respect to the sealed immovable property if the person under investigation, the person whose property has been seized or the person having beneficial interest in the exhibit applies for return of the property under a bond submitting valid evidence during the investigation period cause a bond to be entered into in Form(4) with sufficient security by order of the Central Control Board and return the sealed immovable property;
- (c) shall, if the sealed immovable property is not returned under a bond, remove the residents from there, lock and seal the property;
- (d) shall assign duty to the relevant Township Police Force Commander to keep the sealed immovable property in safe custody.

25. The person under investigation or the person to whom the property is returned under a bond, shall not sell, mortgage, lease, transfer by any other means or give right of residence and occupancy to a third person in respect of property and money on which a prohibitory order is issued or which is directed to be sealed by the Central Control Board.

Chapter VIII

Formation of the Preliminary Scrutiny Body and Functions and Duties thereof

26. The Central Control Board shall, from the report of findings of the Investigation Body, if there is supporting evidence that a money laundering offence has been committed by any person, form the Preliminary Scrutiny Body comprising not less than three suitable persons to scrutinize and submit as to whether or not the property seized temporarily should be confiscated. In such body, one Deputy Minister shall be assigned duty as the Chairman.

27. The Preliminary Scrutiny Body shall:-

- (a) carry out and open the preliminary proceeding when assigned duty by the Central Control Board;
- (b) inform the person under investigation, the person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit, personally or by representative or by lawyer to appear and defend within 30 days;
- (c) submit with remarks to the Central Control Board, if the persons concerned fail to appear for defence although informed under sub-rule (b), after summoning and examining witnesses who have been examined by the Investigation Body and other necessary witnesses whether the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit shall be confiscated or not.

28. The Preliminary Scrutiny Body shall, when the person informed under sub-rule (b) of Rule 27 appears and clarifies:-

- (a) explain to the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit to clarify and defend showing the reason why the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit should not be confiscated;
- (b) submit to the Central Control Board with remarks that the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit should be confiscated, if the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit admits that he has committed the money laundering offence.

29. If the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibits denies that he has not committed any money laundering offence, the Preliminary Scrutiny Body:-

- (a) shall first hear and examine the witnesses examined by the Preliminary Scrutiny Body;
- (b) after hearing the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized and person having beneficial interest in the exhibit and scrutinizing the documentary evidences submitted by them, may accept as exhibit or refuse to accept as exhibit
- (c) shall hear and examine the witnesses submitted by the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized and person having beneficial interest in the exhibit;
- (d) may, if necessary, summon and examine the persons who have been exposed during the course of investigation and examine again witnesses who have been examined;
- (e) If it is found that certain evidence is required to be examined from the report of findings of the Investigation Body or from the defence of the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized and person having beneficial interest in the exhibit shall direct the Investigation Body to make further investigation and submit the findings.
- (f) shall read out the statements, and cause the person under investigation to sign on each page of the statements, and the members of the Preliminary Scrutiny Body shall also put their signatures.
- (g) shall, after scrutiny of the report of findings of the Investigation Body and the statements made by the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized, person having beneficial interest in the exhibit and the statements of witnesses of both sides, and exhibit documents submit to the Central Control Board together with remark as to whether or not the money and property seized

temporarily as exhibit should be confiscated.

30. The Preliminary Scrutiny Body shall, on being directed by the Central Control Board to make investigation again on the submission made under sub-rule (g) of Rule 29, submit again, examine again the witnesses as may be required, obtain more evidences, and submit again with remark.

31. The Preliminary Scrutiny Body shall, on being directed by the Central Control Board to scrutinize the application made by the person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit stating that the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit have been obtained through transfer by certain means, with consideration and in good faith, obtain necessary statements and evidences in accordance with Rules 28 and 29, and submit to the Central Control Board with remark as to whether or not the right applied for by the said person should be given.

Chapter IX

Confiscation

32. The Central Control Board, with respect to money and property seized temporarily by the Investigation Body as exhibit :-

- (a) may, if it is required to obtain statements of witnesses and evidences, again direct the Preliminary Scrutiny Body to obtain and submit the same again;
- (b) shall, on finding out that a money laundering offence has been committed according to the report of findings of the Investigation Body and submission made by the Preliminary Scrutiny Body, pass an order confiscating the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit. If it is found that the said offence has not been committed, it shall pass an order to return the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit to the original person whose property has been seized.
- (c) shall, in carrying out under sub-rule (b), if prior sanction has been granted or is to be granted to prosecute the offender, postpone passing the order confiscating the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit and pass the order as may be required in conformity with the order and judgment of the relevant Court which is final.
- (d) shall send the order passed under sub-rules(b) and (c) to the person under investigation, or person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit within 30 days from the date of passing the order.

33. The Central Control Board shall, if it is clearly evident that the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit has been obtained through transfer by certain means, with consideration and in good faith by the person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit according to the report of findings of the Investigation Body and submissions made by the Preliminary Scrutiny Body -

- (a) if all the said money and property have been transferred and obtained, return all such money and property to the said person;
- (b) if part of the said money has been transferred, obtained and in possession, return such part of the said money to the said person;
- (c) if part of the property transferred and obtained is not jointly owned by the person under investigation and is easy to separate, return such part of the said property to the said person;
- (d) if the property transferred and obtained is jointly owned by the person under investigation and is not easy to separate, such property shall be sold by auction. Out of the proceeds of the sale, the money proportionate to possession of that person shall be returned to him, and the money proportionate to possession of the person under investigation shall be confiscated.

34. When the Central Control Board returns the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit to the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit, the Investigation Body shall return the same in Form (7) in the presence of witnesses.

35. The Central Control Board shall:-

- (a) pay the money confiscated to the accounts head prescribed by the Government.
- (b) administer the properties confiscated in accordance with the decision of the Government or transfer to the relevant government department and organization.

36. With respect to properties transferred under sub-rule (b) of Rule 36, the relevant government department and organization shall administer the same in accordance with the directive of the Government.

37. The Central Control Board:-

- (a) shall, if it is found that the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit has transferred, obliterated, destroyed or caused destruction, of the property involved in the money laundering offence and which is seized temporarily as exhibit during the period of investigation, pass the confiscation order without making further investigation with regard to the said property.
- (b) shall, if it is found that the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit has transferred, obliterated, destroyed or caused destruction to the money and property entrusted under a bond, and no exposure and seizure have been made of to the said money and property, pass an order on the said person to pay the said money and value of the said property as indemnity without making further investigation with regard to the said money and property. If the said person fails to pay the same, a person from the relevant government department and organization may be assigned duty to recover the amount as if they were arrears of land revenue.
- (c) may direct the Investigation Body to take action under section 26 or 27 of the Law against the person violating the provisions contained in sub-rules (a) and (b).

Chapter X

Functions and Duties of the Central Bank and the Financial Institutions

38. The Central Bank, to enable the successful performance of the functions and duties of the banks and financial institutions contained in these Rules:-

- (a) shall inspect, supervise and control the banks and financial institutions that transact business under the licence to operate issued by it.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development...

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Only when rural areas have developed, will the nation develop, he noted.

Later in the afternoon, they inspected Pakokku Station and gave instructions on cleanliness of the station and ensuring convenience of passengers.

They inspected Pakokku jeeps and test production of small bulldozers in Pakokku Industrial Zone.

They paid a visit to the Sithushin Pagoda in Yesago Township and made cash donations.

At 3 pm, they looked into the rural dam in Myekhetaung Village and Khwehmyok (Khinmon) Village.

They inspected construction of buildings in Daw Oo Home for the Aged in the township.

In the evening, they

met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders at the office of Township Peace and Development Council. Officials reported on matters related to local rice sufficiency, agriculture, livestock breeding, health, education and social affairs of the region and sector-wise tasks. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint made a speech, saying that the government has been implementing the five rural development tasks in accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. Accordingly, more and more roads and bridges and irrigation facilities are being constructed. At the same time, the government has been constructing schools, universities, colleges,

institutes, hospitals and industries nationwide. Lt-Gen Ye Myint called for ensuring correct figures in respective sectors. He called on the officials to make endeavours with goodwill in discharging the duties, cooperating with social organizations and local people.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Yesago Station and inspected crops plantations of local regiments and units. At the meeting with officers and other ranks and their families at Yesago Station, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on agriculture and livestock breeding on a commercial scale and matters pertaining to social affairs, health sector.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived back here by air this morning.

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Work coordinated for Independence Day reception and dinner

YANGON, 4 Dec —

The first work coordination meeting of the Subcommittee for Holding the 56th Anniversary Independence Day Reception and Dinner was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of the subcommittee Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win and members.

First, the chairman called on the members to concertedly strive for the successful holding of the dinner and reception. Members of the subcommittee reported on works to be carried out by the respective departments. The meeting came to a close with concluding remarks by the chairman. — MNA

Yangon Division observes World AIDS Day

YANGON, 4 Dec —

Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Yangon Division Health Department jointly organized a ceremony marking World AIDS Day at the hall of Yangon Institute of Nursing this morning.

Patron of the Yangon Division MCW Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Thet Htay explained the purpose of holding the ceremony.

AIDS and STD

Control Project Manager Dr Min Thwe of Yangon Division Health Department and Chairman of Yangon Division MCWA Chairman Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint briefed those present on AIDS and STD Control Project and tasks of AIDS control.

Then, Daw Khin Thet Htay and officials presented prizes to winners in the competitions to mark the World AIDS Day.

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Acting course trainees visit Culture University, MRTV

YANGON, 4 Dec —

The trainees of the training course No 2/2003 on movie acting, organized by Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, together with

officials of the course supervisory committee paid a study visit to the University of Culture and Myanmar Radio and Television on 2 December. — MNA

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- (b) may request to submit financial and economic information and data and records of deposit and withdrawal by sending a notice to the relevant banks and financial institutions.
 - (c) shall, with respect to money and property obtained by illegal means in the relevant banks and financial institutions, when order is issued by the Central Control Board to the responsible persons of the relevant banks and financial institutions to grant permission for seizing temporarily as exhibit, for inspection of financial records, and if necessary, for making copy thereof, supervise the relevant banks and financial institutions by issuing necessary directives.
 - (d) may contact with local and foreign organizations to give technical know-how to the responsible persons and staff of the relevant banks and financial institutions.
39. The relevant banks and financial institutions:—
- (a) shall compile detailed records of the name, address, occupation, Citizen Scrutiny Card number, National Registration Certificate number, Foreigners Registration Certificate number, and if it is a foreigner residing abroad, the nationality, passport number and visa number of the person who opens accounts, the person who deposits and withdraws money and the person who transfers money, and the information and data relevant to the said persons.
 - (b) shall, in carrying out under sub-rule (a), inspect and scrutinize necessary evidences and documents. If it is found that the data are incorrect or if it is doubtful that a false name has been used, shall not continue further but shall inform the Central Bank;
 - (c) shall, keep the accounts and records for at least five years from the date of commencing transactions;
 - (d) shall, grant the Investigation Body permission to inspect the financial records, make copy thereof to seize temporarily as exhibit and to seize the money and property obtained by illegal means as exhibit in accordance with the order issued by the Central Control Board. In granting such permission, if financial transactions and records are carried out and kept in store using cyphers making use of electronic technology, the original meaning shall be deciphered and exposed;
 - (e) shall receive and keep the money and property entrusted by the Investigation Body under sub-rule (b) of Rule 23 safely, in accordance with the directive issued by the Central Control Board;
 - (f) with respect to money and property obtained by illegal means, shall not issue or transfer the said money and property during the period of investigation, without permission of the Central Control Board;
 - (g) shall not obliterate, change or amend the financial records relevant to the investigation;
 - (h) shall, provide necessary assistance when financial records relevant to offences of money laundering are being examined by the Investigation Body or Financial Intelligence Unit;
 - (i) shall, during the period prescribed report to the Central Bank their administrative matters and business situation, compiling and completing fully in the Forms prescribed by the Central Bank for the purpose of these Rules.
 - (j) shall submit to the inspection of investigators of the Central Bank and auditors appointed by the Central Bank and show them the necessary accounts, record books and documents.

Chapter XI Appeal and Revision

40. If the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit, is dissatisfied with any of the following order or directive of the Central Control Board in respect of money and property obtained by illegal means, he may appeal to the Government within 90 days from the date on which the said order or directive is received:—
- (a) order granting permission to seize temporarily as exhibit;
 - (b) prohibitory order in respect of the exhibit money and property;
 - (c) order for not returning the exhibit money and property under a bond;

- (d) order revoking the order for returning the exhibit money and property under a bond;
 - (e) directive to seal the immoveable property;
 - (f) confiscation order.
41. An appeal filed under Rule 40 by the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit shall be attached with the following documents and supporting evidences:—
- (a) certified copy of order or directive passed by the Central Control Board;
 - (b) documentary evidence and other valid supporting documents relied upon;
 - (c) existing laws, rules, procedures, orders and directives which are desired to be referred (if any);
42. The Office of the Government, shall scrutinize the petition for appeal attached with documents and supporting evidences, and if it is complete, submit the same to the Government and shall abide by the decision.
43. The Government may, upon an appeal submitted by the aggrieved person or in its discretion, call for the proceedings on any order passed by the Central Control Board and pass any suitable order for confirmation, revision or setting aside the said order or if necessary for re-investigation to be made.
44. The order of the Government under Rule 43 shall be final and conclusive.

Chapter XII Miscellaneous

45. In respect of the money and property obtained by illegal means, the person whose property has been seized or the person having beneficial interest in the exhibit shall:—
- (a) be exempted from action being taken any offence contained in the Law, if valid supporting evidence can be furnished that such money and property were transferred by certain means with consideration and in good faith. In addition, in accordance with section 33, he shall have the right to receive the money and property seized.
 - (b) have action taken against him, under section 32 of the Law if it is found that such money and property were transferred by certain means with or without consideration and not in good faith or if it is found that a false submission that such money and property were transferred with consideration and in good faith was made.
46. The Central Control Board shall keep secret the name of an informant in respect of the money and property obtained by illegal means and shall arrange measures to give lawful protection as necessary. In addition, depending on the severity of offence, it may arrange for rewarding the following persons with the approval of Government:—
- (a) an informant regarding the commission of any offence under the Law;
 - (b) secret hardcore informant;
 - (c) persons who make brilliant investigation and search to enable seizure of money and property involved in the offence and arrest of the offender.
47. In the absence of express provisions in these Rules regarding the issue of search warrant, search, arrest, or seizure as exhibits for any offence contained in the Law, the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure shall be complied with.
48. (a) The Central Control Board may, in exercising its powers and duties, form the Central Control Works Committees comprising three suitable persons out of its members and assign duty to them.
- (b) The Central Control Works Committees which are assigned duty under sub-rule (a), submit their activities to the nearest meeting held by the Central Control Board and shall obtain the approval thereof.

(Sd.)

Colonel Tin Hlaing
Minister
Ministry of Home Affairs.

(Relevant forms will be published tomorrow.)



Lt-Gen Ye Myint presents offertories to a Sayadaw of Hsugyipantaung Monastery in Pakokku Township. — MNA



Deputy Chief of General Staff General Wu Quanxu and party visit the Command and General Staff College in Kalaw. — MNA

CPLA Deputy Chief...

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On arrival in Nanmyo of Mandalay, the guests visited the Myanan Sankyaw Shwenandaw. They then went to Mandalay Hill and enjoyed the sunset beauty of Mandalay and natural scenes on the platform of Hsutaungpyay Pagoda of the hill. They then donated cash towards the funds of the pagoda.

In the evening, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint hosted a dinner in honour of the Chinese general and party at the guest house of the Central Command. After the dinner, the commander and the Chinese general exchanged souvenirs. The visiting general then presented the flower basket to vocalists and dancers.

Yesterday morning, the guests viewed production process of gold foil at Galonmin Gold Leaf Industry in Myetpa Ward, Manda-

lay.

Next, the guests left Mandalay International Airport by special Tatmadaw aircraft and arrived at Heho Airport where they were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of the Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and senior military officers.

Afterwards, the Chinese general and party donated gold foils to PhaungdawU Buddha images and cash for all-round renovation of the pagoda. The guests visited Inlay Shwehintha Weaving Workshop. They then viewed plantations of tomatoes and vegetables on floating islands in Inlay Lake.

In the evening, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint hosted a dinner in honour of the guests at Golden Island Cottages Hotel.

This morning, the Chi-

nese general and party arrived at Command and General Staff College in Kalaw. Commandant Brig-Gen Mya Win, Deputy Commandant Col Kyaw Htoo, Chief Instructor Col Thura Bo Ni and officials welcomed the guests. At the meeting hall, Commandant Brig-Gen Mya Win extended greetings and Senior Instructor Col Tun Hla Aung explained facts about

the college. Then, Brig-Gen Mya Win and the Chinese general exchanged souvenirs. Next, the guests went around the college. Later, the visiting general and party went to Heho Airport. They left the airport and arrived back here by special Tatmadaw aircraft at 3 pm. They were seen off at the airport by Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and party. —MNA

BEMS of Khatatkan village gets new school buildings

YANGON, 4 Dec — Minister for Education U Than Aung, accompanied by Director-General of No 2 Basic Education Department Lt-Col Win Htein, Deputy Director-General U Thaung Khine, Deputy Director-General of the Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) U Soe Myint and officials, attended a ceremony to hand over new school buildings to the basic education middle school in Khatatkan village, Monywa, on 30 November.

The minister, together with the Buddha Light Monastery of Australia Sayadaw Ven Chien Tunt and wellwishers, formally

opened the school buildings. Next, Deputy Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn unveiled the stone inscription of the school building.

After the speech delivered by the minister, the chairman of the school board of trustees handed over documents related to the school buildings to the director-general of No 2 BED. The minister then donated 200 dozens of exercise books, 100 dozens of pencils, and one computer to the school through the school head. The school buildings were constructed at a cost of nearly K 40 million.

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C-in-C's Trophy Soccer

YANGON, 4 Dec — The second round group matches of the 42nd Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air)'s Trophy Soccer Tournament for 2003 took place here today.

Yangon Command

Team beat North-West Command 4-0 at the tournament in the sports grounds of Yangon Division (Mingaladon) and No 11 LID Team beat No 77 LID 5-4 at Padonma grounds in Sang-yeung Township.

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People's Desire

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

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presents a prize to a winner. — MNA



HYGIENIC SCHOOLS HONOURED: Yangon City Development Committee honoured basic education schools with hygienic food stalls in Yangon municipal area on 4-12-2003 at the City Hall. Photo shows Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presenting the first prize to Headmaster of Dagon BEHS No 1 U Kyaw Kyaw. — H

Condominiums and housing complexes for national capital



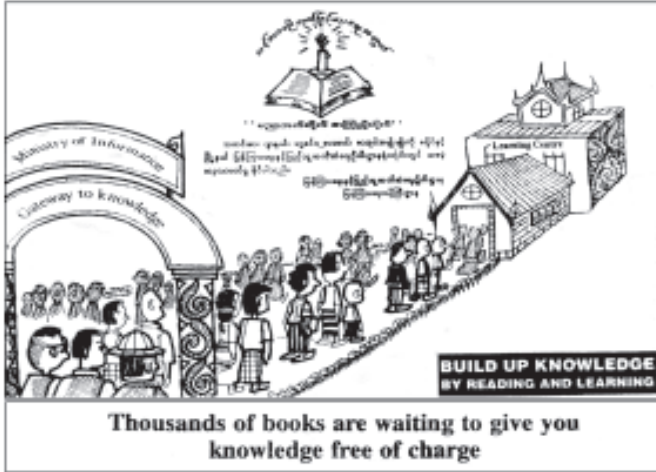
The photo (left) shows Myitta Nyunt modern housing estate now being constructed by the National Development Company Group Ltd with the aim of enabling all citizens to own nice houses at reasonable prices. — NLM



The photos (above and below) show the scale model of the international-standard Pyay Tower Condominium, which will have 325 rooms and will be constructed by the National Development Company Group Ltd under the programme to help all citizens own modern houses at fair prices.— NLM

The photo (below) shows the scale model of the housing estate under construction by the National Development Company Group Ltd at 154th Street in Yangon to enable the national people to have access to neat and tidy as well as posh housing at fair prices. — NLM





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2.	Tender No. 2/MR/IND(M)/2003-2004		8th Dec, 2003	9th Feb, 2004 12:00 Hours
	(a) Spectrometer to determine Composition of Metal (for Foundry)	1 Set		
	(b) Wheel Flange Welding Machine.	1 Set		
	(c) Injection Pump Calibrating Machine.	1 No		

2. **Tender Document** is available at the office of the Managing Director, Myanmar Railways, 357/361, Merchant street, Botataung Township, Yangon and at the Embassy of the Union of Myanmar, New Delhi, India during office hours on payment of US\$ 200.00 (United States Dollars Two Hundred only) or 200.00 FEC per set for Tender No. 1/MR/IND(M)/2003-2004 and on payment of US\$ 100.00 (United States Dollars One Hundred only) or 100.00 FEC per set for Tender No. 2/MR/IND(M)/2003-2004 respectively.

3. **The Bids** are to reach the office of the Managing Director, Myanmar Railways, 357/361 Merchant Street, Botataung Township, Yangon, Myanmar, **on or before the closing Date and Time** shown in the above table. The bid will be opened publicly at 14:00 hours on the closing Date at the Myanmar Railways Head Office.

4. **The bid not accompanied by Earnest Money (Bid Bond), shall not be considered.** No Fax/Email proposal will be considered or accepted.

5. Tender will be accepted only from Bidder who has purchased Tender Documents from Myanmar Railways or from the Embassy of the Union of Myanmar. Those purchased through Embassy in Myanmar shall declare for whom they are purchasing.

6. The above Articles are to be purchased from the proceeds of loan from the Government of the Republic of India.

**Managing Director
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV "MANDALAY" Voy No. 113/N are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived at Yangon port on 5-12-2003 and will be berthing on about 6-12-2003 and cargoes will be discharged into the premises of Myanmar Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the bye-laws and conditions of the port of Yangon.

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EU natural gas sources to be enriched via Turkey

ANKARA, 4 Dec — Turkish Energy and Natural Resources Minister Hilmi Guler said Tuesday that the European Union (EU)'s natural gas sources will be enriched by Turkey's resources as well as its vital location as a hub.

The EU countries, which usually buy natural gas from Algeria, Norway and Russia, "attach a special importance to natural gas that comes via Turkey," the *Anatolia News Agency* quoted Guler as saying.

"They attach great importance to Turkey for richness of sources and security of energy," Guler said in Istanbul after a series of energy meetings in Vienna and Rome. —MNA/Xinhua

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China's CPPCC chairman meets Nepali King

KATHAMANDU, 4 Dec — Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, met here Wednesday with Nepali King Gyanendra.

During the meeting, Jia, who arrived here Tuesday for an official goodwill visit to Nepal at the invitation of Parasu Narayan Chaudhary, chairman of the Raj Parishad of Nepal, spoke highly of bilateral relations.

He mentioned the smooth growth of bilateral relations in the past 48 years in bilateral diplomatic ties and the bilateral friendship cultivated by leaders of the two countries.

He pointed to the consistent efforts made by the Nepali kings in different periods of time and the royal family for bilateral friendship in the past years, and their indispensable role in this process.

Jia said the new Chinese leadership will, in the spirit of treating neighbours in a friendly way and as partners, further bilateral cooperation in various fields and enhance

the friendship between the two peoples on the basis of mutual respect, trust and reciprocity.

Describing China as a reliable friend of Nepal, Jia said China supports the efforts of the Nepali King and government for safeguarding national unity, maintaining social stability, speeding up economic development and improving Nepali people's living standards.

Gyanendra recalled his visit to China last year, saying that he was deeply impressed by the friendly sentiments of the Chinese leaders and people for Nepal during the visit.

He said he supports the exchanges and cooperation between the Nepali Raj Parishad so as to make contributions to the overall development of bilateral relations.

Nepal is the fourth leg of Jia's visit to five South Asian nations.

Jia has visited India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh before arriving here and is also scheduled to visit Pakistan.

MNA/Xinhua

Turkey, Greece sign agreement to prevent double taxation

ANKARA, 4 Dec — Turkish Finance Minister Kemal Unakitan and visiting Greek National Economy and Finance Minister Nikos Khristodoulakis signed an agreement Tuesday on the prevention of double taxation between the two countries.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Unakitan noted that economic and commercial relations between two countries would further improve with that agreement.

"This agreement will contribute to the improvement of such relations and help solve the problems that may stem from the improvement," he said.

For his part, Khristodoulakis called the deal a "delayed agreement," saying that both sides had spent much time and exerted many efforts for the agreement.

The deal, that would eliminate taxes on profits that companies operating in the other country have had to pay in both countries, will encourage Greek businessmen to invest in Turkey, he said.

The agreement will also help Turkish businessmen to invest in Greece, the Greek Minister noted.

He pointed out that as bilateral relations were below expectations and their real potential, the agreement would serve as a new opportunity for both sides.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan, Nepal to further expand bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD, 4 Dec — Pakistan and Nepal have agreed to make more efforts to expand bilateral ties and expressed the hope that the upcoming 12th regional summit would give an impetus to cooperation in the sub-continent, the English-language newspaper *Dawn* reported Tuesday.

The pledge was made during a meeting held here Monday between Pakistani Prime Minister Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali and his Nepali counterpart Surya Bahadur Thapa, said the report.

"Pakistan attaches particular importance to strengthen and expand its relations with Nepal in all fields and especially to promote economic, defence and commercial cooperation for the mutual benefit of the two countries," said a state-

ment issued after the meeting.

On the 12th summit meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) scheduled for January next year in Islamabad, Jamali expressed the hope that a framework agreement on free trade in the region will be adopted at the meeting.

For his part, Thapa welcomed the recent peace initiatives taken by Pakistan for improving its relations with India.

Thapa also met with President Pervez Musharraf earlier Monday, during which Musharraf expressed the hope that the SAARC summit will give a new momentum to the association, which groups seven South Asian countries including India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal. —MNA/Xinhua

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World "AIDS" Congress opens in Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO, 4 Dec—The 8th World Congress on AIDS and Sexually-Transmitted Diseases opened Tuesday in the Uruguayan tourist resort of Puntadel Est, 140 kilometres from this capital.

Some 1,000 people are attending the congress which runs until Friday. Some 300 papers on AIDS research will be presented at the meeting.

Roberto Gallo, the US researcher who discovered the HIV virus, will take part in the event.—MNA/Xinhua

Britain to crack down on wife beaters

LONDON, 4 Dec—The British Government is planning to toughen laws against domestic violence, which accounts for almost a quarter of all violent crimes in the country.

"Domestic violence is a sickening crime which has hidden in the shadows for far too long," British Prime Minister Tony Blair wrote in the *Sun* newspaper published Tuesday, saying domestic violence is more common than people think in Britain.

"Domestic violence devastates families and ruins lives... It's something this government, together with the police and courts, has worked hard to treat with the gravity it deserves," he said, citing that two women are killed by a current or former partner every week.

MNA/Xinhua

China's astronaut team awarded "Heroic Astronaut Team"

BEIJING, 4 Dec—China on Tuesday held a ceremony to confer on the country's astronaut team the title of "Heroic Astronaut Team" for the great job it has done during the past five years.

At the ceremony held at the Beijing-based Space City, Li Jinai, member of the Chinese Central Military Commission (CCMC) and director of the General Armament Department of the People's Liberation Army, read the decree signed by CCMC Chairman Jiang Zemin to honour the astronaut team.

The team of 14 astro-

nauts has performed outstandingly in its training of astronauts since it was formed in January 1998 and during the country's first manned space mission last month, according to the decree.

On 15 October, Yang Liwei, a member of the team, entered outer space aboard the *Shenzhou-V* spacecraft from Jiuquan Satellite

Launch Centre and landed safely as planned in north China the next day, after orbiting the Earth 14 times on the 21-hour mission.

The successful mission made China the third country after Russia and the United States able to put people into outer space. Yang Liwei and his 13 teammates were all present at the ceremony.—MNA/Xinhua

Two million flu cases expected in France

PARIS, 4 Dec—Two million cases of flu are expected in France by the end of this week, health officials said Tuesday.

"The climax of the outbreak should come on December 7 when some two million people will have consulted their doctor with flu symptoms," said Antoine Flahaut, Health Ministry official in charge of viral diseases monitoring.

Over the weekend, emergency departments in

the Paris area were overloaded as worried parents brought in hundreds of children suffering from flu, bronchiolitis or gastroenteritis.

Reports said the French health care system faces a big challenge similar to the crisis during the unprecedented summer heat wave

that killed 13,000 people, mostly elderly, partly because the authorities failed to deal with it on time.

General Director for Health William Dab denied the similarity: "At that time, we were facing a silent epidemic, but this is a typical one."

MNA/Xinhua

Study says older men over-screened for prostate cancer

WASHINGTON, 4 Dec—Too many men over age 75 are being screened for prostate cancer, a common but slow-growing form of the disease, US and Canadian researchers said on Tuesday.

While doctors frequently recommend prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screening for men of 75 and older, it is generally agreed that the test does little good for them, the researchers said.

"It is somewhat surprising that so many physicians would suggest screening in elderly men when the benefits have not even been established among younger men," the authors wrote in the December 3 issue of the *Journal of the National Can-*

cer Institute. The result could be unnecessary expense and anxiety, they said.

PSA is a protein produced by prostate cells and over-produced by prostate tumor cells. High levels can indicate cancer, but it is not always clear just what level is dangerous.

Grace Lu-Yao of HealthStat in Princeton, New Jersey, Therese Stukel of the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences in Toronto and Dr. Siu-Long Yao of the Cancer Institute of

New Jersey reviewed the cases of 7,889 men of all ages taking part in a national health survey.

About 33 per cent of those aged 75 or older said they had undergone a PSA screening test in the past year.

"Despite controversy regarding the efficacy of PSA screening, there has been general agreement that men aged 75 years or older (ie, elderly men) should not be screened," the researchers wrote.

This is mainly because by age 75, men usually die of something other than prostate cancer.

"Rates of PSA screening among elderly men approached or exceeded rates

found for existing established screening technologies such as fecal occult blood testing for colon cancer," the researchers added.

Colon cancer screening has clearly been shown to save lives.

Although 88 per cent of the men said their doctors recommended screening, there was usually no pressing reason to do so, Yao's team reported.

"Known risk factors for prostate cancer, such as family history and race/ethnicity, were not associated with PSA screening among elderly men," they wrote.

Prostate cancer affects 189,000 US men a year and kills more than 30,000.

MNA/Reuters

Beijing Port acts to contain spread of "AIDS"

BEIJING, 4 Dec—The Beijing Municipal Administration for Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine on Tuesday announced that they had discovered 19 HIV carriers during routine inspection so far this year.

AIDS virus has been spreading rapidly in China since the first AIDS case was spotted in the country in 1985.

Apart from stemming the exodus of HIV carriers from China, the municipal administration has stepped up the entry inspection and quarantine at its land ports and airports to prevent HIV carriers from entering the national capital. m the administration.

MNA/Xinhua

10,000 "AIDS" patients reported in Romania

BUCHAREST, 4 Dec—The number of AIDS patients in Romania has increased to 10,000, 75 per cent of them youngsters, the *National Courier* newspaper reported Tuesday.

Most of the young AIDS patients were infected through blood transfusion or the use of blood products in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the newspaper said, quoting the Romanian Health Ministry. Unprotected sex and drug abuse among the youth fuelled the spread of the deadly disease, said Streinu Cerel, chairman of Romania's anti-HIV/AIDS commission. Nine rehabilitation centres have been set up across the country to

offer free treatment and enhance public awareness of HIV/AIDS, he added.

Romanian health authorities, which have set aside 21.8 million US dollars to treat the AIDS patients, also called for domestic and foreign donations to help the ill-fated, Cerel said. With better medical care, the survival time of AIDS patients has risen to 15-17 years from two-four years in the early 1990s.—MNA/Xinhua



A Salvadoran woman works at putting a doll together inside the Roxana Doll Factory in San Salvador on 3 Dec, 2003. Since the doll's debut in 1970, the 'Roxana's dolls have been the Salvadoran favourite and one of the most sold in the Central American markets. They are now looking to expand their market to the United States, Mexico, and Europe with the benefits of the Free Trade Agreement in the region.—INTERNET



Decorated with 100,000 crystals, a 23.3-metre-tall Christmas tree valued at more than 5 million Hong Kong dollars (about 644,000 US dollars) is showed in Hong Kong on 30 Nov, 2003. The Christmas tree will be put forward for an application for being listed in the Guinness Book of Records.—INTERNET



Real Madrid's British player David Beckham, right, fights for the ball against Argentinean Diego Siemone of Atletico de Madrid during a Spanish league soccer match in Madrid, Spain, on 3 Dec, 2003. Real Madrid won the game 2-0.—INTERNET

Real stun Atletico 2-0 to reclaim top spot

MADRID, 4 Dec—Ronaldo and Raul helped Real Madrid reclaim the leadership of the Primera Liga on Wednesday, producing stunning goals to give their side an emphatic 2-0 win over neighbours Atletico in the Madrid derby at the Bernabeu.

Real made a dream start when Ronaldo scored within 15 seconds of the kickoff with a brilliant solo effort.

The champions delivered the knockout blow when skipper Raul added a second 19 minutes later, heading in after a pass from David Beckham.

But arch-rivals Barcelona, who host Real at the Nou Camp on Saturday, could hardly have prepared for the game in worse fashion, crashing to a 5-1 defeat at Malaga in a contest that featured a classy hat-trick from striker Salva Ballesta.

Real now lead the table on 30 points, two clear of Valencia who drew 0-0 at Real Sociedad on Tuesday and three ahead of Deportivo Coruna, who were held to a disappointing 1-1 draw at in-form Valladolid.

This season's surprise package Osasuna move up to fourth, a further four points back, after a gritty 1-0 win away to basement side Espanyol. Atletico drop to fifth on 22 points.

Even the most optimistic Real Madrid fans could hardly have hoped for a better start against their eternal rivals at the Bernabeu.

Zinedine Zidane fed the ball from the kickoff to Roberto Carlos, who slipped a quick pass to Ronaldo.

The Brazilian striker then swerved one defender, darted forward into the area, left keeper German Burgos on the grass with another shimmy and poked home into an empty net before Atletico had even had a first sniff of the ball.

Atletico recovered well from the early setback and appeared to be working their way back into the game, but Real hit them again 19 minutes later after a superb piece of vision from Beckham.

Picking the ball up two metres inside his own half, the England captain saw that Raul had lost his marker and planted a perfect 40-metre pass over the Atletico defence — and on to the head of the striker who directed home past a bemused

Burgos. Atletico remained unbowed and teenage striker Fernando Torres posed plenty of problems for the Real defence as he battled away up front but, although they had several chances to narrow Real's lead, they lacked the finishing touch.

Real eased up after the break and the game gradually petered out as Atletico grew frustrated at their inability to mount a fightback. — MNA/Reuters

Lierse rout Millen in Belgian Cup "replay"

BRUSSELS, 4 Dec—Lierse easily overcame Fourth Division Millen 5-0 in a Belgian Cup fifth round tie on Wednesday in a game replayed following a protest at the First Division side's unsporting conduct in the original tie.

Millen officially protested to the Belgian FA that Lierse had hit the winner in a 3-2 victory last month after Millen's keeper had put the ball into touch so an apparently injured teammate could be treated.

The unwritten convention is that the other team should throw the ball back in to their opponents as a gesture of fair play. Lierse supported Millen's request on fair-play grounds similar to those in a case involving Arsenal in an English FA Cup tie in 1999.

Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger had successfully asked the English FA to replay an FA Cup tie against Sheffield United in February 1999.—MNA/Reuters



FC Barcelona's Luis Garcia, right, is fouled by Malaga's Portuguese player Carlos Litos, during a Spanish league soccer match in Malaga, Spain, on 3 Dec, 2003. Malaga won the match 5-1.—INTERNET

Salva hits three as Malaga thrash Barcelona 5-1

MADRID, 4 Dec—Barcelona crashed to a humiliating 5-1 defeat at Malaga on Wednesday in a Primera Liga match that featured a brilliantly taken hat-trick from striker Salva Ballesta.

The former Valencia player finished off two slick counter-attacks to score twice in the first 15 minutes and helped himself to his third midway through the second with a delicate chipped finish.

He left the pitch to a standing ovation five minutes later, but his replacement Diego Alonso then compounded Barcelona's misery by scoring with his first touch to put Malaga 4-0 up.

Barcelona pulled one back when defender Fernando Sanz put through his own net on 80 minutes, but Malaga restored their four-goal cushion when Manuel Canabal cracked in three minutes from time.

The Catalans have now taken just one point from their last three games, a miserable run that has coincided with the injury to their Brazilian playmaker Ronaldinho.

Deportivo Coruna failed to take their chance to go top of the table when they were held to a disappointing 1-1 draw by in-form Valladolid, but modest Osasuna continued their strong start to the season with a 1-0 win away to bottom club Espanyol.—MNA/Reuters

Myanmar, Malaysia into SEA Games soccer semifinals

HANOI, 4 Dec—Myanmar and Malaysia on Wednesday booked their berths in the semifinals of the 22nd South-East Asian Games soccer tournament.

Captain Soe Myat Min scored a hat-trick as Myanmar crushed minnows Cambodia 6-0 in a Group B match played in Ho Chi Minh City, while Malaysia beat Singapore 2-0 with two second-half strikes.

Malaysia, who trounced Cambodia 8-1 in their opening group match on Saturday, now top the group with six points from two games, ahead of Myanmar on goal difference. Myanmar defeated Singapore 2-0 on Saturday.

Singapore and Cambodia, both winless so far at the region's biggest sporting event, rank third and fourth respectively.

After Kyaw Thu Ra put Myanmar 1-0 ahead in the 9th minute, Soe Myat Min scored three goals in just over 30 minutes hinging the two halves.

Tint Naing Tun Thein and Aung Kyaw Moe then added a goal apiece to seal the lopsided victory for Myanmar.

In a more heatedly contested match, the Malaysians managed to take upper hand over Singapore and opened scoring in the 58th minute through Rajan Koran.—MNA/Xinhua

PSG go third after 3-2 win over Strasbourg

PARIS, 4 Dec—Paris St. Germain, inspired by Brazilian forward Reinaldo, beat Racing Strasbourg 3-2 on Wednesday to pull level with second-placed Olympique Lyon in Ligue 1.

Monaco lead with 36 points from 15 games followed by champions Lyon on 30—neither team played on Wednesday ahead of next week's Champions League matches.

PSG are third on goal difference while RC Lens, who beat bottom side Toulouse 2-1, have 28 points from 16 matches.

After their 1-0 "flood-light robbery" win at Olympique Marseille at the weekend, PSG went 1-0

down in the 14th minute when Serbia and Montenegro striker Danijel Ljuboja scored with a free kick around the wall. Ljuboja's compatriot Branko Boskovic quickly equalized and Reinaldo, who arrived this season at PSG as World Cup-winner Ronaldinho departed for Barcelona, finished off a fine move 15 minutes into the second half.

The Brazilian then set up Portugal's Pauleta for PSG's third. The Parc des Princes crowd had a late shock when Abdelilah Fahmi pulled one back for Strasbourg but they have now gone seven games without a win.

AJ Auxerre stayed in seventh place after a 1-0 win over Le Mans who could not build on their surprise 4-0 thrashing of Montpellier at the weekend.

Led by the league's leading scorer Djibril Cisse, Auxerre threatened to tear the visitors apart in the early stages but they had to be content with an own goal

from Yannick Fischer in the 19th minute following a corner.

Lille finally won a game after 12 successive failures, a creditable 2-0 victory at home to Nantes who, with 22 points, have lost touch with the leading group of seven.

Toulouse slipped to the bottom below Le Mans after their last match and they suffered another 2-1 defeat to Lens. The home side's chances were not helped by a red card for Christophe Avezac in the 36th minute.

The game between Montpellier and Sochaux was called off because of heavy rain in southern France.

Montpellier said their stadium had been hit by unprecedented flooding which was much worse than that of December 2002 which caused it to be closed for a month. The game against Olympique Marseille on December 13 is also off.

MNA/Reuters

Bolton knock holders Liverpool out of League Cup

LONDON, 4 Dec—Holders Liverpool were knocked out of the English League Cup in the fourth round on Wednesday as Bolton Wanderers claimed an impressive 3-2 win.

Liverpool, who beat Manchester United in last year's final, fielded a strong side in the all-Premier League clash but went down to Youri Djorkaeff's last-minute penalty.

League leaders Chelsea also advanced with a hard-fought 1-0 win at First Division Reading, Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink getting the only goal.

Aston Villa beat First Division Crystal Palace 3-0 while Tottenham Hotspur beat Manchester City 3-1, helped by a first goal for the club by 6.75 million pounds (11.67 million US dollars) striker Helder Postiga.

Manchester United were playing West Bromwich Albion later on Wednesday while Middlesbrough against Everton went into extra-time after a goalless 90 minutes.

A Mario Jardel header after four minutes had Bolton ahead at Anfield but Danny Murphy equalized in the 66th minute.

Djorkaeff had a goal ruled out for handball in the 77th minute but there was no debate about Jay-Jay Okocha's superb free kick two minutes later.

Liverpool fought back again though and thought they had taken the game into extra-time with Vladimir Smicer's 88th-minute shot.—MNA/Reuters

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5-12-2003 (Friday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

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| 9:00 | Signature Tune |
| | Greetings |
| 9:02 | Song of Myanmar |
| | Beauty & Scenic |
| | Sights "Mingalabar" |
| 9:06 | Pickled Herbal Tea |
| | leaves of Myanmar |
| 9:10 | Headline News |
| 9:12 | Easily Cooked Tasty |
| | Dishes "Saute Prawn |
| | with Asparagus" |
| 9:15 | National News |
| 9:20 | Snakes in the Pagoda |
| | Precinct |
| 9:25 | Dance of the |
| | Konbaung Era |
| 9:30 | National News |
| 9:35 | The National Museum |
| | (I) |
| 9:40 | Song "Golden Land, |
| | Myanmar" |
| 9:42 | Poppy Substitute Crop |
| | Cultivation in Border |
| | Areas |
| 9:45 | National News |
| 9:50 | The Fascinating Ocea- |
| | nography of Myanmar |
| 9:58 | Song of Myanmar |
| | Beauty & Scenic |
| | Sights "Come and See |
| | Myanmar" |
| 5-12-2003 (Friday) | |
| Regular Programmes for | |
| Viewers from Abroad | |
| Evening Transmission | |
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| | Greetings |
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| 16:15 | National News |
| 16:20 | The Fascinating Oceanography of Myanmar |
| 16:25 | Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment" |
| 16:30 | National News |
| 16:35 | Myanma Ancient Ornaments Showroom |
| 16:40 | Myanmar Cuisine "Pineapple Salad" |
| 16:45 | National News |
| 16:50 | Lawka Nanda Sanctuary Garden |
| 16:55 | Wararya Dance |
| 16:58 | The Silk Industry of Inlay |
| 17:00 | National News |
| 17:05 | Myanmar Profile: "Antique?? May be" |
| 17:10 | Myanmar Modern Song "A Compassionate Love Boat" |
| 17:12 | Conservations of Sea-turtles |
| 17:15 | National News |
| 17:20 | How to make Chinlone |
| 17:25 | Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar" |
| | Evening Transmission (19:30 - 23:30) |
| 19:30 | Signature Tune Greetings |
| 19:32 | Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment" |
| 19:36 | The Grand Bagaya Monastery (Inwa) |
| 19:40 | Headline News |
| 19:42 | Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Prawn Salad) |
| 19:45 | National News |
| 19:50 | The beautiful green ice |
| 19:52 | Dance of the Oil Lamps |
| 19:55 | A Thin Kind of Paper |
| 20:00 | National News |
| 20:05 | Song "Missing you so much" |
| 20:10 | The Salone in Myeik Archipelago |
| 20:15 | National News |
| 20:20 | Folk Art of Pottery |
| 20:25 | Song "Across the Ayeyawady" |
| 20:30 | National News |
| 20:35 | Toddy Palm Arts |
| 20:40 | Myanmar Cuisine "Steamed Fish" |
| 20:45 | National News |
| 20:50 | An Umbrella For Style |
| 20:55 | Scenic Beauty of Tiddim & Cultural Dance |
| 20:58 | Mother O'Pearl Mosaic Painting |
| 21:00 | National News |

Poem

Keep hearing father's words

* In my mind, these days
What father said, when I was young
Words of counsel, those good words
I seem to keep hearing them, these days

* Here my boy, you just remember
Around our village, when we were young
There was a ruffian, a rich man's son
Existed, my son, he said.

* That bad hat, with bundle of money
Gathered retinue around him, did what he liked
Entered many villages, played havoc
To make trouble, one way overtly
Covertly another, he did what he liked
Brought trouble in many ways
We experienced that, my boy, said father.

* To act in retaliation, to fight back
It seemed there was no way
But his kin, his relatives
And those who sided with him
Were separated and nipped off
Bit by bit, he met trouble
And all these happened till he died
Then all lived in peace, my son, said father.

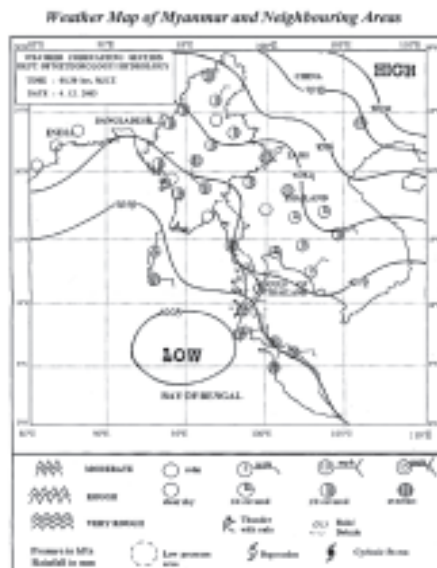
* In order not to meet such fate
In your time, you make money
But even if you prospered, became rich
Don't act like that, to win fame
Don't you dare act like the man
Don't do that, my son, he said.

* Even if you're poor, seek out not the rich
What acts as a bully, side not with him
Don't work with him in business
Don't do that, my son, he said.

* While father was alive, and I was young
His good counsel, these good words
Don't know why, but these days
In my mind, I keep hearing
When I think deeply, 'tis what I keep hearing
What is happening, those events in Iraq
The true nature appears
Very distinctly.

* If father could, till this day
Be alive, what is happening
He would, of Iraq, be witness
And point it out
What father would say, I seem to hear
"Look here my son, what's going on."

Po Wa (Trs)



WEATHER

Thursday, 4 December, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were 5°C to 6°C below normal in Shan and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, 3°C to 4°C below normal in Kachin, Chin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. Significant night temperature was 0°C in Hakha.

Maximum temperature on 3-12-2003 was 33.5°C (92°F). Minimum temperature on 4-12-2003 was 15.5°C (60°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 4-12-2003 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 3-12-2003 was (6.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 4-12-2003 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 2211 mm (87.05 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2315 mm (91.14 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2394 mm (94.25 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 14 mph from North at (15:40) hours MST on 3-12-2003.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 5-12-2003:
Except for the possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain in extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-12-2003: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-12-2003: Fine weather.

**Friday, 5 December**

View today:

7:00 am

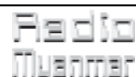
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- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
5. လွင်ရှားပုံနှိပ်စိတ်ပျော်စွင်
- 8:05 am
6. ဆဇိတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
7. The mirror images of

the musical oldies

- 8:25 am
8. ဟင်းစိုက်ရေသောက်ခံ
8:30 am
9. International news
8:45 am
10. English for Everyday Use
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. Practice in reading
4:40 pm
4. Musical programme
4:55 pm
5. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ချဉ်းသင်ကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တမအထူးပြု) (သတ္တမ)
- 5:10 pm
6. Song of national races
5:25 pm
၆. ဗမာပြုကြွယ်သံတေးဖျတ်
5:40 pm
8. ရုဉ်းစုခန့်မှန်းသားကစားအခြေခံ
5:50 pm
9. Musical programme

6:05 pm

10. မြန်မာစာပြန်မာစကား
6:20 pm
11. မြန်မာ-ဂျပန်ချစ်ကြည်ရေးအစဉ်
“ဂျပန်လူနေမှုဘဝအစဉ်များ”
(ဂျပန်နိုင်ငံ-ရာဇာဓိပတိ)
6:30 pm
12. Evening news
7:00 pm
13. Weather report
7:05 pm
14. Milo success in soccer
7:10 pm
15. Song of yesteryears
7:25 pm
16. ကော့ဒီ (အပိုင်း-၂)
7:40 pm
17. Musical programme
8:00 pm
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. Myanmar video
feature:
“အချို့မျိုးသွားတဲ့အချစ်”
(အပိုင်း-၁)
မင်းအောင်ကျွန်း၊ ဝန်းမြတ်
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်စိုင်း)
22. The next day's
programme



Friday, 5 December

Tune in today:

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| 8.30 am | Brief news |
| 8.35 am | Music |
| 8.40 am | Perspectives |
| 8.45 am | Music |
| 8.50 am | National news/
Slogan |
| 9.00 am | Music |
| 9.05 am | International news |
| 9.10 am | Music |
| 1.30 pm | News/Slogan |
| 1.40 pm | Lunch time music
- All in a day (The
Corrs)
- Sad eyes (Trusha
Yearwood) |
| 9.00 pm | Special talk:
Patriotism is great
power to enhance
national
defence |
| 9.15 pm | Article/Music |
| 9.25 pm | Music at your request
- Making love out
nothing at all (A
Supply)
- Downtown train
(Rod Stewart) |
| 9.45 pm | News/Slogan |
| 10.00 pm | PFI |

Myanmar cruises to semifinal

YANGON, 4 Dec — Singaporean girls were no match to Myanmar eleven that they wholly played a defensive game throughout the 90 minutes, rarely threatening the Myanmar defence and goal.

Myanmar girls were launching attacks from all angles, penetrating the Singaporean defence again and again, with fine passes and dribbles, and scored three goals to secure the semifinal berth. —NLM

Premier League Soccer continues

YANGON, 4 Dec — Premier League Soccer Tournament of Myanmar Football Federation continued at Aung San Gynasium here this afternoon.

The Ministry of Trans-

port Team-A beat the Ministry of Construction Team 2-0 and the man of the match award went to Myat Min Oo of the Ministry of Transport Team-A.

MNA



CPLA Deputy Chief of General Staff, General Wu Quanxu and party visit Myanansankyaw Golden Palace. — MNA

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects development tasks in Namsang Township

YANGON, 4 Dec — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials, on 1 December inspected the site chosen to construct the dam on Wampon Creek near Wanpon Village in Namsang Township.

On completion, the dam will be 600 feet in length and 53 feet in height with 8.4 sq miles of catchment area. Its water storage capacity is 1,560 acre feet and it will benefit 1,000 acres of farm land. Lt-

Gen Aung Htwe and party also saw over the site chosen to construct Namhaunglatt Creek Dam on the Namhaunglatt Creek near Ward-4 in Namsang Township.

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attended to the needs. Later, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party went to Kengtawng by helicopter and met with officers and other ranks in Kengtawng Station.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Tonhong Pariyatti Monastery and presented offerings to members of the Sangha. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party also met with de-

partmental staff, local people and students at the General Administration Department, Kengtawng and urged them to cooperate in the regional development tasks.

During the tour, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party also met with local Tatmadawmen in Kholan region and Wanshin Village.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe also held a meeting with departmental staff and local people in Wanshin Village. After hearing reports on construction of Namhit Creek Dam on Namhit Creek at the meeting, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attended to the needs. —MNA

CPLA Deputy Chief of General Staff and party tour Central Command, Eastern Command areas

YANGON, 4 Dec — A visiting goodwill delegation led by Deputy Chief of General Staff, General Wu Quanxu of the Chinese People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China, accompanied by Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Nyan Win of the Ministry of Defence, Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xu Shulai of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China and officials, left Yangon International Airport by Tatmadaw aircraft on 2 December morning and arrived at Mandalay International

Airport at 10 am.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and senior military officers.

Accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and senior military officers, the visiting Chinese general and party proceeded to PyinOoLwin where they were welcomed by PyinOoLwin Station Commander Rector of Defence Services Academy Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Pro-Rec-

tor Col Thoe Htein and officials.

At the DSA Convocation Hall, the rector and officials explained matters related to the DSA and answered the queries. Next, the Chinese general spoke words of thanks and signed in the visitors' book. Later, Rector Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and the Chinese general exchanged souvenirs.

Next, General Wu Quanxu and party together with Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and senior military officers posed for documentary photo. After visiting the DSA, the guests arrived at Defence Services Technological Academy where they were welcomed by Rector Brig-Gen Win Myint and professors.

At the meeting hall, the rector extended greetings and briefed the guests on matters related to the DSTA. After signing in the visitors' book, the visiting general exchanged souvenirs with Rector Brig-Gen Win Myint. The guests then visited the DSTA. Afterwards, the Chinese general and party went to National Kandawgyi Garden and toured there.

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Maj-Gen Myint Swe speaks at the coordination meeting between national agricultural and livestock breeding entrepreneurs. — YANGON COMMAND

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe meets national entrepreneurs

YANGON, 4 Dec — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe met national entrepreneurs of Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Fish and Poultry Farming Special Zone near Nyaungnnapin Village in Hmawby Township, Yangon North District, at the hall of Yangon Command this afternoon to discuss matters on extended tasks of agriculture and livestock breeding.

Also present on the occasion were Director-Gen-

eral of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Arnt Kyaw, Officer on Special Duty Col Khin Maung Soe at Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, Head of Engineering Department U Zaw Win of YCDC, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Secretary Lt-Col Kyaw Tint and members, entrepreneurs and others.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe made a speech on the occasion.

He said there are many infrastructures in the zone established under the guid-

ance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. The zone supplies kitchen crops, fish and meat to Yangonites to some extent. Tasks are to be extended to meet the demand of increasing population of the city.

The special zone is supplied with water from the right canal of Ngamoeyik Dam. In addition, Kalihtaw Dam has already been built to supply enough water.

The entrance road to the zone has been tarred and electricity has also been supplied to the zone like industrial zones. Telephone

lines have been installed and arrangements have been made to extend phone lines.

Afterwards, officials of special zone-1, zone-2 and zone-3, the chairman of Supervisory Committee for the zone, the Yangon Division Irrigation Department director and the DHSDD director-general reported on tasks being carried out and future tasks.

The meeting came to a close with concluding remarks by the commander.

MNA

Photo Expo shows Myanmar beauty

YANGON, 4 Dec — As part of promoting the tourism industry in Myanmar, the 10th Beauty of Myanmar Photo Exhibition, organized by Today Companies Group, was held in conjunction with a prize presentation ceremony at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Latt, Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise

U Tin Kha, Managing Director of the Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services U Htay Aung, and officials. At the prize presentation ceremony, Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented awards to those standing first, second and third and those winning consolation prizes. Next, Dr Tha Tun Oo, managing director of TCG, presented gifts to member photographers on the panel of judges. Later, Brig-Gen Thein Zaw formally opened the exhibition and viewed round the photos on display there. The exhibition will be kept open daily at the hotel till 10 December and admission is free.

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