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Defence Services medical unit is a force that has carried the noble traditions of great courage

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attends graduation ceremony of 1st Intake of Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science



YANGON, 5 Dec— Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivered an address at the graduation ceremony of 1st Intake of Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science at the parade ground of Defence Services Medical Academy, here, at 7.30 am today.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivered an address on the occasion. In his speech, he said: The closing of the course No 1 of the Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical

Science is a milestone in the history of Defence Services medical unit. The purpose of conducting the course is to produce skilled and mentally good nurses, pharmacologists and paramedics who uphold Our Three Main National Causes and are important for national Tatmadaw. You have completed the course and are conferred Bachelor of Nursing Science degree and assigned duties to medical units.

The Defence Services Institute of Nursing was launched in 2000 and was upgraded to the Military Institute of Nursing and Para-

medical Science in 2002. The curricula for the institute were prescribed in accord with the regulations of the Universities Education Boards Council and the Universities Central Council. The external examiners including those from the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) and the Institute of Nursing (Mandalay) tested the abilities of the trainees. In future, the institute will confer BSc (Pharmacy) and BSc (Paramedical Science, Diagnosis, X-ray, and physiology) degrees on the graduates.

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Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye makes a speech at the graduation of 1st Intake of Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science.— MNA

CPLA Deputy Chief of General Staff concludes visit

YANGON, 5 Dec— A 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 left here by air this morning.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence saw the CPLA general and party off at Yangon International Airport.

At 9 am, General Thura Shwe Mann went to Tatmadaw Guest House on Inya Road where he cordially met with the visiting Chinese general and party.

Next, General Thura Shwe Mann presented a

photo album and documentary video tape on goodwill visit to General Wu Quanxu.

Then, the visiting general and party together with General Thura Shwe Mann left there for Yangon International Airport.

At 10 am, the aircraft carrying the Chinese general and party left here. They were seen off at the airport by members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe,

senior military officers, Chinese Ambassador to

Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun and Chinese Military Attaché

Senior Colonel Xu Shulai.— MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann presents souvenirs to CPLA Deputy Chief of General Staff General Wu Quanxu.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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For greening the 30-mile radius of Yangon

Agriculture is the main economy of the State and farmers and rural people who constitute the majority of the population of the nation earn their living through agriculture.

Promoting the agriculture sector leads the nation to possess strong economy and at the same time it brings about higher living standard of the entire people. Therefore, the Government is trying its best for ensuring sufficient water supply for agricultural purpose.

At present, there have emerged 154 dams throughout the country. As the Government is constantly seeking ways and means to supply water, the farmers are necessary to grow crops without sparing any land.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on growing paddy and other crops in 30 miles radius of Yangon and greening the area all the year round.

There are cultivable land as well as land that are not suitable for agriculture in the environs of Yangon.

Arrangements are to be made for growing crops in areas that are suitable for the purpose areas all year round. A land that is not suitable for growing crops should be put under perennial crops and fish and prawn breeding tasks should be carried out in wetlands that are not suitable for agriculture.

Annually, over 1.17 million acres and 250,000 acres of land in Yangon Division are put under monsoon and summer paddy respectively. At present, Ngamoyeik Dam, Kalihtaw Dam, Alaini Dam and Mahuya (Ngamoyeik supporting Dam) have been built in Yangon Division. And these facilities are supplying water for agriculture purpose.

The dams contribute much towards paddy cultivation in Yangon Division. Moreover, they benefit growing of seasonal crops as well as greening of the 30-mile radius of the capital.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, officials concerned are to provide assistance to successful growing of paddy and seasonal crops in the 30-mile radius of Yangon and farmers are to make earnest efforts for earning more income through agriculture.



President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents gifts to artistes who contributed shooting of educative video drama and publication of calendar. — MNA

UThaneMyint appointed as ambassador

YANGON, 6 Dec — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Thane Myint, Director-General of Consular and Legal Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

MNA



Thai ambassador to Myanmar Mr Oum Maolanon and wife welcomes Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and wife attending the reception in commemoration of Birthday of the King of Thailand. (on 5 December) — MNA



PBANRDA Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspects development tasks in Nyaungdon and Pantanaw Townships. — MNA

PBANRDA Minister inspects development tasks in Nyaungdon, Pantanaw

YANGON, 5 Dec — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, accompanied by the Deputy Director-General of Department of Development Affairs and officials arrived in Pantanaw this morning, where the minister met with the chairman of Pantanaw Township Peace and Development Council and members and townselders.

The chairman of Pantanaw PDC and Pantanaw Township Development Affairs Engineer U Kyaw Zin Wai reported to the minister on preventive measures against bank erosion with the help of charts.

Next, the minister inspected construction of Pantanaw-Tawkyauang-Gonmin rural road and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the minister and party proceeded to Nyaungdon Township. At the meeting hall of Nyaungdon Township Development Affairs committee, the chairman of Nyaungdon PDC and Executive Officer U Thet Paing of Nyaungdon Township Development Affairs

reported to the minister on development affairs tasks with the help of charts.

After that, the minister and party inspected Bola Young gravel road implemented by the Nyaungdon Township Development Affairs committee. The minister gave necessary instructions there. — MNA

Health Minister accepts donations for TB control

YANGON, 5 Dec — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint accepted equipment and three vehicles to be used in control of TB and lung disease donated by International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease-IUATLD of France, at the hall of National Health Committee in Dagon Township at 2 pm today.

Dr Hans Leonhard Rieder of IUATLD explained the purpose of the donations and presented three Toyota cars, 110 microscopes, one teaching lens, two modern microscopes and spare parts and 10 portable computers. The minister accepted the donations and presented a certificate of honour and a commemorative pennant to the wellwisher.

Afterwards, Director-General Dr Wan Maung of Health Department spoke words of thanks.

IUATLD opens the applied TB control course in Yangon.

MNA

MMCWA honours actors

YANGON, 5 Dec — President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe attended ceremony to honour those who contributed to covering of the health educative video drama of MMCWA and publication of the 2004 calendar at the hall of MMCWA this morning.

The president presented gifts to film director Daw Yoe Yoe, Academy Kyaw Ye Aung, Academy Aung Khaing, Academy May Thinzar Oo, Academy Myo Thanda Tun and Hsu Pan Htwa for the drama. Vice-President Daw Tin Linn Myint gave away gifts to actor Thatti, actresses Hsu Pan Htwa, Chaw Yadana and Thet Mon Myint for the calendar.

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Tourism promotion V-CD to be distributed

YANGON, 5 Dec — With the permission of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the Design Printing Services (DPS) has been making arrangements for distribution of V-CD on tourism promotion before the ITB Berlin Germany (2004).

It will include colour photos on destination marketing, slide presentations, animations, audio, video, maps of Myanmar, Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan, MraukU, Pyin Oo Lwin, Taunggyi, Inlay Lake and Kyaukse, and tourist attraction beaches. It helps individual travellers, travel agents and tour leaders make tour planning through internet technology.

A total of free 5,000 CDs will be distributed to local and foreign tourism services, travel agents, foreign embassies in Yangon, Myanmar embassies in foreign countries, international organizations, airlines and respective departments.

Those wishing to cooperate in distributing CDs and to participate in ITB Berlin Germany may contact Design Printing Services (DPS) of 165, 35th Street, Kyauktada Township (Tel: 204020 or E-mail: dps@myanmar.com.mm). — MNA

Myanmar businessmen leave for Thailand

YANGON, 5 Dec — General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Chairman of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association U Aung Lwin and party left here by

air this morning to attend the Quadrangle Expo 2003 in Chiangmai, Thailand, from 5 to 14 December.

They were seen off at the airport by President of UMFCCI U Win Myint and officials.

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US presses counteroffensive, but guerrillas strike again

BAGHDAD, 5 Dec—Two Iraqi policemen and four civilians were wounded Thursday when insurgents fired two rockets at the police station in Ramadi, about 70 miles west of the capital, as officers were gathering to collect their monthly pay, officials said.

Though the attack caused no fatalities, it demonstrated the guerrillas' continuing ability to strike Iraqi security forces working with the US occupation after bombings last month outside two police stations north of Baghdad killed 17 people.

In a separate incident, an ammunition transport truck burst into flames Thursday afternoon when it hit a land mine in Baghdad, US military officials said. No US troops were hurt in the incident.

Minutes after the explosion, flames billowed from the armored vehicle as dozens of US forces closed down the road, a major highway connecting the city with the international airport to the

southwest. Two helicopters circled overhead while Iraqi motorists on a nearby bridge slowed down to look, snarling rush-hour traffic.

The attacks came as US officials said they have sharply reduced the number of strikes against allied forces by pressing an offensive against suspected loyalists of the ousted president, Saddam Hussein.

US paratroops from the 82nd Airborne Division on Wednesday captured a former brigadier general in Hussein's Republican Guard during an early morning raid in Fallujah, a city near Ramadi in the heartland of anti-US resistance, military officials said.

According to the officials, Brig. Gen

Daham Mahemdi was suspected of maintaining indirect contact with Hussein and directing guerrilla activities in Fallujah. He was seized at his home with two Kalashnikov assault rifles, a pistol, a shotgun and ammunition.

US forces also detained a Shiite Muslim activist, Amar Yassiri, for alleged involvement in an Oct. 9 ambush that killed two US soldiers in Sadr City, a vast, mainly Shiite neighborhood in eastern Baghdad.

A spokesman for a prominent Shiite cleric, Moqtada Sadr, a harsh critic of the US occupation and the most influential figure in Sadr City, denied Yassiri was connected to Sadr.—Internet

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Iraqi guerrillas attack police station

BAGHDAD, 5 Dec—Guerrillas attacked a police station in central Iraq on Thursday, wounding six people, a day after officials said they were considering creating a specialized Iraqi paramilitary battalion to help fight the insurgents.

Two rockets struck the Ramadi Police Directorate, 100 miles west of Baghdad, as officers gathered inside to receive their monthly salaries, said Maj Samir Habib. Two policemen and four civilians were wounded, he said.

Ramadi, a town on the main highway between Iraq and Jordan, is part of the so-called Sunni Triangle — a region north and west of Baghdad that has seen fierce resistance to the US-led occupation.

Internet



US soldiers secure the area while smoke rises from an armoured support vehicle after a roadside explosive went off in Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 Dec, 2003.—INTERNET

Iraq and terror war cost 5.5 billion pounds

LONDON, 5 Dec—The government has spent more than five billion pounds on operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and waging the "war on terror", Chancellor Gordon Brown says.

"The total spent and committed so far for the war on terror and our operations in Iraq and Afghanistan is around 5.5 billion pounds," Brown told parliament. But he dismissed claims that he risked losing a grip on government debt.

Brown said he would announce in his pre-budget report next week that he would meet his fiscal rules — that the government should only borrow to invest over the economic cycle and that public debt is kept at a sustainable level.

A Reuters poll of economists on Wednesday suggested Brown has underestimated his government's borrowing needs. The mid-point forecasts in a survey of 20 economists saw Brown raising the official public sector net borrowing (PSNB) forecast to 32 billion pounds for the current tax year from the 27 billion he announced in his April budget.—Internet

Saudi Arabia supports steady OPEC output

VIENNA, 5 Dec—Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi told the Press here that he agreed with other OPEC members who believe no change would be necessary for crude output quotas for the time being.

Naimi, who is here for the Thursday meeting of the Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC), said that he was satisfied with the present demand-supply balance on the oil market. However, he also expressed concerns over possible output surplus in the second quarter of next year.

The minister believed that some proactive actions were necessary to bring the situation under control.

If pressures from weak demand increase next year, OPEC would most probably slash its output quotas, said Naimi.

Some other oil ministers of the cartel's members shared the same view and believed it was necessary to take actions before the next ministerial meeting scheduled for March, next year.

Their concerns were largely fuelled by the sluggish demand amid a warm winter in the north hemisphere, increased output from non-OPEC nations like Russia as well as the recovering Iraqi production.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest crude exporter, is the last to voice support for a steady output before the cartel's meeting on Thursday.

Some of OPEC's members including Iran, Venezuela, Algeria, Libya, Indonesia and the United Arab Emirates have already reached a consensus on a no-change policy at present.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese premier pledges support for HK, Macao to govern by law

BEIJING, 5 Dec—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao reiterated here China's adherence to the policy of "one Country, two Systems" and the Hong Kong and Macao Basic Laws, and pledged full support for the two regions to govern by law.

Wen made the remark in meeting with Tung Chee Hwa, chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), and Edmund Ho Hau Wah, chief executive of the Macao Special Administrative Region on two separate occasions. The two chief executives are in Beijing reporting on their work to the central government.

The Hong Kong economy is recovering thanks to the joint efforts of its government and its people as well as the support from the central government, Wen said while meeting with Tung, noting the implementation of the Chinese Mainland/Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) enhanced economic cooperation between the Mainland and Hong Kong.—MNA/Xinhua

United Sino-Vietnamese railway transportation hits new high

KUNMING, 5 Dec—United cargo transportation by rail between China and Vietnam hits a record high this year, reaping more than 1.78 million yuan (some 214,000 US dollars) in income by the end of November and fulfilling the year's goal ahead of schedule.

Cargo volume transported on the line running from Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, to the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi during the past 11 months exceeded 670,000 tons, up 30 per cent year-on-year, and is expected to top 750,000 tons for the whole of the year.

United railway transportation between the two nations was resumed in 1996.

MNA/Xinhua

CPPCC chairman says China, Pakistan to further cooperation

ISLAMABAD, 5 Dec—Sino-Pakistani cooperation is in the most fundamental interest of the two peoples and should be continuously consolidated and strengthened, said Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC).

Jia, who is on an official goodwill visit at the invitation of Pakistani Senate Chairman Mohammed Mian Soomro, made the remarks here during his talks with Soomro.

Jia spoke positively of bilateral relations, and said

that since the two countries forged diplomatic ties 52 years ago, Sino-Pakistani all-weather friendship and all-round cooperation have become an example for the relations between countries with different social systems and cultural back-

grounds.

He said it is the consensus of the new Chinese leadership and the policy of the Chinese Government to consolidate and strengthen Sino-Pakistani overall and cooperative partnership.

MNA/Xinhua



The Alva family looks at an image of the Virgin of Guadalupe at an exhibit entitled 'Guadalupe in Popular Culture' along the fence of Chapultepec Zoo on 4 Dec, 2003, in Mexico City.—INTERNET



Iraqi women and children wait outside their house during a US Army operation 'Lockdown' in the village of Aswan outside the town of Baquba in central Iraq on 3 Dec, 2003. — INTERNET

Honduran forces attacked in southern Iraq

MADRID, 5 Dec — The Honduran forces deployed in Iraq were attacked in the early hours of Wednesday by mortar fire without casualties.

The Spanish Defence Ministry said a reconnaissance patrol searched a two-kilometre area without detecting the aggressors, at the city of Najaf, south of Baghdad, the capital of Iraq.

Honduras provided 370 soldiers to the Spanish-led Plus Ultra brigade of 2,500 members. It includes forces from El Salvador, Nicaragua and Dominican Republic.

The Plus Ultra brigade is not tasked with combat duty and serves in a security mission in the provinces of Al Qadisiya and Najaf, in

central and southern Iraq, according to the Spanish authorities.

Last Saturday, seven Spanish secret agents died in an ambush near the locality of Suwayrah, when returning aboard two vehicles in Baghdad. The Islamic groups opposing the occupation forces in Iraq intensified their attacks against the weakest contingents. —MNA/Xinhua

Spokesman of Iraq's major Sunni party shot at by US soldier

BAGHDAD, 5 Dec — An official spokesman of the Iraqi Islamic Party (IIP) was shot at by a US soldier guarding a checkpoint but was not injured, the party said in a Press release here.

Hajim al-Husseini was under attack when he passed the checkpoint in Baghdad on Wednesday, said the IIP, a Sunni Party represented in the 25-member US-handpicked Iraqi Governing Council.

The party demanded that the US forces stop such practices and quickly withdraw from the Iraqi territories and give their positions to Iraqi security forces.

Al-Husseini told reporters that what had happened to him was "a clear assault," although he admitted that he was given an apology by a commander of the American troops.

MNA/Xinhua

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Russia supports UN role in world affairs

Moscow, 5 Dec— Russian President Vladimir Putin affirmed Wednesday Russia's support of the United Nations as an authoritative and multi-faceted institution in the world, the Presidential Press Service said.

In his letter to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Putin said that "our initiative on setting up a global system for confronting new challenges and threats under the UN auspices, which was unanimously supported at the 57th session of the UN General Assembly, serves the implementation of this approach".

"We believe the time has come to turn to practical steps on setting up such a system, beginning with the determination of its basic criteria and parameters," Putin noted.

He added that Russia, along with many other influential states, has submitted a new draft resolution on the issue at the current

UN General Assembly session.

Putin expressed his belief that the resolution, which welcomes the establishment of a high-level group dealing with threats, challenges and changes, will also be passed in a consensus, adding that Russia will "make a significant contribution to the work".

Russia, a strong opponent to the US-led military actions against Iraq, has been insisting on a central UN role in the postwar reconstruction in the war-torn country. It has also been cooperative to many UN resolutions over some thorniest international problems.

MNA/Xinhua

UN weapons commission wants to return to Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 5 Dec— With 51 weapons experts still on staff, the UN commission in charge of monitoring Iraq's unconventional arms made clear on Wednesday it was well placed to uncover any remaining dangerous materials in Iraq.

In a report to the Security Council, the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) said it was still updating its extensive database, especially on biological arms and missiles, and analysing imagery from ongoing commercial satellite overflights.

The report said, for example, there was circumstantial evidence that before the war Iraq was working on a two-stage rocket that would have had an illegal range, but that closer investigation was needed.

The United States has barred the commission from going to Iraq and instead set up an Iraq Survey Group, headed by David Kaye, who led inspection teams in 1991 for the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The report, written by Demetrius Perros, the acting UNMOVIC executive chairman, said no written materials

from Kaye had been submitted to any of the UN inspection bodies. But judging from excerpts that had been made public, much of the material was familiar to UNMOVIC and contained in its past reports, Perros said.

"The general impression from the statements released is that most of the findings...relate to complex subjects familiar to UNMOVIC, both through declarations and semi-annual reports provided by Iraq, and by correspondence, meetings and inspection reports by UN teams," the report said.

Perros has said he doubted that Saddam Hussein had large stocks of weapons of mass destruction. But the report also pointed to unanswered questions in accounting for materials like anthrax, which Iraq said it had destroyed without giving proof. —MNA/Reuters

Chinese enterprises encouraged to further investment in Argentina

BEIJING, 5 Dec— A senior Chinese official said that China encourages more domestic enterprises to invest in Argentina, using its advantageous geographic position and preferential policies for foreign investment to develop the country's domestic market.

Yu Ping, vice-president of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), made the remark at a forum on promotion of China-Argentina trade here.

He said China had witnessed soaring trade and economic cooperation with Argentina recently and Chinese enterprises have great interest in exploring the vast potential of further bilateral trade.

According to the latest official statistics, China-Argentina trade volume reached 2.5 billion US dollars from January to September,

up 163.3 per cent over the same period of last year. Over 30 Chinese enterprises have established bases in Argentina, contributing 24.56 million US dollars in investment. Argentina has funded 279 projects in China, with a contracted investment value at 217 million US dollars and actual 68.96 million US dollars.

The visiting Foreign Minister of Argentina Rafael Bielsa noted that Argentina was shaking off the negative impact of the financial turmoil in 2002 by adopting positive economic policies. —MNA/Xinhua

World Trade talks struggle as deadline looms

GENEVA, 5 Dec— Efforts to get World Trade Organization (WTO) talks back on track are making scant progress and there seems little chance of meeting a December 15 deadline for a resumption, trade sources said on Tuesday.

Trade envoys in Geneva have been struggling to pick up the pieces of the WTO's Doha Round of free trade negotiations ever since ministerial talks collapsed in disarray in Cancun, Mexico, in mid-September.

In the latest sign of problems, Uruguay's WTO Ambassador Carlos Perez del Castillo, who has been coordinating the bid, postponed a preparatory meeting of all the trade body's 146 member states from December 5 to December 9 to give himself more time for behind-the-scenes discussions.

The meeting will be the last before senior government officials gather on December 15 for what could be a decisive moment for the trade round, which aims to boost the world economy by lowering barriers to business in goods and services. Before leaving Cancun, ministers set the date for the senior officials' get-together in the hope that it could succeed where they had failed in reaching an outline agreement on some of the toughest topics, including reforming world farm trade.

"I reckon that this is just another sign that the 15th is not going to produce anything," said one trade envoy, referring to the postponement. "And it is a shame."

Trade envoys said Perez del Castillo's consultations with small groups of member states had failed to bridge the big gaps, particularly over agriculture where poorer states and farm goods exporters like Australia want deep cuts in big power subsidies.

On some questions, for example tariffs on industrial goods, the gap between what richer states wanted and what developing nations were prepared to give even appeared to have widened. Some envoys blamed the impasse on a lack of urgency on the part of the European Union, which is still finalizing a review of its negotiating position after the Cancun debacle. "The whole timeframe is being unduly influenced by the Europeans," said one Latin American envoy.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese visitors surround a two-meter tall stone statue of Akhenaten, known as the heretic Pharaoh who ruled Egypt about 3,300 years ago, at the National Museum of China in Beijing on 5 Dec, 2003—INTERNET

IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



US tanks secure the area around the city hall of Sadr City neighbourhood in Baghdad. — INTERNET



Image released by the US Department of Defence shows US soldiers with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, patrolling the streets of Al Hawijah, Iraq. — INTERNET



An Iraqi boy peers through a fence as he waits for his parents to buy gas in downtown Baghdad Wednesday, on 3 Dec, 2003. — INTERNET



A bullet-scarred building is photographed in Samarra, Iraq, early Monday, on 1 Dec, 2003, after US forces said they used battle tanks and cannons to fight their way out of two simultaneous ambushes. — INTERNET



A US Army soldier secures the area as soldiers remove the body of a 4th US Soldiers prevent Iraqi villagers from entering the village of al-Riyadh near the northern Iraqi town of Hawijah. — INTERNET



A young resident of the town of Samarra, 125 kms north of Baghdad, shows a mortar shell piece he found following a US Army attack, reportedly triggered when a US patrol was shot at. — INTERNET

(Continue from yesterday)

Form (1)

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Order granting permission to investigate, enter and
make inspection, search and seize
[Rule 4 (f)]

This Order is hereby issued to the Investigation Body headed by (name of the leader) (designation) of Department on receiving sufficient information that money laundering offence has been committed for enabling investigation, entering inspection, search and seizure relating to money and property obtained by illegal means.

- Person to be investigated
 - Name
 - Citizenship Scrutiny Card No; National Registration Certificate No; Foreigner Registration Certificate No; Nationality; Passport No; Visa No;
 - Father's name
 - Address
- Brief summary of the Money Laundering Offence
- Immovable properties and movable properties relating to Money Laundering Offence shall be seized with Temporary Seizure Form(2) in the presence of 2 witnesses.
- If execution cannot be made in accordance with this Order, the reason for not being able to do so shall be reported to the Central Control Board.
- If execution can be made, after conducting investigation, the report of findings of investigation shall be reported promptly to the Central Control Board.



Chairman

Dated: ----- The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
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Form (2)

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Temporary Seizure of Money and Property Form
[Rule 4 (h)]

- Date and time of seizure of money and property
- Location where property was seized
- Person under investigation
 - Name
 - Citizenship Scrutiny Card No./ National Registration Certificate No./ Foreigner Registration Certificate No. / Passport No. / Visa No.
 - Address
- Person whose money and property have been seized
 - Name
 - Citizenship Scrutiny Card No./ National Registration Certificate No./ Foreigner Registration Certificate No./ Passport No./ Visa No.
 - Address
- Money and Property seized temporarily.

Serial No.	Type of Money and Property	Value	Location	Facts in detail	Remark

Signature -----
 Name -----
 Person under investigation;
 Person whose property has
 been returned

Signature -----
 Name -----
 Leader of Investigation Body
 Person returning the money
 and property

6. We hereby put our signatures as witnesses certifying that it is true that properties contained in this Temporary Seizure Form were seized in our presence.

Witness (1)
 Signature -----
 Name -----
 Citizenship Scrutiny Card No./
 National Registration Certificate
 No. -----
 Address -----

Witness (2)
 Signature -----
 Name -----
 Citizenship Scrutiny Card No./
 National Registration Certificate
 No. -----
 Address -----

Note:

- (1) In mentioning the number of items of property it shall be expressed in words as

well as in figures.

- In mentioning the number of items of property, if there is not enough space, separate sheets of paper shall be used to mention thereof, and the person under investigation, leader of the Investigation Body and witnesses shall put their signatures on every page.
- The leader of the Investigation Body shall read and explain the facts included in Temporary Seizure Form (2) to the person under investigation.

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Form (3)

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Prohibitory Order of Central Control Board
on Money Laundering
[Rule 4 (I)]

In respect of money laundering offence during investigation period, this prohibitory order is hereby issued to the following relevant department, organization and person not to convert, transfer, conceal, disguise, and obliterate the money and properties obtained by illegal means.

- Name and Address of person and organization under investigation
- Name and Address of person and organization whose property has been seized
- Name and Address of person and organization to whom prohibitory order has been issued.
- Prohibitory order be issued for the following:-
 - The amount of money
 - The value of property
 - The type of property and location
- Commencing date of prohibition

Chairman

Central Control Board on
 Money Laundering

Dated: -----

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Form (4)

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering Board
Bond
[Rule 4 (h)]

- On (day) (month) (year), I, U/Daw (name)....., (age).....years, holder of Citizenship Scrutiny Card No., residing at (No.) (street)..... (ward/village)..... (township) hereby put my signature below to enter into this Bond and agree to refund compensation as mentioned herein if this Bond be violated.
- The Investigation Body has temporarily seized the following properties at (No.)..... (street)..... (ward/village)..... (township) owned by me and which relate to money laundering Offence.

No.	Type of Property	Value	Location	Facts in detail	Remark

3. I hereby promise that with respect to the properties contained in paragraph 2 seized temporarily I will not amend the original form of, change, sell, mortgage, gift, release, transfer by certain means, conceal, obliterate, disguise the said properties and will not amend or change the original form with intention to destroy or cause destruction during the period in which they are re-entrusted to me.

4. I hereby promise that the properties seized temporarily contained in paragraph 2 will be kept at No., (street), (ward/village), (township) only, and without sanction of the Central Control Board, will not be moved to another place.

5. I further promise that necessary maintenance and protection will be made so as not to cause destruction and loss to the said property.

6. I understand and know that if any of the promises mentioned above are violated by me or violated by any person with to my abetment, the relevant properties will be confiscated under Rule 37 (a) and also will have action taken against me.

Signature
 Person under investigation/
 Person whose property has been seized

If any of the promises contained in this bond are violated by the person under investigation or person whose property has been seized, and no prescribed value be paid, we, two sureties hereby guarantee to pay the value that is owed fully individually, or jointly.

(See page 7)

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Surety (1)	Surety (2)
Signature	Signature
Name	Name
Citizenship Scrutiny Card No:	Citizenship Scrutiny Card No.
National Registration Certificate No;	National Registration Certificate No;
Address	Address

I hereby put my signature confirming that this bond is made in my presence.

Signature

Name

Leader of Investigation Body

Note:

- (1) In respect of the temporarily seized properties, this Bond Form (4) shall be made only after the Central Control Board has issued the prohibitory order Form (3).
- (2) The person under investigation, the person whose property has been seized, the leader of Investigation Body and witnesses shall sign on every paper used as separate sheets as there is not enough space for mentioning the property seized temporarily.
- (3) The leader of Investigation Body shall read and explain the facts included in the Temporary Seizure Form (2) to the person under investigation or person whose property has been seized.

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Form (5)

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Submitting Report

[Rule 9 (a)]

To

Chairman
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Yangon

Subject: Submitting Report in respect of the value of property transferred by deed

1. Transferor:
 - (a) Name
 - (b) Citizenship Scrutiny Card No; National Registration Card No; Foreigner Registration Card No; Citizen, Passport No; Visa No
 - (c) Address
2. Transferee:
 - (a) Name
 - (b) Citizenship Scrutiny Card No; National Registration Card No; Foreigner Registration Card No; Citizen, Passport No; Visa No
 - (c) Address
3. Type of Land transferred
 - (a) Type
 - (b) Area
 - (c) Location of the Block
4. Type of building transferred
 - (a) Type
 - (b) Area and number of persons
 - (c) Address of location
5. Value of property transferred contained in the Deed
6. Type of the Transfer Deed
7. Date of receiving the Deed
8. Registration number and date of the Deed
9. Value of property according to finding of investigation
10. Unusual or suspicious transfer
11. Other Descriptions

Registrar of Deeds
..... Land Records Office
..... Town

C.C:-

Director-General, Settlements and Land Records Department, Yangon.

Note :

1. In serial number 3 (a), the type of land transferred be classified and mentioned as freehold land, land already obtained La/ No. 3 (Kha), Land already granted La-Na/No. (39), land granted for residence, land granted for industry;.
2. In serial number 3(b), to mention the area of land plot in terms of acre or the length and breadth in terms of feet;
3. In serial number 3 (c), to mention completely the location of the land in terms of Number of the Field, Land Number, Land List Number, etc. in accordance with the location of the land survey plot;
4. In serial number 4 (a), to classify and mention the building as reinforced concrete, semi-pucca brick, brick and timber, timber, bambo-walled, hut, etc.

5. In serial number (6), to mention the type of deed that has been entered such as sales deed, gift deed release deed;
6. In serial number (7), to mention the date of registration of the deed, and if no registration has been made, date of the temporary registration of the deed;
7. In serial number (9), to mention reporting excess over the amount of value prescribed or reporting excess over the amount of value prescribed after finding out from field inspection;
8. In serial number (10), to classify and mention reporting due to transfer of unusual nature of or reporting due to transfer of suspicious nature;
9. In serial number (11), to mention fully other points that are desired to be mentioned.

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Form (6)

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Submitting Report
[Rule 12]

To

Chairman
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Yangon

Subject: **Submitting Report in respect of Bringing in, Sending, Carrying, Transferring Money**

1. The person who brings in, sends, carries, transfers of money into or outside of the country -
 - (a) Name
 - (b) Citizenship Scrutiny Card No., National Registration Card No., Foreigner Registration Card No., Citizen, Passport No., Visa No
 - (c) Address
 - (d) Other obvious particulars
2. Types of money and total amount of money
3. Date of bringing in, sending, carrying, transferring
4. Name and location of airport, port, border trade station where declaration is made
5. Location, time and situation on which it is found out upon investigation.
6. Matter concerning bringing in, sending, carrying and transferring money
7. Relevant documents and other evidences relating to money (if any)
8. Other Points to be mentioned

Name

Designation

Government department and organization
Submitting the report

Dated :-

c.c:

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Form (7)

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Form for Returning of Money and Property
[Rule 4 (j)(3) and 34]

1. Brief summary of the order passed by Central Control Board and Date
2. Date and time of returning of money and property
3. Location of returning money and property
4. The person under investigation
- (a) Name
 - (b) Citizenship Scrutiny Card No., National Registration Card No., Foreigner Registration Card No., Passport No., Visa No.
 - (c) Address
5. Person to whom property has been returned
- (a) Name
 - (b) Citizenship Scrutiny Card No., National Registration Card No., Foreigner Registration Card No., Passport No., Visa No.
 - (c) Address

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Secretary-1 inspects rice mills in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone

YANGON, 5 Dec — Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, together with Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw arrived at Thauung Win Industrial Workshop at the corner of Padewin U Shwe Bin Street and Thanchatwin Street in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone this afternoon. The Secretary-1 heard reports on the rice mills being used in Myanmar and machinery being assembled for rice mills at the workshop with the use of domestic raw materials and building of modern rice mills with the use of import substitute machinery which can mill rice two tons an hour and continuous production of the machinery. Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone next gave a supplementary report.

The Secretary-1 gave instructions saying that the new rice trading policy had been laid down in April, 2003. Therefore, rice can be freely traded in the country in accord with the market-oriented economic system, and surpluses can also be exported. That is why more efforts should be made for boosting production of rice that meets the needs of foreign markets.

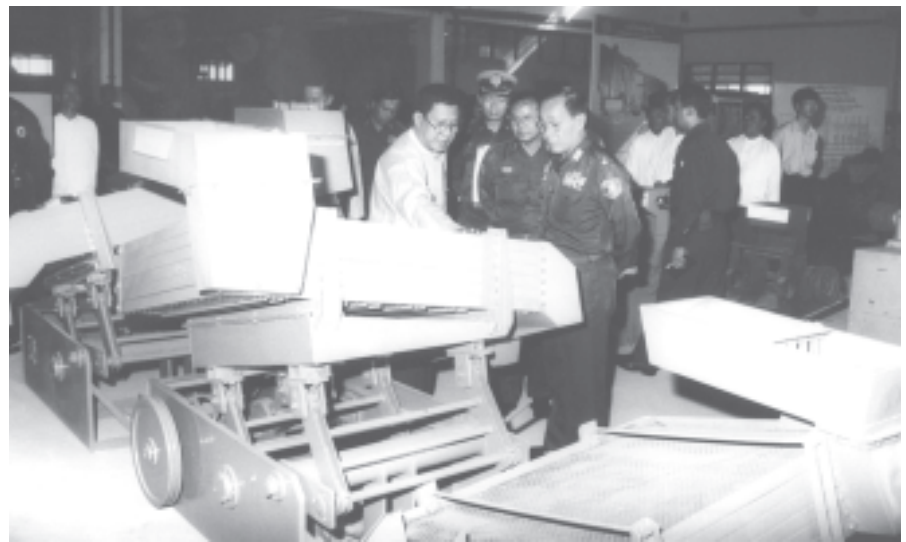
He said the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has been taking respon-

sibilities for extended cultivation of good quality paddy strains. While making these efforts, the ministry is required to take charge of promoting the quality of rice mills. The Secretary-1 next urged the rice mill owners and industrial entrepreneurs to take innovative measures for production of rice mill machinery and spareparts with a view to developing the industry and substituting the import items.

The Ministry of Commerce also is to make arrangements for renting of regional State-owned rice mills to private entrepreneurs and milling of rice. Later, the Secretary-1 said that now moisture testers have been assembled in the country for the promotion of rice quality. And he advised that private entrepreneurs in cooperation with the State should also endeavour to invent colour sorters. The State will give necessary assistance, he added.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected the machines and parts for rice mills at the workshop and rubber rolls and rubber blade manufactured by other industrial entrepreneurs. They also inspected the rice mill of Thauung Win Industry running of the mill and samples of rice.

The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to No 282 360-ton rice reprocessing plant of



Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading, the Ministry of Commerce in Shwe Linban Industrial Zone. At the briefing hall, the minister gave an account of the plant. MAPT General Manager U Than Tun Aung gave a report on investment of the plant, installation of machinery, power of machines and the strength of staff. The Secretary-1 and party inspected the machine parts, sample of rice and export quality Super rice (100 %) and function of colour sorter. Afterwards, they looked into milling of sticky rice and Emata rice and left the zone in the evening. — MNA

Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win makes an inspection tour of Thauung Win Industrial Workshop, Hlinethaya Industrial Zone. — MNA

CCB forms Investigation Body to investigate money laundering offences

YANGON, 5 Dec — The Central Control Board of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Union of Myanmar today announced the formation of the Investigation Body to carry out investigation into matters legalizing the money and property obtained by illegal means.

In accordance with the rights prescribed in the sub-section (c) of Section 8 of the Money Laundering Law, the Central Control Board formed under the Notification No 6/2002, dated 4-6-2002, of the Union of Myanmar set up an investigation body with following persons to make investigation into whether there are any legalization of money and property obtained by illegal means at the Asia Wealth Bank and the Myanmar Mayflower Bank.

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| (a) U Hla Tun | Head |
| Licensed Public Accountant and Financial Consultant | |
| (b) U Myint Tun | Second Head |
| Deputy Director-General | |
| Bureau of Special Investigation | |
| (c) Daw Than Than Aye | Member |
| Director | |
| Auditor-General's Office | |
| (d) U Maung Maung | Member |
| Director | |
| Central Bank of Myanmar | |
| (e) U Soe Myint | Member |
| Director | |
| Ministry of Commerce | |
| (f) U Myint Soe | Member |
| Chairman | |
| Myanmar Garment Entrepreneurs Association | |
| (g) U Sein Win Hlaing | Member |
| General Secretary | |
| Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry | |
| (h) U Tin Tun | Secretary |
| Director | |
| Bureau of Special Investigation | |

The Investigation Body, in carrying out investigation and inspection, has the right:

- to open the case and conduct necessary investigation;
 - to call for and examine the documents and other supporting evidences as are required from the person under investigation or other persons, the relevant government departments and organizations;
 - to summon and examine the person under investigation or other persons as are required;
 - to enter and inspect the building, land and worksite of the person under investigation; and
 - to make a prompt report to the Central Control Board if there arises a cause to legalize money and property obtained by illegal means.
- Moreover, the Investigation Body are to:
- submit reports on findings to the Central Control Board in three months;
 - submit reports on findings to the Central Control Board together with case proceedings; and
 - carry out the investigation in a confidential manner.

In the course of the investigation, the Investigation Body should be careful not to affect the regular functions of the banks.

MNA

Myanmar boxers leave for Vietnam

YANGON, 5 Dec — A five-member sports delegation headed by President of Myanmar Boxing Federation President of the Union of

Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry left here by air this morning to participate in the SEA Games to be held in the Republic of

Vietnam.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials.

MNA

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6. Money and properties returned :

Serial No.	Item of Money and Property	Value	Location	Facts in detail	Remark

Signature

Name

The person being investigated
person whose property has been
returned

Signature

Name

Leader of Investigation Body
person returning the money and
property

7. We hereby put our signatures as witnesses certifying that it is true that properties contained in Form for Returning Money and Property have been returned in our presence.

Witness (1)

Witness (2)

Signature

Name

Citizenship Scrutiny Card No./

National Registration Certificate No.....

Address

Signature

Name

Citizenship Scrutiny Card No./

National Registration Certificate No.....

Address

Note:

- In mentioning the number of items of property it shall be expressed in words as well as in figures.
- In mentioning the number of items of property, if there is no enough space, separate papers shall be used to mention thereof, and the person under investigation, leader of the Investigation Body and witnesses shall put their signatures on every page.
- The leader of the Investigation Body shall read and explain the facts included in Returning of property Form (7) to the person under investigation or the person whose property has been seized.



Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents best trainee award to Zaw Min Shein.—MNA

Defence Services medical ...

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Diligent and qualified trainees will attend post graduate courses in the nation and abroad for further studies. Thus, I would like to urge you to make continuing efforts to become outstanding and dynamic ones.

You are the ones who have to preserve as well as hand over the 12 fine noble traditions of the Tatmadaw to new generation youths. These traditions have come into existence as the Tatmadaw's characteristics since its birth.

Our Tatmadaw is a patriotic one that the people founded with the aim of enabling the nation to be free from the subjugation of the imperialists. So, you have to be equipped with patriotism and nationalistic spirit as well as the spirit to sacrifice self-interests and also to be loyal to the State and the people.

In cooperation with the regiments and units of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air Force), you have to safeguard and defend the land, water and air of the nation. In addition to the health care services, if necessary, you must be ready to join forces of Tatmadaw in any battles taking command of the force in the battleground. So, you have undergone military training and leadership in the institute. Moreover, you have to attend platoon commanders course, company commanders course and battalion commanders courses at respective Combat Training Schools of Defence Services (Army).

In the course of the history of Myanmar's military nursing, at the time when Burma Independence Army re-entered the nation, a nursing unit joined Dawei military column. After the BIA had re-occupied Yangon, the members of the unit established a hospital and discharged duties there. And they also had to discharge

sacrificing of numerous lives at battles is also for that sake. As a nationalistic fervour, the 'Our Three Main National Causes' is also a policy that will serve the interest of all national races.

History has it that the danger of the collapse of the Union posed frequent threats to the perpetuation of the State. National solidarity is fundamental for preventing the Union from dismemberment. A diversity of national races, more than one hundred, have been living in unison and amity all over the country since time immemorial. They all have lived through thick and thin for such a long time and cherished the motherland. Nowadays, the Tatmadaw, with the responsibilities of the State, is now marching towards to a new State, modern and developed nation, together with the public.

In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, efforts were made to stabilize the regions including border areas. Moreover, it is also building infrastructure everywhere to enhance the public socioeconomic life while striving for stability and tranquillity nationwide.

Myanmar is agricultural nation and has a population of over 53 million, with an annual increase of over one million. Therefore, it is necessary to enhance the productive capacity to ensure a food sufficiency for generations to come. With this end in view, a cluster of irrigation facilities are being constructed wherever necessary in the nation to extend sown acreage, multiply cropping and ensure high yields of crops. To date, a total of 154 dams have been constructed and another 36 are under construction. Similarly, there have been 265 river-water pumping projects while another 26 are being implemented.

Poor transport conditions in the past caused hindrance to the development in some regions. Simultaneous development across the country requires a network of roads. Constructing roads and bridges greatly benefits the prevalence of law and order, regional development, highly-qualified human resources, and better relations

among national brethren.

Therefore, nearly 18,000 miles of motor roads and 3,000 miles of railroads were constructed. At the same time, numerous bridges were also constructed as motor roads and railroads were extended. Out of 19 bridges to be constructed on four major rivers, 13 have been completed. A total of 173 bridges with 180 feet and above in length were constructed: 164 by the Ministry of Construction, six by the Ministry of Rail Transportation, and three by the Directorate of Military Engineers under the Ministry of Defence. Under construction are another 31 bridges, including the Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine), the longest one in Myanmar with more than 11,000 feet in length.

While measures are being taken to promote the agriculture sector, efforts are also being made for the nation to become industrialized one. For the industrial sector, electricity needs become greater. Therefore, power stations have been built and as a result, the amount of electricity produced has reached over 5,000 million kilowatt hours in 2002-2003 fiscal year from over 2,000 million kilowatt hours in 1988-89 fiscal year. After completion of the 11 power station projects including Yeywa Hydropower Station with generating capacity of 780 megawatt, Shweli Hydropower Station with 400 megawatt, Paunglaung Hydropower Station with 280 megawatt and Tikyit Coal Fired Power Station (First Phase), over 11,000 million kilowatt hours of electricity will be produced annually.

Thanks to the efforts of Tatmadaw, the people and the government for gaining economic development year by year, economic infrastructures needed for the State can be built. During the period from 1992-93 to 1995-96 Short Term Four Year Plan, the GDP of the country grew by an average annual rate of (7.5) per cent. As efforts have been made based on the good results of the First Four-year Plan, the GDP grew by an average annual growth rate of (8.5) per cent from 1996-97 to

2000-2001, the Second Short Term Five Year Plan.

During the present Third Short Term Five Year Plan, the planned target is to realize an average yearly GDP growth of 6 per cent. In the first 2001-2002 fiscal year, 11.3 per cent GDP growth was achieved and during the 2002-2003 fiscal year, the second year of the Plan, (11.1) per cent GDP growth was achieved.

As a result of economic development, infrastructures have been built on self-reliance basis. With development in infrastructures, it is sure that the economy will develop rapidly.

Likewise, due to human resource development, technicians in the country can build major bridges and dams and reservoirs. Therefore, social infrastructures in education and health sectors are being built throughout the country for human resource development.

Nowadays, basic infrastructures necessary for national development can be seen vividly. But, elements with negative view within and without the country turn a blind eye to these develop-

ments. Although they know the rapid development of economic forces in the country, they belittle it. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw, neglecting those who make disturbances, will strive for gaining economic development for the State.

In carrying out nation-building tasks, 24 special development regions have been designated for ensuring equitable development of all regions in the country and measures are being taken in education, health and economic sectors for human resource development. With the conviction that development of rural areas where the majority of the people reside will bring about national development with firm foundation, the five rural development tasks are being implemented.

Similarly, the government has been making efforts are being made hand in hand with local people for development of border areas which lagged behind in development due to lack of peace and law enforcement. Under the leadership of the Central Committee for

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Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye takes salute of graduation company.—MNA





Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing explains matters relating to Control of Money Laundering Rules at press conference.—MNA

Control of Money Laundering Law was enacted to control legalization of money and property obtained from the commission of any offence

Press conference to clarify control of money laundering acts held

YANGON, 5 Dec.—A press conference to clarify the Control of Money Laundering Rules under the Notification No 1/2003 dated 5 December 2003 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs was held at the Tatmadaw Guest House on Inya Road at 10 am today.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Public Relations and Information Work Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Labour U Tin Winn, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence and senior military officers, heads of department, officials of the Ministry of Information, U Sein Win of Kyodo News Agency, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htwe, President

U Sao Kai Hpa and member correspondents, Mr Larry Jagan, South East Asia analyst, and guests.

Major Han Thein of the Ministry of Defence acted as master of ceremonies.

Clarifying the Control of Money Laundering Rules, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing said that the Control of Money Laundering Law was enacted on 17 June 2002 under the State Peace and Development Council's Law No 6/2002. To implement the provisions of the Law, it is required to promulgate the Control of Money Laundering Rules. Thus, officials of the respective government departments coordinated and drafted the rules that were issued today with the approval of the government.

With regard to the Control of Money Laundering Law, the government is taking systematic measures in raising, maintaining and using of public finance after laying down financial policies and monetary policies for successful realization of political, social and economic

policies and objectives of the State.

It is known to all that the government has been making all-out efforts with goodwill to serve the interest of the people. The press conference was held to avoid the exploitation and manipulation of the unscrupulous persons on the issue of the rules and not to cause worry and anxiety among the public and financial institutions. A similar press conference was held as there was public concern when the Control of Money Laundering Law was issued on 17 June 2002.

There are four aims in promulgating of the law and rules—to control the money laundering and deter the crimes relating to money laundering; to prevent the interference in administrative, economic and social affairs of the State through the illegally-earned money; in doing so it will be in accord with the international convention, and to be more effective in dealing with the international and regional communities and neighbouring countries.

Altogether nine offences have been prescribed relating the Control of Money Laundering Law and Rules—offences committed under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances law; trafficking in and smuggling of women and children; undertakings of a financial institution without the licence to operate issued by the Central Bank of Myanmar; theft and smuggling out of the country of antiques and articles of cultural heritage; illegal trafficking of arms, ammunition and explosives; counterfeiting money, using and possessing thereof; hijacking of aircraft, vessel or any type of vehicle; cyber crimes committed by electronic means; and offences committed by act of terrorism.

The Control of Money Laundering Law was enacted to control the legalization of money and property obtained from the commission of any of the nine offences.

Therefore, regarding the Control of Money Laundering Law and Rules, there is no need to worry for those

engaged in right livelihood.

Regarding the duties to report included in the rules are not concerned with those doing business in financial undertakings normally.

Under the Law, if there is any suspected cases requiring action, the Central Control Board will form and assign duties to the Investigation Body comprising not less than three experts. The Investigation Body is to submit the findings to the Central Control Board. 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 as the chairman. Order to take action can be issued by the Central Control Board only when offences have been found according to the report of findings of the Preliminary Scrutiny Body. Therefore, the rules are promulgated systematically and so those in right livelihood do not have to worry.

Under the Chapter XI, it is stated that a person under investigation may appeal to the Government within 90 days with full facts and evidences. In addition, under the Chapter XII, 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 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.

As transnational crimes were committed all over the world, and it threatens peace and stability of the world's people, the Control of Money Laundering Law and the Control of Money Laundering Rules have been drafted. It is also learnt that

a total of 1.5 trillion US Dollar is realized from these crimes every year. The 20th meeting of the General Assembly for 1998 of the United Nations passed a resolution urging its member countries to draft the law. In accord with the resolution, the Control of Money Laundering Law and Rules were drafted and have been enacted.

money laundering concerns. Concerning the allegation, an investigation body has been formed in accord with Section 8 (C) of the Control of Money Laundering Law, he added. The investigation body will carry out investigation. With the supervision of the Banks Supervisory Committee, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue will see to the operation of the



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun clarifies banking services at press conference.

MNA



Two goal scorer Aye Nanda Hlaing and one-goal scorers Zin Mar Wan and Marlar Win of selected Myanmar women's football team which won over Thai women's team on 2-12-2003.—MNA



Myanmar girl taking part in under-16 girls' single tennis event of IV Great Wall National Tennis Championship on 5-12-2003.—NLM

After holding discussions, the ministries and organizations concerned led by the Attorney-General drafted the law and rules in consideration of the UN Conventions, UN Model Law, Forty Eight Recommendations of the Financial Task Force (FATF) and laws of the ASEAN member countries. According to the rules, action shall be taken under the law upon offences relating to the money and property after the law came into force on 17 June 2002. It stipulated that action shall not be taken under the law upon cases occurred before the law came into force. When action is to be taken upon an offence under the law, lower level organizations do not have the powers to do so. In prosecuting an offence under the law, prior sanction of the Ministry of Home Affairs shall be obtained.

Next, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun said the Treasury Department of the United States of America on 19 November 2003 alleged that two private banks in Myanmar, May Flower Bank and Asia Wealth Bank, are institutions of primary

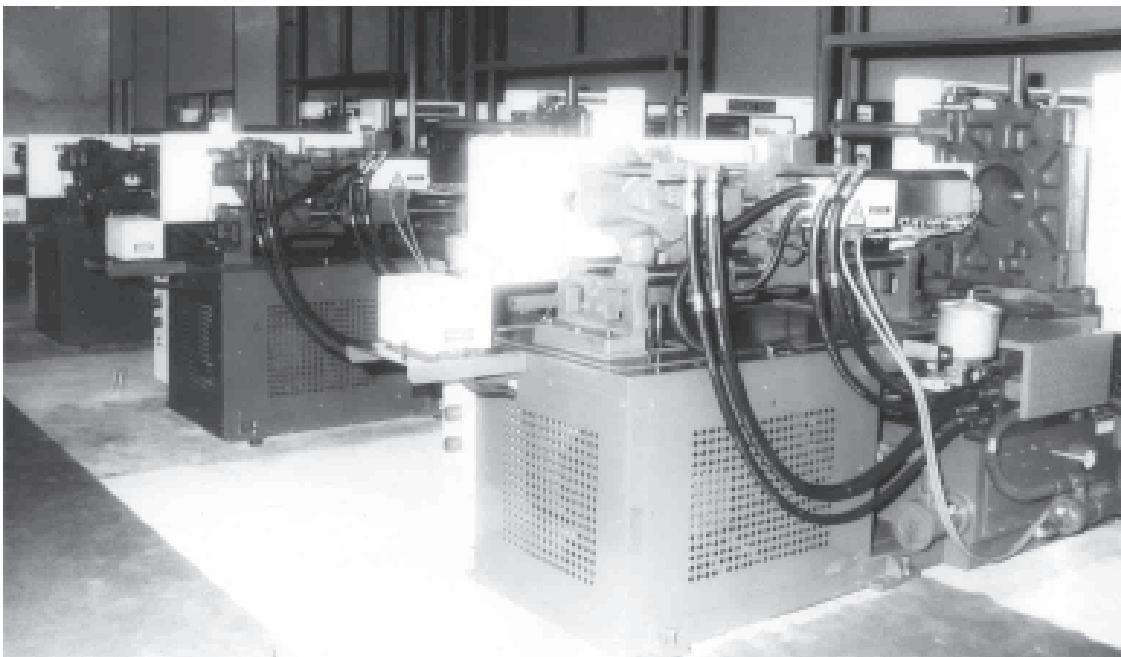
two banks to ensure the smooth banking services in the head offices and branches of the banks during the investigation period, he said. The collection of loans and giving out of savings of the two banks will continue as usual. The Ministry of Finance and Revenue will supervise the operation of the banks to prevent unnecessary concern of the customers of the banks and not to affect other banks. In conclusion, he said he would like to inform the public through the journalists that as the Ministry of Finance and Revenue is supervising banking services, they can do business with banks and obtain banking services with trust as usual.

Afterwards, Chairman of the Public Relations and Information Work Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Labour U Tin Winn, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Head of Department of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Than Tun, Deputy Attorney-General (See page 15)

To provide better health care services for the public



The State Peace and Development Council is fully committed to ensuring the highest possible standard of health as one of the fundamental rights of every citizen. The Ministry of Health is trying to upgrade the health sector quantitatively and qualitatively. The above photos taken on 8 June 2003 show the Hepatitis (B) Vaccine Factory and its modern equipment. The factory is located near Sitpinmyauk Village Tract, Hlegu Township, Yangon North District. — PHOTO: MNA



Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory under Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Insein Township is trying its best to assist the health care services. The photo taken on 27 June 2003 shows the disposable syringe factory of MPF.

PHOTO: MNA

The Micro-Organism Blue Green Algae (Spirulina) Pharmaceutical Factory (Yekha) was opened on 6 June 2003. The factory run by the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 is located at the place one mile west of Sagaing-Mingun Road in Sagaing Division. The factory produces various types of medicine that are derived from blue green algae that can be seen only with the aid of a microscope.

PHOTO: MNA



မြန်မာဆန်စက်လုပ်ငန်းပြပွဲ - ၂၀၀၄
(Myanmar Rice Milling Industry Fair - 2004)

ဆန်စက်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေး
Developing rice milling technology for nation's benefit

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INVITATION TO TENDER MYANMA RAILWAYS

1. Sealed tenders are invited by Myanma Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation, the Government of the Union of Myanmar for **Indian Goods of Indian Manufacture and Services** for the supply and delivery of the following:-

Sr No.	Tenders No. & Stores	QTY	Tender Issuing Date	Tender Closing Date & Time
1.	Tender No. 1/MR/IND (M) 2003-2004 Coil Spring Production Plant	1 Set	8th Dec, 2003	9th Feb, 2004 12:00 Hours
2.	Tender No. 2/MR/IND(M)/2003-2004 (a) Spectrometer to determine Composition of Metal (for Foundry)	1 Set	8th Dec, 2003	9th Feb, 2004 12:00 Hours
	(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, **Myanma 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, **Myanma 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 Myanma 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 Myanma 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
Myanma Railways**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF FORESTRY MYANMA TIMBER ENTERPRISE

Date 4-12-2003

SPECIAL TENDER SALE

1. Myanma Timber Enterprise will hold special tender sale as follows:

Commodity	- Teak conversions (from Mandalay & Lasho area)
Quality	- Various grades
Quantity	- About (1000) CBT
Location of Timber	- M.I.T.T (Thilawa)
Sale Basis	- Ex-Works (MITT-Warehouse) in Euro
Earnest Money	- Euro 15000/5000
Payment	- By PAA LC/Account transfer/T.T
Date	- 18-12-2003 (Thursday)
Place	- Tender Hall, Myanma Timber Enterprise

2. This tender will be continued after completion of Teak Log Tender. Please contact the Marketing Unit (1) for inspection of Timber and Clarification.

**Secretary
Export Committee (MTE)**

British police smash \$22m airport cocaine plot

LONDON, 5 Dec — British police said on Wednesday they had smashed a major drugs smuggling ring planning to ship millions of pounds worth of cocaine into Britain.

More than 100 police and Customs officers took part in raids in and around London's Heathrow Airport to foil the

plot, which aimed to import 200 kilos of cocaine with a street value of about 13 million pounds (22 million US dollars), police said.

Six people were arrested, including an employee of British Airways. "The operation we have carried out today will have a significant impact upon the availability

of these drugs...and demonstrates that we are determined to take action against those who think they are untouchable," said Superintendent Richard Morris, of the local Surrey Police. Police declined to say where the drugs were coming from or give any further details of the operation.

MNA/Reuters

TRADE MARK CAUTION YALE SECURITY

INC., a Delaware corporation, located at 1902 Airport Road, City of Monroe, State of North Carolina, U.S.A., is the Owner of the following Trade Mark:-

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Win Mu Tin,
M.A., H.G.P., D.B.L
for YALE SECURITY INC.
P.O. Box 60, Yangon.
Dated: 6 December 2003

France continues to promote Asia-Europe cultural cooperation

BEIJING, 5 Dec — The French Government believes it is necessary to encourage and strengthen the cooperative relations between Europe and Asia and it is ready to make its due efforts, said French Minister of Culture and Communication Jean-Jacques Aillagon here Wednesday at the opening ceremony of the Conference on Cultures and Civilizations of ASEM.

Since the establishment of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), France has actively participated in the meetings aimed at enhancing cultural exchanges and cooperation between Asia and Europe, he said, stressing that cultural dialogue is key to strengthening links between Europe and Asia.

He pointed out that the establishment of the Asia-Europe Foundation just one year after the first ASEM con-

ference has proven the importance of the cultural exchanges in the Asia-Europe relations.

Therefore, he said, the first cultural ministers meetings within the framework of ASEM is of great significance, as proved by French President Jacques Chirac's words that ASEM is advantageous to promoting dialogue and mutual understanding. Aillagon said cultural diversity is one of the topics of concern to the European Union, and at the same time Europe needs to absorb the cultures of other countries with the expansion of the European Union.

France believed that it is possible to realize integration after differences of culture, language, habits, tradition and history of various countries and regions have been respected, he said.

The respect for differ-

ences is prerequisite to dialogue and exchanges, he stressed, adding that different cultures should continue to develop and maintain their vitality.

Aillagon said the French Government initiated protection of cultural diversity at an early time and instituted a series of policies to protect the production, innovation and promotion of cultural products, especially in the film industry.

He said the French Government proposed efficient legal guarantees for cultural policies in the international community and hoped that the United Nations could pass relevant International Laws to safeguard cultural diversity. With the theme of "unity in diversity", the two-day conference is helpful for the participants to reflect upon the role of cultural diversity, he said.—MNA/Xinhua

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV GEE HONG VOY NO (318)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GEE HONG Voy No (318) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6-12-03 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: M/S EAGLE CORPORATION

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Euro-Mediterranean ministers confirm anti-terrorist stance

NAPLES (Italy), 5 Dec — Foreign ministers from European Union countries and countries on the southern Mediterranean rim confirmed here Wednesday that they will cooperate in fighting terrorism.

"The fight against terrorism in all its forms remains an absolute priority for the entire international community," said the draft of the final document under discussion by the EU-Medi-

terranean countries' foreign ministers gathered in Naples.

The document was released at the end of the two-day meeting here of ministers representing the countries participating in the Euro-Mediterranean initiative. As well as the European Union's countries, 12 Mediterranean countries including Arab countries, the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and Israel are represented. —MNA/Xinhua

\$2.2m of opium seized in Peru

LIMA, 5 Dec — Peruvian Customs agents have seized nine kilos of opium valued at 2.25 million US dollars in the international market at the Peruvian airport of Tumbes, the National Superintendency of the Tax and Customs Administration (SUNATA) said Wednesday.

The seizure was made on

Tuesday, when the SUNATA agents checked packages from the Postal Services company at the airport terminal.

Agents spotted a suspicious parcel destined for the Netherlands. They opened the case and found five glass flasks which contained the opium.

Preliminary investigations showed the package was

posted by a supposed Mexican citizen living in Tumbes, 1,300 kilometres northwest of the Peruvian capital.

SUNATA said one kilo of opium is sold for 250,000 dollars in the international market. In recent years poppy-flower plantations have been discovered in the central Peruvian jungle region.—MNA/Xinhua

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Taj on a fingernail: M Sekhar of India, a goldsmith by profession, displays his self manicured thumbnail which he claims is in the shape of the Taj Mahal, in Madras.—INTERNET

Chinese President meets Slovenian PM

BELING, 5 Dec — Chinese President Hu Jintao met here with visiting Slovenian Prime Minister Anton Rop.

Hu said China and Slovenia have a traditional friendship. The bilateral relations have developed smoothly since the two countries established formal ties 11 years ago.

The friendly exchange of visits by state leaders of the two countries further pushed the bilateral relationship onto a healthy track, Hu said.

The two sides cooperated with each other not only on trade and economic issues but also in international organizations, he said. The Chinese President said China highly values and thanks the Slovenian Government for its sticking to the "one-China" policy and supporting China's reunification.

Hu said both China and Slovenia are striving for developing themselves on the most suitable roads. China is building a comprehensive well-off society while Slovenia is carrying out its economic reform.

Hu said the two countries could learn from each other on economic and social advancement.

China is willing to further promote the bilateral relations on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, Hu said.

Rop said he held fruitful talks with his Chinese counterpart Wen Jiabao Wednesday. The two sides have reached extensive consensus on strengthening the bilateral political and economic ties, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEANTA holds management summit to address key issues

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Dec — The ASEAN Tourism Association (ASEANTA) held its first International Management Summit 2003 on Thursday as part of its efforts to address challenges faced by related industries in the region.

The two-day summit here, themed "Forging Ahead in the Evolving Landscape", was launched by Malaysian Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Abdul Kadir said the summit was among initiatives undertaken by the ASEANTA since the establishment of its secretariat in Kuala Lumpur last March.

The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), set up in 1967,

now groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The ASEANTA is a non-profit association comprising both public and private sector organizations from ASEAN member states.

"This summit will become the premier private sector initiative for the promotion of ASEAN travel and tourism and accelerate further the growth of the hospitality industry in the region," he said.

Abdul Kadir added that

the Association had a strategic position to be the key driver for further developing inter and intra-ASEAN travel.

In a statement issued at the launch, the ASEANTA said the summit would serve as a platform to discuss key issues relating to the ASEAN travel, tourism and hospitality industries. It would create knowledge-exchange platforms between industry players and would be showcased as an annual event at venues around ASEAN countries, it said.

However, the ASEAN tourism sector has been stunted in recent years as a result of incidents such as the Bali and Jakarta Marriott Hotel bombings, the invasion of Iraq and the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak.

President of the ASEANTA Argus Salim, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Pacific Area Travel Association (PATA) Peter de Jong and delegates from the member states attended the summit.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai PM to join ASEAN-Japan summit next week

BANGKOK, 5 Dec — Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra is scheduled to join the special ASEAN-Japan Summit in Tokyo during December 11-12, the Thai News Agency reported.

It quoted Foreign Ministry's spokesman Sihasak Puongkatkaew as saying that the Premier would lead the Thai delegation including a Deputy Premier, foreign, commerce, and public health ministers, and senior officials to the meeting, to be held in the non-ASEAN region for the first time.

Main issues to be raised for discussion at the summit include a review of ASEAN-Japan relations on politics, security, and economy in the past, present and future, he said.

He revealed Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri would rotate to chair the meeting.

A document of the charter on "Relationship and Partnership between ASEAN-Japan in New Era" would be issued following the meeting.— MNA/Xinhua

Observations of solar eclipse conducted from Antarctica

NEW DELHI, 5 Dec — For the first time, an Indian scientific team has successfully conducted observations of the solar eclipse from the icy continent of Antarctica.

The solar eclipse of November 23-24 was a rare event occurring once in 400 years and hence assumed great scientific importance, an official release said.

The short duration eclipse was observed over India's permanent station at Antarctica "Maitri".

The important experiments conducted by the team include multi wavelength coronal imaging, shadow bands observations and thermal response of the terrestrial atmosphere, it said.

The experiments were highly successful in recording valuable digital data on various aspects of the spectacle. The most significant was the long-duration shadow bands.

MNA/PTI

Indian Govt approves foreign tech collaboration proposals

NEW DELHI, 5 Dec — Indian Government has approved 15 foreign technology collaboration proposals including that of Finolex Industries and Tata Motors.

Commerce and Industry Minister Arun Jaitley also approved nine licensing proposals and amendments in existing ones in sectors including textiles, explosives, petroleum and material handling equipments apart from technical collaboration proposals.

The proposals include technical collaboration agreement of Tata Motors with AVL List GmbH of

Austria and Delphi Deisel Systems, France for design and development of Euro IV compliant engine for passenger cars.

The Project Approval Board, in its meeting held on November 20 under the chairmanship of RR Shah, Secretary, DIPP, had recommended these proposals for approval which included Finolex Industries' technology agreement with Oxy

Vinyls and Aker Kvaerner, Netherlands for manufacture of Vinyl Chloride monomer.

The proposal of Spicer India for extension of their technical agreement with Dana Corporation of US was also given a go-ahead, an official statement said here.

This would enable the company to manufacture driveshafts for super heavy vehicles.

MNA/PTI

France braces for "floods of century"

LYON, (France), 5 Dec — Torrential rain drenching parts of southeastern France threatened on Wednesday to worsen flash floods that have cost at least three lives and forced about 4,000 people to evacuate their homes.

Flooding along the Rhone River from Lyon to Marseille was due to hit its peak during the day, while winds of up to 150 kilometres per hour were expected to lash the Mediterranean coast, officials said.

Heavy rain moving west also set off flood alerts reaching as far as the Pyrenees Mountains.

"Today we're faced with what could be the floods of

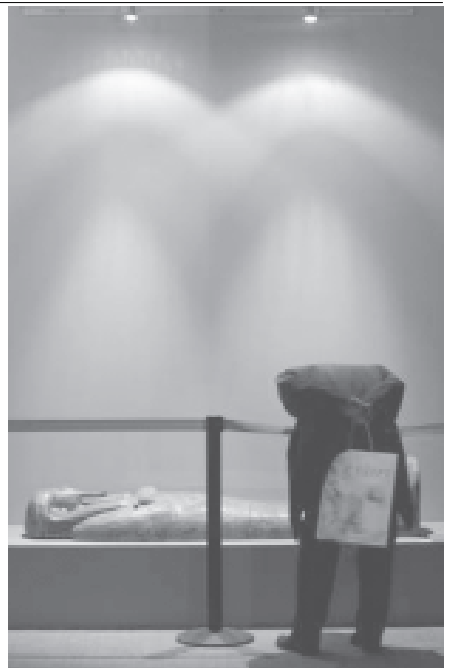
the century," government spokesman Jean-Francois Cope told Europe 1 radio. "We have to mobilize all our resources."

Several highways and many secondary roads were cut off and train services from Lyon westwards were stopped by the worst flooding seen in the region in decades.

Environment Minister Rosaline Bachelot was due

to visit Marseille on Wednesday. She said on Tuesday 4,000 firefighters, 100 soldiers and eight helicopters had been mobilized.

On Tuesday, a 45-year-old man was found dead after he was swept away by floodwater in a Marseille suburb. A second person in the Mediterranean port city has been missing since Monday. — MNA/Reuters



A Chinese visitor looks at a sarcophagus at the National Museum of China in Beijing on 5 Dec, 2003.

A month-long exhibition, entitled 'Adventure into the Pyramid,' which features 143 relics valued at \$260 million, opened in China's capital on Friday. Some of the relics are from the National Museum of Egypt and have never left Egypt before.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Korea beat Hong Kong 3-1 in East Asian Championship

TOKYO, 5 Dec— World Cup hero Ahn Jung-hwan provided the spark for South Korea in a 3-1 win over Hong Kong in their East Asian Championship opener on Thursday, lifting some of the pressure from embattled coach Humberto Coelho.

The Japan-based striker, whose goals helped South Korea reach the 2002 World Cup semifinals, sealed victory with a 57th-minute header, seven minutes after Kim Do-hoon had made it 2-1 from close range.

South Korea had lost three of their last four matches, including embarrassing Asian Cup qualifying slip-ups against Vietnam and Oman, and struggled to impose themselves during the first half in near-freezing conditions in Tokyo.

Missing several Europe-based players, South Korea took the lead in the 23rd minute when midfielder Kim Do-heon crashed a left-foot volley into the bottom corner from 20 metres.

But Nigerian-born striker Lawrence Akandu bulldozed his way through the South Korea defence to equalize in the 34th.

The inaugural East Asian Championship had been initially scheduled for May but was postponed due to fears over the SARS virus.

Hosts Japan were due to play China later on Thursday.

MNA/Reuters



Atlante's striker Manuel Abundis (front) battles for the ball with Santos goalkeeper Alexandro Alvarez (rear) during the first leg of their quarter final of the Mexican league championship soccer match at the Azulgrana stadium in Nezahualcoyotl, Mexico, on 4 Dec, 2003. — INTERNET

Injuries limit Chelsea options against Leeds

HARLINGTON (England), 5 Dec— Leaders Chelsea will be without midfielders Emmanuel Petit and Juan Sebastian Veron when they play bottom club Leeds United on Saturday with striker Eidur Gudjohnsen and

defender Celestine Babayaro also doubtful.

The big-spending London club, who beat Manchester United to go top of the Premier League last Sunday and reached the quarter-finals of the League Cup with

a 1-0 win over Reading on Wednesday, had a gentle workout on Thursday.

But Nigerian Babayaro, who played against Reading, had his right knee wrapped in ice at the training ground near Heathrow Airport. England international Wayne Bridge is likely to take his place at left back.

Icelander Gudjohnsen injured his ankle during a training session last week, club sources said.

Veron returned from international duty with Argentina last month with a neck problem and Petit is recovering from knee surgery.

Coach Claudio Ranieri, who insists he is competing for every trophy on offer this season, fielded a strong side against First Division Reading and will make no concessions to financially struggling Leeds.

Wednesday's scorer Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink is likely to start against his old club and could be partnered up front by Romanian international Adrian Mutu, a late substitute against Reading.

MNA/Reuters



Brazil's Coelho tries to pass Australia's Space Dilevski, left, during the World U-20 soccer championship in Dubai on 4 Dec, 2003. — INTERNET

IOC to re-test Salt Lake samples

LAUSANNE (Switzerland), 5 Dec— Hundreds of drug tests from the Salt Lake City Winter Games will be rechecked for the newly-discovered steroid THG, the International Olympic Committee said on Thursday.

IOC medical director Patrick Schamasch said scientists would check as many of the 642 samples taken in 2002 as possible.

Schamasch could not say exactly how many of the samples — being held in Los Angeles — would be in a suitable state for re-testing but said he believed it would run into the hundreds.

"We have been given the green light to go ahead and re-test these now," he said at the Chateau de Vidy headquarters of the IOC. "The decision taken this morning is in principle. Now we have to investigate in greater detail. I can not answer now exactly how many samples will be tested."

Olympic lawyers have spent weeks probing the legality of re-testing the samples and the IOC had been seeking scientific advice on whether the frozen 21-month-old samples remain viable.

The IOC had wanted to be sure the quality of the samples was still good so that there can be no question of legal issues regarding potential degradation.

IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies said: "The IOC, in its fight against doping, wants to leave no stone unturned."

The designer steroid

tetrahydrogestirone (THG) is at the centre of a doping scandal. The discovery of the drug has rocked track and field in Europe and North America and could leave next year's Athens Olympics missing a host of banned big-name athletes.

Four US athletes have tested positive for THG. American officials have said, as has European 100-metre champion Dwain Chambers.

The Briton said through his lawyer that if he did take the drug, it was unwittingly.

Athletics' global ruling body, the IAAF, has re-tested samples taken at August's world championships in Paris to look for THG. Two positives were discovered.

Hundreds of samples from this year's world swimming championships in Barcelona were also re-tested, but governing body FINA said there were no positive results.

However, world soccer's governing body FIFA has ruled out retrospective tests for THG.

FIFA cited legal reasons and said samples are destroyed after 30 days in accordance with FIFA's doping control regulations.

MNA/Reuters

FIFA stick with same playoff system for 2006 World Cup

FRANKFURT (Germany), 5 Dec— The playoff system to decide the last qualifiers for the 2006 World Cup finals will follow the same model as used for the 2002 finals, FIFA decided on Thursday.

The fifth-placed team in the South American group will meet the winners of the Oceania zone while the fourth placed team in the final group of the CONCACAF zone will meet the winners of an Asian playoff.

For the 2002 finals, Uruguay, who finished fifth in South America beat Australia, the winners of the Oceania zone, 3-1 in their

two-legged playoff.

Europe rather than CONCACAF provided the playoff contender in the last qualifying competition with Ireland beating Iran 2-1 to qualify for the finals in Japan and South Korea.

The playoffs are due to be played in November 2005 at the end of the two-year-long qualifying competition which has already started in South America, Asia and Africa. The draw for the main qualifying rounds will be made in Frankfurt on Friday — MNA/Reuters

Wins for Roma, Chievo in Italian Cup

MILAN, 5 Dec — A first half goal from Marco Delvecchio gave AS Roma a 1-0 home win over Serie B side Palermo in their Italian Cup second round, first leg match on Thursday.

Palermo's defence failed to clear a free-kick and after being set up by Christian Panucci, Delvecchio slotted home the winner from close range.

The Sicilian side, pushing for promotion to Serie A, will take heart though from an impressive performance at the Olympic Stadium which leaves them still with a chance of progressing.

Earlier Chievo Verona beat Perugia 2-1 at the Bentegodi stadium — Giuseppe Sculli put Chievo ahead after 15 minutes only for Ferdinand Colly to equalize for Perugia.

Ivone de Franceschi grabbed the winner for Chievo with a nicely weighted chip four minutes from the end.

Inter Milan host Reggina later on Thursday. — MNA/Reuters

Troubled Hertha sack coach Stevens

BERLIN, 5 Dec — Hertha Berlin sacked coach Huub Stevens following a 6-1 demolition by Werder Bremen in the German Cup, the Bundesliga club said on Thursday. Wednesday's thrashing in a third round tie was the latest in a series of setbacks for the capital club, who lie second from bottom in the Bundesliga.

Dutchman Stevens, 50, joined Hertha in July 2002 from Bundesliga rivals Schalke 04. — MNA/Reuters



France's Carole Montillet cuts a turn while on her way to posting the 7th fastest time during the final training run on the Women's World Cup Downhill course in Lake Louise, Canada on 4 Dec, 2003. The Women will race their first downhill of the season here on 5 December. Montillet had a time of 1:35.66 seconds. — INTERNET

Defence Services medical ...

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Development of Border Areas and National Races, border areas development projects are being implemented spending over K 45,000 million plus over US\$ 500 million.

Therefore, I would like to urge all of you to take part in nation-building endeavours hand in hand with the people wherever you are assigned.

The Tatmadaw, after assessing correctly the past and present situation of the State, is taking systematic measures step by step for better future of the State. The seven-point policy programme (roadmap) have been laid down and it was clarified to the public. The people, consisting of all national races who have been living in the Union with amity, after holding mass rallies in all states and divisions, gave support for the seven-point roadmap. On 21, October 2003, the mass rally that represents the entire people was held in Bagan Archaeological Zone. They unanimously supported the motion calling for active participation of the entire national people by doing their bit for the successful implementation of the seven-point roadmap.

But, it can be seen that some foreign countries and groups that pay heed to the interests of an individual than that of over 53 million people of Myanmar attacked and criticized these efforts with negative attitude. Realizing that they are interfering in the affairs of other countries only in the interest of theirs and the entire national people will be on their march along the future path of the State.

You all know the intention of committing acts to get the people into trouble and fabricating news, ignoring the interests of the people. Therefore, you are to defend the State which is on its future way through people's militia strategy.

People's militia strategy means the entire people and the Tatmadaw with a

sense of oneness are building and defending the nation and in the case of facing the danger of aggression, the entire nation are to participate in the resistance.

Our Tatmadaw was born of the people. Therefore, Tatmadaw men, the good sons of the people, are to be loyal to the people. Upholding the interests of the people in the fore, you must be participating in the tasks for regional stability and the rules of law. Moreover, you are to provide health care services which include in the five rural development tasks to rural people. You are to strictly practice the 60 codes of conduct of soldier to become the one to whom the people admire.

In conclusion I would like to urge you

- to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes, the national political programme, with Union Spirit;
- to relay the 12 good noble traditions of the Tatmadaw;
- to dutifully carry out the three main tasks of the Tatmadaw;
- to take part in successful implementation of the seven-point policy and programme of the State hand in hand with the people;
- to strive for becoming noble nurses filled with physical and spiritual strength; and
- to adopt the good sons of the people while serving the interests of the people in line with the five rural development tasks.

Also present on the occasion were Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents excellence in training award to Min Min Zaw.— MNA

Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Judge Advocate-General Brig-Gen Soe Maung, Defence Services Inspector-General Brig-Gen Thein Htaik, senior military officers and directors of the Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers, senior officers of the military station, guests and relatives of the trainees.

At the ceremony, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected graduation companies and took salute of the graduation companies.

Then, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented best trainee award to Zaw Min Shein, excellence in training award to Min Min Zaw and excellence in studies award to Zaw Min Shein.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye left the parade ground.

After the parade, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met with two outstanding trainees and their parents at the hall of the main building of Defence Services Medical Academy and spoke words of encouragement to them.— MNA

Control of Money ...

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Dr Tun Shin replied to the queries raised by the journalists.

In reply to the queries, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing said that in accord with the duties and powers conferred to it by Section 8 (C) of the Control of Money Laundering Law, the Central Control Board on Money Laundering formed under the Notification No (6/2003) dated 4-6-2003 of the

Government of the Union of Myanmar has formed an investigation body to investigate whether Asia Wealth Bank and Myanmar May Flower Bank launder money and property obtained by illegal means. The investigation body is to submit the report of its findings to the Central Control Board on Money Laundering in accord with the provisions. The press conference concluded at 11.30 am.— MNA

Myanmar-Korea Business Cooperation Seminar held

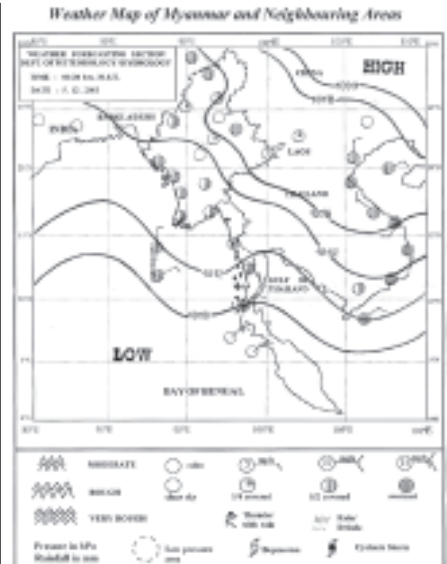
YANGON, 5 Dec — Myanmar-Korea Business Cooperation Seminar was held at the Traders Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by Commercial Attaché of Korea Embassy in Myanmar Mr Choi Yong-Tae, leader of Incheon Group of Korea Mr Cho Han-Wan and members, Director Mr Byung-suk

chang of Incheon KOTRA and national entrepreneurs from 41 local companies.

They discussed matters related to distribution of products manufactured in Korea such as machines, raw materials for fibre, UPS batteries, automobiles, motorcycles, furniture and medical equipment.

MNA



WEATHER

Friday, 5 December, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were 3°C to 4°C below normal in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin, Chin States, upper Sagaing Yangon Divisions, 5°C to 6°C below normal in Mandalay Division and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 4-12-2003 was 33.5°C (92°F). Minimum temperature on 5-12-2003 was 15.0°C (59°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-12-2003 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 4-12-2003 was (8.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 5-12-2003 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 12 mph from North at (13:25) hours MST on 4-12-2003.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 6-12-2003: Except for the possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin State and 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: Generally fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-12-2003: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-12-2003: Fine weather.

Weather outlook for first weekend of December 2003: During the coming weekend weather will be fair in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

Earthquake Report

(Issued at 23:00 hours MST on today)

An earthquake of slight intensity (3.3) Richter Scale with its epicenter about (103) miles Southwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (21) hrs (42) min (20) sec MST on 4th December 2003.

OBITUARY

Mr B Burjorjee (U Hla Baw) Age (96) Years

Managing Director

(Ex J.L. Morrison, Son and Jones Co Ltd) Yangon

Mr B Burjorjee (U Hla Baw), beloved husband of (Daw Ma Ma Gyi Alias Rattai), beloved father of June Daw Khin Khin Mya Assistant Director (Retd) MPPE.

Mrs. Marie Decoutho (John) (currently in England), Dolly-Daw Myint Myint San (U Sein Myint) beloved grandfather of U Thet Naing (MPPE) U Thet Khaing, Johnny Robert, Ma Sandar Myint, Ma Soe Soe Myint (Ma Thida Myint) Ko Tint Naing, Ko Hla Minn (currently in Japan), Ko Kyaw Minn, Ko Hlaing Htoo, beloved great grandfather of (5) great grandchildren, passed away peacefully at 4.25 pm, Capprox on Monday, 1st December 2003, at his residence No 943, Maha Bandoora Street, Dagon Myothit (North).



Myanmar-Republic of Korea business meeting in progress at Traders Hotel.— MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attends dinner hosted in honour of graduates of 1st Intake of Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science.— MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attends dinner hosted in honour of graduates of 1st Intake of MINPS

YANGON, 5 Dec— A graduation dinner hosted in honour of 1st Intake of Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science was held at the convocation hall of Defence Services Medical Academy at 7 pm today, attended by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of

Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.

Also present at the dinner were Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-

Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin

Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, senior military officers, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental

heads, faculty members of MINPS, the graduates and their parents and relatives.

After the dinner, the guests were entertained with dances and songs by

Myawady music troupe and Myanmar Music Asiayon and Anyeint by Myawady Anyeint troupe at the convocation hall of DSMA.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives leader of Kachin State Special Region-1 U Za Khon Ting Ring and party.— MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives national race leaders

YANGON, 5 Dec— Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt received leader of Kachin State Special Region-1 U Za Khon Ting Ring and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyintha at 5 pm today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Deputy Minister for In-

dustrial-1 Brig-Gen Kyaw Win, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and departmental heads.

At the call, the national race leaders reported that they support seven future policies and programmes of the State and they promised to attend the National Convention without fail. Then, the national race leaders submitted matters related to education, health, roads and bridges and cultivation of new items of crops for regional development.

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Myanmar rowers enter finals

YANGON, 5 Dec— The western rowing contest of XXII South-East Asian Games started in Hanoi, Vietnam, yesterday afternoon.

Soe Yu Maw of Myanmar in the women's one oar (open) class, Tin

Maung Yi in the men's one oar (lightweight) class and Myint Myint Htwe and Naw Lei Kaphaw in the women's two oars (lightweight) class won over their rivals and entered the finals which will be held tomorrow.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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23,814

F & R Ministry issues declaration

YANGON, 5 Dec — The Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union of Myanmar issued a declaration dated 5 December 2003. The full story of the declaration is as follows:

Declaration

1. The Treasury Department of the United States of America on 19 November 2003 made a statement alleging that two private banks in Myanmar, Mayflower Bank and Asia Wealth Bank are institutions of "primary money laundering concern".
2. To look into the validity of these allegations, the authorities concerned had formed an Investigation Body and will carry out the necessary investigations in accordance with Section 8 Sub-section (c) of "The Control of Money Laundering Law" of the Union of Myanmar.
3. During the investigation period, the operations of the above-mentioned banks will be placed under the supervision of the Banks Supervision Committee of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue in order to ensure that the normal banking services can be conducted smoothly at both headquarters and branch offices of the two banks. Arrangements will be made so that banking activities such as withdrawals of deposit, repayment of loans can be made in the usual manner and without any difficulty.
4. The Ministry of Finance and Revenue will assume the responsibility for ensuring that there will be no cause for concern for the customers of the two banks, and also to ensure that other banks will not be affected as a result of the investigation.
5. Therefore, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue wishes to inform the people that clients can conduct business with the banks and banking services as usual, with confidence. — MNA