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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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attend ceremony to hoist Shwehtidaw atop Phaungdawhsaik Pagoda in Taunggyi Township, Shan State (South)

YANGON, 9 Dec—A ceremony to hoist Shwehtidaw atop Phaungdawhsaik Pagoda of historic Mwedaw Kakku Pagoda in Kakku Village, Kyauktalon, Taunggyi Township, Taunggyi District, Shan State (South) was held at the pandal near the historic Mwedaw Kakku Pagoda this morning, 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 and wife Daw Mya Mya San.

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadacariya Taunggyi Theindaung Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Chandadhika, State Sangha Maha Nayaka Sayadaws, member Sayadaws of State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, Chairman Sayadaw of Shan State Sangha Nayaka Committee and member Sayadaws, member Sayadaws of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee and Secretary Sayadaws and invited Sayadaws numbering 108, Secretary-1 of the State Peace

Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Deputy Commander of Eastern Command and senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, local authorities, wellwishers, departmental officials and PaO national races.

Assistant Director U San Thin Hlaing of Religious Affairs Department acted as master of ceremonies.

The ceremony was opened with the three time recitation of *Namo Tassa*.

Next, the congregation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San received the Nine Precepts from member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dhaja Nyaungshwe Township Shwebontha Kyaung Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vepullabhivamsa.



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San participate in Htidad hoisting ceremony of Mwedaw Kakku Pagoda, Kyauktalon, Taunggyi Township. — MNA

and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council

Next, members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Next, 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 and wife Daw Mya Mya San presented Seinbudaw and eight requisites to members of the Sangha.

After that, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe presented Hngemyatnadaw and eight requisites to members of the Sangha.

Next, PaO national race leader U Aung Kham Hti presented Shwekyathingan and eight requisites to members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win presented Hsathaphudaw and eight requisites to members of the Sangha.

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A decorated carriage loaded with Seinbudaw, Hngemyatnadaw and Shwethingan being conveyed atop Mwedaw Kakku Pagoda. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects regional development, hydro electric power project in Bago Division

YANGON, 9 Dec—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of departments arrived at Wanbawdat Bridge in Bago Division on 7 December. They were welcomed by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko, senior military officers and departmental officials.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the commander went to the site of Bago-

Nyaunglebin road section of Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway Extension Project being undertaken by Shwethanlwin Highway Co Ltd.

Senior Engineer U Saw David Tha of Shwethanlwin Highway Co Ltd reported on progress of work of 48 miles long Bago-Nyaunglebin road section, stockpiling of gravel and tar and use of machinery and Manager U Kyaw Swa on extension and paving of the road.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than fulfilled the requirements. He said the Yangon-Mandalay

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

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Control of Money Laundering Rules — will protect Public interest

The Government of the Union of Myanmar has been going to great lengths on all fronts to successfully realize its political, economic and social objectives and so there have been favourable conditions for national economic development. It is not only due to the government's relentless efforts but also because of the entire people's cooperation.

With the favourable economic environment, it is natural that the wealth of the nation has increased. As a result, it is also necessary to carefully and systematically scrutinize the increasing wealth. Therefore, the Control of Money Laundering Law was enacted on 17 June, 2002, under the State Peace and Development Council's Law No 6/2002.

It is in accordance with the Control of Money Laundering Law that the government is taking systematic measures in raising, maintaining and using public finance after laying down financial and monetary policies. And to implement the provisions of the Law, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued the Control of Money Laundering Rules under the Notification No 1/2003 on 5 December, 2003.

The object of promulgating the above-mentioned Law and Rules is to prevent money laundering and interference in administrative, economic and social affairs of the State with the use of illegally-earned money and, in doing so, to be able to act in accordance with the United Nations Conventions and to cooperate with international and regional organizations as well as neighbouring countries.

Nine offences are mentioned in that Law and Rules. According to the Law and Rules, illegally-earned money gained by committing the nine offences can be confiscated.

We strongly believe that the Law and Rules are to protect the interest of the entire national people and those who earn their living by honest means do not have to worry about anything.

Donations for National Convention

YANGON, 9 Dec — In honour of the National Convention, Myanmar Myathman Co Ltd donated cash to the National Convention at the office of the National Convention Convening Commission in Kyaukkasan Grounds this morning.

Managing Director U Soe Paing of Myanmar

Myathman Co Ltd and members of the Board of Directors presented K 1,099,999 to Chairman of the National Convention Management Committee Maj-Gen Lun Maung.

Maj-Gen Lun Maung accepted the donation and spoke words of thanks and presented certificate of honour to the donor.

MNA

Seinle Shwepyi journal in circulation

YANGON, 9 Dec — *Seinle Shwepyi* journal Vol.1, No.1 published by the education committee of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Headquarters) is in circulation today.

The journal carried informative articles,

comics, poems, and other interesting reading materials. Manuscripts and advertisements are invited and can be sent to the chief editor, the education committee, USDA (HQ), No 455-457, New University Avenue, Bahan Township, Yangon.

MNA



Members of the Sangha consecrate the Phaungdawhaik Pagoda in Taunggyi Township (News on page 1). — MNA

“Soon” offered to members of the Sangha

YANGON, 9 Dec — The staff of the Ministry of Energy offered “soon” to members of the Sangha of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) at Mogok Rectory on Kaba Aye Hill at 10 am today.

Rector Sayadaw of the university Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Panditabhivamsa administered the Five Precepts to the congregation.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and wife presented offertories to the rector Sayadaw.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay pre-



Staff of the Ministry of Energy offers ‘Soon’ to members of the Sangha. — ENERGY

sented K 180,000 for offering “Soon” to for members of the Sangha of the university to Deputy Director-

General of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Tun Mya Aung.

Next, soon was offered to members of the Sangha.

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Maj-Gen Win Hlaing tees off the golf ball to open the golf tournament. — MGF

Narcotic drugs and arms seized

YANGON, Dec 9 — A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and anti-drug squad, acting on information, on 31 October searched the house of Twan Sein Htan, son of U Twan Shin Pin of No 97, Ward-5, Lashio, and arrested him together with 12 grams of heroin, 10.2 kilos of opium oil, one percussion lock firearm, one air gun, 218 pieces of detonator and 72 sticks of dynamite.

A combined team comprising local intelligence unit and anti-drug squad, Myanmar

Police Force, and nationals of Shan State (North) Special Region-1 (Kokang), acting on a tip-off, on 2 December searched the house of Law Yon of No 118, Ward-2, Laukkai, and arrested Lauk Say, younger brother of the house owner, together with 6.65 kilos of heroin, 3.7 kilos of raw opium, 2.4 kilos of epedrine, three assorted arms and ammunition.

Action is being taken against the suspects by the police station concerned under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

MNA

Fifth round of Maruman Golf Classic 2003 tournament opens



YANGON, 9 Dec — Organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation, a ceremony to open the fifth event of Maruman Golf Classic tournament for Myanmar Golf Tour 2003 was held at Yangon Golf Club this morning.

During the opening ceremony, golfers took their positions at the 1st tee and President of the Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation Maj-Gen Win Hlaing, Manager U Min Tala Nyan of Brand Development of Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd, Executive Director U Maung Maung Myint of KM Co Ltd, Secretary of Myanmar Golf Club U Aye Cho alternatively teed off the golf balls and the 18-hole event followed. After the 18-hole event of the professional golfers level, Soe Kyaw Naing (Pan-West) and Myint Thauing (KM Golf Centre) led the event with 71 strokes each, followed by Min Naing (Srixon) with 72 strokes and shared the third place by Ye

Tun (Taunggyi) and Hein Win (KM Golf Centre) with 74 strokes each.

In the amateur golfers level, Zaw Zin Win and Thein Zaw Myint shared the first place with 73 strokes each, followed the second place by Aung Aung Kyaw with 75 strokes and secured the third place by Nay Bala Win Myint and Naing Naing Lin with 76 strokes each.

The tournament was mainly sponsored by Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd and the co-sponsors were Air Mandalay, Grand Slam (Munsing Wear), Loi-Hein (Alpine), UPG, Canon, KM Golf Centre, Maruman and Wilson. The Hole-in-One prize will be presented by Sun Far Travels and Tours and Yangon Golf Club.

For successful holding the fifth round of Maruman Golf Classic, arrangements were made by Han Event Management.

The 18-hole event for the second day continues tomorrow.

MNA

Iraq attack injures 41 US troops

TAL AFAR (Iraq), 9 Dec—A suicide bomber wounded 41 US soldiers and three Iraqis in an attack on a military base in northern Iraq Tuesday while in Baghdad, a car bomb exploded outside a mosque killing three Iraqis.

The blast at the US base occurred shortly before dawn. The explosives-laden car blew a crater in the street and sent glass and debris flying across a wide area.

"It was definitely a suicide bomb — there were pieces of the individual all over the compound," said Colonel Michael Linnington of the 3rd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division.

Most of the U.S. soldiers injured suffered cuts, bruises and broken bones, the military said, but four were more seriously wounded and were evacuated to a military hospital.

An Iraqi translator at the base was also wounded and two Iraqis in the town went to hospital with cuts, a doctor said.

Linnington said soldiers manning the gate at the camp in Tal Afar, 28 miles west of Mosul, had opened fire after the driver

charged toward them, ignoring orders to stop.

"The soldiers hit the driver several times, causing him to detonate the bomb prematurely," Linnington said. "He was definitely trying to get through the gate and into the camp." Nearby, Hazam Ismail's house was littered with debris.

"The explosion shook our doors and windows. The wheel hub of the exploding car smashed through the window of the room where my five children were sleeping," he said. "If any of them had been standing up they could have been killed."

In Baghdad, Iraqi police said explosives placed under a car parked in the grounds of a Sunni mosque were detonated shortly after morning prayers, killing three people and wounding one.

Internet



Debris lies scattered on the ground at the entrance to a US military barracks after an attack in Talafar, Iraq on 9 December, 2003. A suicide bomber wounded 41 US soldiers and three Iraqis in an attack on the military base in northern Iraq Tuesday while in Baghdad, a car bomb exploded outside a mosque killing three Iraqis. — INTERNET

Japan expects to open FTA talks at ASEAN summit

TOKYO, 9 Dec — Japan expects to launch formal talks on free-trade agreements with three Southeast Asian nations this week, Trade Minister Shoichi Nakagawa said in a move to catch up with other countries that have such pacts.

Japan will host a meeting of leaders from the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) on Thursday and Friday, the first time for the gathering to be held in a non-ASEAN country.

"We expect to be able to launch formal talks on free-trade agreements (FTAs) with Thailand, the Philippines and Malaysia at the summit," Nakagawa told *Reuters* in an interview.

"Japan, as a nation without resources, is a country built on trade, and in that sense, we are falling behind. Not having concluded free-trade agreements could become a handicap."

Worries about falling behind in Asia, especially compared to China, have grown since last year when China signed a pact setting a framework for FTA talks with ASEAN — a deal Japan scurried to imitate with a similar one in Bali this October.

Tokyo's only FTA is with Singapore, which has no farm exports — a topic expected to be a stumbling block in ASEAN FTA talks.

"Japan isn't suffering much yet from a lack of FTAs in Southeast Asia... but we can't just sit quietly and watch China's involvement rise. We've told the government this," said Akira Kawaguchi at the Japan Business Federation, the country's largest business lobby.

China and ASEAN have set concrete deadlines for decisions on some steps, such as phasing out tariffs, whereas Japan's plans remain more vague.

China is not the only rival. India signed a trade pact with the ASEAN nations this year, while Australia and the United States are eyeing key markets such as Thailand.

Japan is efforting a two-track approach: conclude trade pacts with individual countries while working towards a regional agreement by 2012.

ASEAN is already Japan's second-largest trading partner after the United States, with 13.4 trillion yen (124.4 billion US dollars) in trade for 2002. —MNA/Reuters

Success of Sino-Thai FTA paves way for deal with ASEAN

BANGKOK, 9 Dec—Region-wide trade will be thrown open on January 1, 2004 with the launching of a free trade area (FTA) linking China with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), a Thai official was quoted Monday by the *Thai News Agency* as saying.

The FTA launching followed two months of successful FTA fruit and vegetable trading between Thailand and China, Director-General of the Department of International Trade Rachane Potjanasuntorn said.

Rachane said that since the Thai-Chinese deal to slash tariffs for fruit and vegetable trade was sealed on October 1, the value of fruit and vegetable trade between the two nations had soared.

During those two months, the department had issued 1,258 zero-tariff certificates for 333,958 tons of fruit and vegetable exports to China, worth around 42.90 million

US dollars, he said.

Citing figures showing that cassava exports to China had risen by 49.08 per cent, dried longan exports by 28.23 per cent, fresh durians by 11.34 per cent, fresh longans by 9.87 per cent, and other types of fruits by 1.48 per cent, he expressed confidence that the upcoming fruit season would see these figures rise even higher.

However, he also noted that Chinese exports of fruits to Thailand during this period had stood at only 25,000 tons, worth a mere 8.775 billion US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi civil defence members arrest a driver, centre, before leading him away for questioning at a military checkpoint near the city of Balad, 60 kilometres north of Baghdad, on Monday, 8 Dec, 2003. —INTERNET

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444 US soldiers killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 Dec—As of Monday, 8 Dec, 444 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 307 died as a result of hostile action and 137 died of non-hostile causes, the department said.

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

On or since 1 May, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 306 US soldiers have died 192 as a result of hostile action and 114 of non-hostile causes, according to the Defence Department's figures.

Since the start of military operations, 2,170 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department's figures.

Non-hostile injured numbered 355.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

A 101st Airborne Division soldier guarding a gas station was shot and killed Monday in Mosul. The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defence:

Army Spc Arron R Clark, 20, Chico, Calif.; killed Friday in Baghdad by an explosive; assigned to the 440th Signal Battalion, 22nd Signal Brigade, V Corps; Darmstadt, Germany.

Internet

Group of US troops in Iraq gets care for skin ailment

WASHINGTON, 9 Dec—About 100 US troops stationed in Iraq have contracted a skin ailment, leishmaniasis, transmitted by sand flies, officials at Walter Reed Army Medical Centre here said.

The hospital, the only one treating the disease, has already treated about 70 troops and expects many more, said spokesman Jim Stueve. The Pentagon did not immediately specify a number of affected troops early Monday.

About "20 from the 101st (airborne division) are treated as outpatients," the spokesman said. "They arrived in dribs and drabs over the past three weeks," he added, noting "other units have also been affected. They receive medication for about 10 days."

Internet

China to have 78 million Web surfers by end 2003

BEIJING, 9 Dec— The number of Internet surfers in China is expected to hit 78 million by the end of 2003, the *China Daily* newspaper said on Monday, citing a report by the Internet Society of China.

It did not give comparative figures, but said the number of web sites in China, with a population of about 1.3 billion, would reach 500,000 and online computers would hit 30 million by the end of the year.

Hu Qiheng, chairwoman of the society, was quoted as saying the Internet sector in China still lagged developed countries.

China's Internet penetration rate was only 5.2 per cent, compared with 63.2 per cent in the United States and an average 10.7 per cent for all countries surveyed, she was quoted as saying.

It did not explain how the percentages were reached.

The China Internet Network Information Centre said in July the number of Internet users had grown an annual 48.5 per cent to 68 million people by the end June. — MNA/Reuters

Indonesia harshly criticizes Washington's Iraq policy

JAKARTA, 9 Dec — Indonesia issued some of its harshest criticism of Washington's Iraq policy on Monday, saying the US occupation had not met objectives and was becoming a debacle.

Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda also said the war in Iraq served as a wake-up call for South-East Asia to get its own house in order to prevent similar events in the region.

"It is possible the forces of the old regime in Iraq, aided by foreign fighters infiltrated into the country, will continue to wage a prolonged guerilla campaign," said Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda.

"There is the dreadful prospect of the balkanization of Iraq with boundaries drawn on ethnic and sectarian lines," he also said in a speech to a

security conference.

"The various rival factions in Iraq today could be sucked by that power vacuum into a new and terrible round of internecine violence — a civil war."

He said that those developments would pose a threat to the entire Middle East, and the situation had heightened the grievances in the Muslim world and damaged the United Nations.

If the various trends continue, "that would make the war in Iraq a debacle to the cause of security and peace."

The United States has tried hard to make strategically located and 80-per-

cent Muslim Indonesia an ally in Washington's war on terrorism, but both the intervention in Afghanistan and the invasion of Iraq has brought widespread Indonesian criticism.

Wirajuda's comments on Monday were some of the strongest from the government since Baghdad fell to US-led forces.

If weapons of mass destruction have not been found in Iraq "because they do not exist, then an entire country has been levelled to the ground for no good reason," Wirajuda said.

MNA/Reuters

China more important trade partner for Indonesia

JAKARTA, 9 Dec — China is becoming a more important trade partner for Indonesia and in the next few years China's investment in Indonesia will keep growing, an Indonesian top economic minister was quoted Monday as saying by Kompas newspaper.

China's investment will be crucial for Indonesia's plan to optimize infrastructure development, primarily in power sector, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Dorodjatun Kuntjoro-Jakti said in a seminar involving international investors on the resort island of Bali.

"They (China) offer huge export credits that we can use for infrastructure development, for instance is the construction of below 100-megawatt power plants," the minister said.

He also noted that China's export credit helped finance the construction of the cross-sea Suramadu Bridge linking Java and the island of Madura.

On the other hand, Indonesia provides a big market for Chinese companies, he added.—MNA/Xinhua

Korean workers leave Iraq after colleagues killed

BAGHDAD, 9 Dec—Dozens of South Korean electrical workers have left Iraq after two colleagues were killed on a road near Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit in the latest blow to the country's reconstruction efforts.

A receptionist at the Tulaitulah hotel in central Baghdad, where the men had been staying, said on Monday at least 40 workers from Ohmu Electric Co Ltd had left for neighbouring Jordan in two minibuses, one on Sunday and another early on Monday.

The receptionist, who declined to be identified, said the men had been "very upset" over the daylight shootings on November 30, which shocked South Korea and put Seoul under pressure over its support for the US-led occupation of Iraq.

Two other Koreans were wounded when gunmen attacked their car as they drove towards Tikrit, north of Baghdad. The shootings took place near a stretch of road where the day before gunmen had killed two Japanese diplomats.

Iraqi insurgents have increasingly tar-

geted anyone working with US-led forces, from Iraqi police to foreign contractors.

The Koreans were working as sub-contractors on a US government project north of Baghdad to fix electrical lines. Electricity outages hobble large parts of Iraq, especially the capital Baghdad, and are a key grievance cited by ordinary Iraqis in their criticism of the United States.

In Seoul, a spokeswoman for Ohmu Electric said she expected the employees to return to South Korea this week. It was unclear if all the company's employees had now left Iraq.

The company had maintained 68 staff in Iraq since October 20. The hotel receptionist said the dead Koreans had arrived in Baghdad only a day or two before they were shot.

Internet

Chinese Premier says China supports UN reforms

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Dec — China supports reforms of the United Nations and will enhance its relations with the international body, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here recently.

"We support UN reforms with the hope that through reforms, the United Nations could better bring into play its authority and role," Wen told reporters after his meeting with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

"We hope that through the reforms, the United Nations would be more representative of the interests of the people throughout the world," he said. "We know that it is an arduous task, whose fulfillment would require the assistance, coop-

eration and support from all member states."

Under the current international situation of peace and development, it is necessary for the United Nations to conduct reforms in order to bring about a fair and reasonable international political and economic order, Wen said.

"China stands ready for closer cooperation with the United Nations. We will support the United Nations in its work," he stressed.

Wen, whose current four-

nation trip will also take him to Ethiopia, said he also talked with the UN chief about how to help African countries develop their economies.

Describing their talks as "very constructive and stimulating", Annan said that he and Wen promised to strengthen the cooperation between the United Nations and China and agreed on the need to reform the international body to make it effective and more responsive to the challenges of the present time.—MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan, Iran crack down on people smuggling

QUETTA, 9 Dec — Pakistan and Iran have agreed to increase coordination to combat human trafficking, a Pakistani official said recently.

An official of the border security force told Reuters the two sides agreed on Saturday to work against human traffickers and coordinate the return of illegal immigrants.

MNA/Reuters

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Watching patrol : An Iraqi girl watches US soldiers from Charlie Company, part of 1-22 Battalion of the 4th Infantry Division, patrol in Tikrit recently. —INTERNET

One US soldier killed in drive-by shooting in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 Dec—One US soldier died in a drive-by shooting while on duty near a gas station in the northern city of Mosul, Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt confirmed.

In Mosul, witnesses said a second soldier had been wounded as they directed a large queue of traffic.

"We had a soldier today at approximately midday (0900 GMT) who was involved in an operation in the vicinity of a gas station," Kimmitt — the coalition's deputy director of operations in Iraq — told a press conference on Monday.

"There was a drive-by shooting by four, we believe, Iraqis who shot and killed him."

Kimmitt said the soldier died of gunshot wounds fired from the vehicle which had halted some 40 metres (yards) away to carry out the attack.

He was the 193rd US soldier killed in Iraq since US President George Bush declared major hostilities over on May 1, according to an AFP toll compiled from Pentagon reports.

Witnesses in Mosul said they saw a gunman opening fire on the soldiers with an automatic rifle from the sunroof of a passing black BMW. "We heard gunshots, we went outside and we saw two Americans lying on the ground bleeding," said the petrol station's owner, Akwan Abdulkarim Mohammad, 45.—Internet

Diarrhoea remains killer disease in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 9 Dec— Bangladeshi President Iajuddin Ahmed said that despite expanded treatment facilities, diarrhoea remains a killer disease, still causing thousands of premature deaths in countries like Bangladesh.

"Significant reduction in childhood mortality and much longer life spans in this region have been achieved in the last decade. Yet, these successes present a sharp contrast with many of our unmet health challenges," he said when opening a three-day international conference on diarrhoeal diseases and nutrition here.

The President said diarrhoea, for example, still continues to be a major killer disease in this region, causing almost thousands of deaths among children under five every year, reported the official Bangladesh News Agency.

President Iajuddin laid emphasis on imparting proper education on the clinical aspects of the diseases along with establishing clinics to treat diarrhoea in rural areas to combat the waterborne diseases.

MNA/Xinhua



Ramadi graffiti : An Iraqi boy stands in front of graffiti reading 'death to traitors' in Ramadi, 100 kms west of Baghdad.—INTERNET

IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



Soldiers of the US Army's 4th Infantry Division search a house during a pre-dawn raid in the town of Baquba, in central Iraq, on 8 December, 2003. US troops conducted a raid against a suspected arms dealer, who they believe was supplying arms to anti-U.S. led forces in the region.—INTERNET



US soldiers in a Humvee: Two US soldiers were wounded in a drive-by shooting in Mosul as they directed a large queue of traffic at a petrol station in Iraq main northern city.— INTERNET



An unidentified US soldier kneels next to his weapon at a temporary checkpoint on the edge of Baghdad on Monday, 8 Dec, 2003. —INTERNET



An Iraqi woman with a child passes a US manned military checkpoint in Baghdad, on Monday, 8 Dec, 2003. — INTERNET

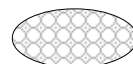


Urban warfare : A US Army soldier from Charlie Company, part of 1-22 Battalion of the 4th Infantry Division , looks at anti-US graffiti during a patrol in Tikrit —INTERNET



Soldiers of the
US Army's 4th
Infantry Division
arrive at the scene
of a blast in the
town of Baquba,
in central Iraq

INTERNET





Iraqi man sits under guard as his home is searched in Khadasiya, a northern suburb of Tikrit, Iraq, on Tuesday, 9 Dec, 2003. In four pre-dawn raids in Tikrit US troops detained eight suspects, three of whom are believed to have ties to the cells of insurgents responsible for frequent bomb attacks on coalition forces and Iraq civilians.—INTERNET

Vietnam to build 32 power plants

HANOI, 9 Dec—Vietnam plans to build 32 power plants with a combined capacity of 9,500 megawatts between now and 2010.

Total investment for the plants will stand at 180 trillion Vietnamese dong (11.61 billion US dollars), according to the Electricity of Vietnam (EVN) on Monday.

The funding will mainly come from the EVN, official development assistance, local and foreign businesses, especially Japanese ones.

Foreign investors can establish joint ventures with the EVN or directly participate in power-generating projects to sell electricity to the state-owned corporation.

Ten plants with total capacity of 3,055 megawatts are to become operational by 2005. Construction of five hydroelectricity plants and one major thermoelectric plant will start this year, and 10 others next year.

The EVN has recently predicted that the country's electricity demand will increase by 15-16 per cent each year to reach 48.5-53 billion kilowatts per hour in 2005 and 88-93 billion kilowatts per hour in 2010.

Vietnam's power capacity now stands at 8,860 megawatts.—MNA/Xinhua

Bodies of two S Koreans killed in Iraq return home

SEOUL, 9 Dec—The bodies of two South Korean workers killed in last week's roadside ambush in Iraq were flown home Monday for funeral and burial, reported *Yonhap* news agency.

Korean Air flight carrying the bodies of Kim Man-soo, 45, and Kwak Kyung-hae, 60, both workers of Seoul-based Ohm Electric Co., landed at Incheon International Airport on Monday late afternoon.

The two were killed and two others injured in an ambush by Iraqi guerillas in Tikrit, north of Baghdad, as they were driving to a construction site for power transmission towers on November 30.

The injured are receiving treatment in a US military hospital in Germany.

Upon arrival at the airport, the bodies were moved to a cargo terminal where some 70 bereaved families and company officials gave a memorial service for the victims, said *Yonhap*.

The bodies then were taken by car to their hometown in Daejeon in central South Korea for funeral services.

The two are the first South Korean casualties since the outbreak of the Iraq war in March.—MNA/Xinhua

One S Korean confirmed dead, 4 alive in Antarctic

SEOUL, 9 Dec—One South Korean scientist was confirmed dead but four others were alive on late Monday, a day after they went missing in the Antarctic, South Korean *Yonhap* news agency quoted officials as reporting.

Kang Seong-ho, an official at the state-run (South) Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute under the Prime Minister's office, quoted Nam Sang-heon, a researcher at South Korea's King Sejong Base in the Antarctic, as saying that the four

survivors had reported by radio that they were safe at an emergency shelter near the bases of Chile and China.

However, Jeong Jae-kyu, a 27-year-old researcher, was dead. The five people were sent Sunday afternoon to look for three other South Korean scientists who did not return to the South Korean main base as scheduled on Saturday from nearby Chilean base.

The boat of the five-member

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Ailing dollar falls to record low

WASHINGTON, 9 Dec—The dollar has fallen to a record new low against the euro, before Tuesday's interest rates decision in the US.

In late afternoon Monday trading, one euro bought \$1.2241, a new high, as the dollar continued to be hit by growing US deficits and low interest rates.

The dollar also stayed near an 11-year low against pound sterling, which buys \$1.7251, and it fell to 107.1 yen.

The US Federal Reserve Board had been expected to keep interest rates low, but may now be persuaded otherwise.

Meltdown

Yet while a rise would help stabilise the dollar, recent worse than expected US job creation figures suggest the wider American economy would not enjoy a hike. But Hedge fund economist Neil Mackinnon, said the dollar's fall could turn into meltdown, unless action was taken by the authorities.

The dollar's decline, which has been mirrored against the Thai, Taiwanese, Singaporean and South Korean currencies, has concerned many Asian governments, since it is hampering their competitiveness in export markets. Japan, in particular, would like to see the yen fall, as exports are crucial to the country's slow economic revival.

Economists at BNP Paribas said they expect the dollar to "remain under pressure in the near-term."

Deficit

This year, the euro has climbed by more than 15% against the dollar as investors started to pay more attention to the US current account deficit - the balance between what the US buys in goods and services and what it sells. At present, the shortfall is about 5% of gross domestic product and is set to expand.

The eurozone, by contrast, has a current-account surplus.

The deficit, and the threat of trade disputes and terrorist attack, have overshadowed signs that the world's largest economy is starting to motor.

The latest estimate of economic output, released last month, showed growth in the three months to September hit an annualised rate of 8.2% - the fastest rate for nearly two decades.

Unlikely

Analysts, however, said the disappointing labour figures on Friday meant the Federal Reserve was unlikely to change its stance on keeping rates low for fear of snuffing out any recovery.

And without the lure of higher returns, the US is unlikely to attract the influx of foreign money it needs to underpin its currency, they said.

Internet

Megawati opens Indonesia-China seminar on traditional medicine

JAKARTA, 9 Dec—Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri opened Monday a seminar on traditional medicine with the participation of the Chinese Traditional Medicine Academy and the Zhejiang University of China.

Megawati said traditional medicine is an important part for the 220 million of Indonesian population because of the lack of access to modern medicine.

Similar to China, Indonesia also has a great poten-

tial to develop traditional medicine as the country has abundant plant species for herbal industries, Megawati said while stressing that there must be serious efforts to protect intellectual property rights in the industry.

The seminar is attended

also by representatives of local institutions concerned, including the Indonesian Institute of Sciences, the research and development centre of the Ministry of Health and the Food and Drug Supervisory Agency

MNA/Xinhua

UN to hold summit on staff security

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Dec—The sixth annual summit on United Nations staff security will take place in New York on Thursday, a UN Press release said here Monday.

The summit, to be held at the UN Headquarters in New York, would examine possible solutions to the continuing dangers faced by UN staff in the field.

Working from a theme "After Baghdad: UN Workers Under The Gun", the UN summit would study the devastating terrorist attack against its headquarters in Baghdad on August 19, which killed 22 people, including the top envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello.—MNA/Xinhua

Pirates loot 287 trawlers in south Bangladesh in three months

DHAKA, 9 Dec—Armed pirate gangs in south Bangladesh looted at least 278 trawlers and drowned 11 of them in the last three months, reported the *New Nation* on Monday.

According to the Trawler Owners Association under Barguna District in south Bangladesh, the administration has so far failed to control the situation and ensure the safety of navigation and fishing activities in the Sundarbans coastal belt, where the world's largest mangrove forest locates.

Local fishermen sources claimed the pirates in this region loot daily in average five or six trawlers, and they have to pay the gangs some 167 US dollars per fisherman and some 833 US dollars per trawler for release.

President of the local trawler owners association Mustafa said the fishermen there almost abandoned their profession thus living in miserable condition.—MNA/Xinhua



British soldiers stand guard outside coalition headquarters in Basra recently. More than 90 million pounds of missiles, bombs and ammunition were fired by British forces in the first 11 days of the war in Iraq, government figures showed.—INTERNET

Thai police nab Cambodian diamond smuggling kingpin

BANGKOK, 9 Dec—Thai police in the eastern border province of Sa Kaeo on Monday arrested a Cambodian man attempting to smuggle over 600,000 baht (15,000 US dollars) worth of diamonds into Thailand, the *Thai News Agency* reported.

Em Yin was arrested Monday morning near a general store in Aranya Prathet District of the province.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit

'Acting Together and Advancing Together'

Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan

ASEAN Japan Exchange Year 2003 is now drawing to a close, with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi this week welcoming all ten ASEAN heads of state/government to Tokyo for the ASEAN Japan Commemorative Summit, the year's crowning event. This meeting, the first ASEAN summit ever to be convened outside an ASEAN member country, is expected to build on many ambitious and proactive proposals which have come forth in the two years since Prime Minister Koizumi's visit to Southeast Asia in January 2002.

Japan's interaction with Southeast Asia has a long history, going back some 700 years to the 14th century.

The establishment of the regional framework of ASEAN in 1967 was greeted warmly by Japan, but it was not until ten years later that ASEAN and Japan began a formal strategic strengthening of their relationship.

At the First ASEAN-Japan Summit, held in 1977, the then Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda announced a policy of "Heart to Heart Understanding," better known as the Fukuda Doctrine, which stressed the need to bridge the then

ASEAN members and Indo-Chinese countries, and engendered a significant fortification of trading and investment relations while facilitating the movement of people between ASEAN and Japan.

Twenty years later, during the Asian financial crisis of 1997, Japan provided assistance of some 80 billion US dollars to the countries of ASEAN, demonstrating unequivocally the intensity of Japan's commitment to the region. Such a striking commitment is the result of thirty years of increasingly close cooperation in trade, development, political, and security relations.

The magnitude of ASEAN and Japan's interdependency is truly striking. Japan is ASEAN's largest trading partner, along with the US. Japan is also ASEAN's single largest source of investment capital, its largest ODA donor country, and its largest source of tourists. ASEAN, in turn, is Japan's second-largest trading partner and is also a key region for Japanese corporate investment, having been the recipient of approximately 100 billion dollars of Japanese investment since ASEAN's founding. With ASEAN being such a crucial partner

both economically and politically, Japan views ASEAN as without substitute and is deeply committed to the enhancement of peace and prosperity throughout Southeast Asia.

The ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit convening in Tokyo this week represents a historic step for ASEAN-Japan relations. Japan and ASEAN are now bringing concrete shape to the ever increasing momentum for regional cooperation, based in particular on the "sincere and open partnership" which Prime Minister Koizumi called for in Singapore in 2002.

Under the theme of "act together, advance together," Prime Minister Koizumi set forth five initiatives, including the establishment of a Japan-ASEAN Comprehensive Economic partnership, a bold step forward which will help lay the groundwork for the possible future community of the East Asian region.

These initiatives reflect a mutual desire to adopt an assertive, forward-looking approach to this cooperative partnership, going well beyond more economic and investment dealings to the intensification of education and human resources

development, the strengthening of security cooperation, and the promotion of youth education and exchange, to name just a few of its goals. These initiatives will require great creativity and flexibility as specific policies are hammered out, particularly in light of the enormous cultural, economic, and developmental diversity found in the Asian region.

This Summit, then, is an ideal opportunity for the heads of state/government to demonstrate their political will to "act together and advance together," sending the world an unambiguous message about the tangible benefits set to emerge from ASEAN-Japan relations.

The concrete framework which we develop in the next few years can be seen as among the first and most significant steps toward establishing an East Asian Community, which will bring about not only increased prosperity but also reinforced cohesiveness in the region.

As one of the key outcomes of this Summit, ASEAN can expect Japan to confirm its commitment to promoting intra-regional cooperation. Japan will help fortify ASEAN's integration by working to narrow the development gaps among ASEAN member countries, supporting key regional initiatives and programs, such as the Initiative for ASEAN Integration, Mekong Regional Development, and the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines-East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA). Such support will enable the Japan-ASEAN relationship to transition away from a donor-recipient relationship towards a partnership of equals.

With Japan finally emerging from the economic stagnation in which it has been mired for more than a decade and the Japanese people regaining their confidence in the promise of the future, the domestic timing is ideal or Japan to move in such ambitious new direction at the regional level. The leaders of Japan and ASEAN must seize the enhanced momentum of the last two years to make good on the proposed initiatives which will bring about a new epoch in our long history of involvement.

People's Desire

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

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

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and
The 2nd ASEAN+3 Environment Ministers Meeting
Yangon, Myanmar
18-19 December 2003

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye...

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Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and wife Daw Khin Hnim Wai presented the tray for the Seinbudaw and eight requisites to members of the Sangha.

Later, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin presented the Kyabankhine and eight requisites to members of the Sangha.

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and wife Daw Win Win Nu presented bells and eight requisites to members of the Sangha.

Next, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, ministers and officials presented eight requisites to the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha.

Taunggyi U Win Maung performed the rituals regarding the Htidaw hoisting ceremony.

Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Pyay Jotikayon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kondalajoti delivered a sermon and Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party shared merits gained.

To convey the Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and tiers of Shwehtidaw round the pagoda, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye holding bells, flanked by a regal procession, went round the pagoda while vocalists U Tun Shwe and Khin Than Myint sang a Dhamma song with the accompaniment of Mingaladaw orchestra group.

At the auspicious time, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San sprinkled scented water on tiers of Shwehtidaws and conveyed them to the top of the pagoda through the decorated carriage of Teingya Htidaw hoisting team.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, the commander and ministers hoisted tiers of Shwehtidaw atop the pagoda.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San (See page 9)



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye conveys the Seinbudaw round the Mwaydaw Kakku Pagoda, Taunggyi. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer the Seinbudaw to a Sayadaw at Htidaw hoisting ceremony of Mwaydaw Kakku Pagoda, Taunggyi. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye pays homage to the Seinbudaw already hoisted atop at Htidaw hoisting ceremony of Mwaydaw Kakku Pagoda, Taunggyi.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer 'Soon' to Sayadaws at Htidaw hoisting ceremony of Mwaydaw Kakku Pagoda, Taunggyi. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San share merits gained from Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Pyay Jotikayon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kondalajoti. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye fixes the Seinbudaw (diamond bud) of the Phaungdawhsaik Pagoda. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe present Hngetmyatnadaw (the Vase) to the Sayadaw. —MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win fixes Seinbudaw atop the Phaungdawhsaik Pagoda in Taunggyi Township. — MNA



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win present Hsaththaphu (cone) of the Phaungdawhsaik Pagoda to the Sayadaw. — MNA



PaO national race leader U Aung Kham Hti and members present Shwekyathingan and eight requisites to the Sayadaw. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye...

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sprinkled scented water on the Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Shwekyathingan and hoisted them atop the pagoda through the decorated carriage.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha at the Dhammayon of the pagoda.

Afterwards, Sayadaws and members of the Sangha consecrated Phaungdawhsaik Pagoda at the prayer hall of the pagoda.

The ceremony ended with the three time recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu*.

Next, Vice-Senior Gen-

eral Maung Aye and party performed rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the success of the Htidaw hoisting ceremony.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye went up to the top of the pagoda and paid homage to the Seinbudaw which was already hoisted atop the pagoda.

After that, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party paid homage to Mwedaw Kakku Pagoda and two Buddha relics conveyed from Sri Lanka. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party cordially greeted the PaO national people. — MNA

Poem

With fair-minded freedom

- * The idea of wanting to be free
Is the birthright of thought
Of you, me and all of us.
- * Because of the urge to be own arbiters
No person would like to have his life
Manipulated in every way
That is the way all people feel.
- * What one wants to be, freely
Cannot be wanton, not concerning all
It cannot be that one must get what he wants
No matter what happens to others
With that attitude, if there are those unfettered
That will be disappointingly dangerous
For one and all.
- * For me and for you, be it considerate
Always looking forward to be free
If it is worked out thus in human environment
Pleasant and peaceful will it be
And a cause to be happy with.
(To the self-centered elements in the international relations these days.)

May Yu (Trs)

Mayor inspects workshop, motor dept

YANGON, 9 Dec — Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, accompanied by Joint-Secretary U Kyi Win and officials, visited the Workshop and Motor Transport Department of YCDC in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here, yesterday

afternoon.

The mayor was reported by the head of department and officials on transforming of TE-11 vehicles into hydraulic-powered garbage trucks and innovation of frames for stone crushers.

After giving necessary instructions, the mayor left the place.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than holds the meeting with departmental officials and members of social organizations in Shwekyin Township, Bago Division. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than...

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Union Highway is important one for the State. He then gave instructions on early completion of the project.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected the road section and DaikU-Nyaungkhashe Road at mile post No 84/5 of the Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to Sittaung Bridge (Shwekyin-Madauk) where they were welcomed by Col Zaw Win Myint of Shwekyin Station and Deputy Superintendent Engineer U Win Aung reported on maintenance of the bridge, regional development and benefits for local people. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on maintenance of the road.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to Shwekyin hydro-electric power project site in Shwekyin. Director of No 4 Construction Group of Hydroelectric Power Department U Kyi Soe reported on measures undertaken for the project, requirements and material supplied. Commander Brig-Gen Ko Ko

gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected construction of the main dam, outlet conduit, spillway and diaphragm wall at the worksite.

The Shwekyin hydro-electric power project is one of the Sittaung River Valley Hydro Electric Projects. It is being built on Shwekyin Creek near Kyauknaga Village, six miles northeast of Shwekyin, Bago District. On completion of the project, it can distribute 83 Megawatts to the State and supply water to local people in the region and to 11,500 acres of summer paddy cultivation.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to the construction site of 100-bed new hospital in Shwekyin. Director (Admin) of Health Department Dr Thein Tun reported on progress of work and Director U Saw Myint of Yangonchi Oo Co on requirements. Lt-Gen Khin Maung fulfilled the requirements.

He then inspected the scale model of the hospital and the site. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went

to Shwekyin Township PDC Office. Chairman of Township PDC U Htwe Myint reported project on extended cultivation of paddy from 2004-2005 to 2005-2006 and data of the township. Col Zaw Win Myint of Shwekyin Station gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on exceeding the target of economic project, extended cultivation of paddy, cultivation of Pesingnong after monsoon groundnuts, cultivation of over 4,000 acres of summer paddy, extended cultivation of paddy for sale of rice to another region, implementation of the tasks on extended cultivable lands after the formation of supervisory committees and full growing of rubber.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people. At the meeting, he said peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, strong economy, having educated people and participating in the nation-building tasks are basic requirements in efforts to build a peaceful modern developed nation.

Emphasis is being placed on agriculture and livestock breeding for economic development of the country. In education sector, schools were opened and upgraded. For local youths to learn higher education, universities, colleges and degree colleges were opened in 24 major development regions. Moreover, the government is carrying out five rural development projects, he said.

He spoke of the need for the people to actively participate in the national development tasks and to cultivate crops and plants suitable for the regions.

Despite sufficiency of rice in the region, measures are to be taken for sale of surplus rice to other states and divisions. He called on officials and townselders to undertake measures on development of Shwekyin.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than then greeted those present.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party met the Tatmadaw members and families and gave instructions on livestock breeding on manageable scale, boosting production and health and education matters. — MNA

Objectives of the 56th Anniversary of Independence Day

- All the national people to collectively safeguard the national independence and ensure perpetuation of sovereignty
- All the national people to be united to ensure non-disintegration of national solidarity
- All the national people to strive for the emergence of enduring State Constitution and for the building of a new modern and developed nation
- All the national people to participate with full sense of Union Spirit and Patriotism in the successful implementation of the seven-point roadmap of the State.



Maung Kyuu (shooting) poses with the gold medal and silver medal. — MNA

XXII SEA Games continue

YANGON, 9 Dec — Myanmar women's team won a bronze medal in two-oar rowing event of the XXII SEA Games held in West Lake, Hanoi in Vietnam on 7 December. Indonesia and Vietnam teams won gold and silver medals respectively.

Myanmar beat Vietnam 2-1 at group level event of men's sepak takraw contest (group). Vietnam beat Myanmar 3-0 and Myanmar beat Philippines 3-0 at group level event of women's sepak takraw contest (group).

Myanmar Olympic

Committee Chairman Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and members, who were in Vietnam, viewed the events in which Myanmar teams competed.

Yesterday, Myanmar team bagged a silver medal in women's table tennis event. Bronze medal winners were Kay Khine Lwin in women's 400 m race, Han Kan Khat in 55-kilo Kumite Karate do event (single) and Nan Sai Mein in women's 53-kilo Kumite Karate do event (single).

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Cash assistance provided to MMCWA

YANGON, 9 Dec — Wellwishers from Buthidaung and Maungtaung townships in Rakhine State provided cash assistance to the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association at the meeting hall of Maungtaung Township Peace and Development Council Office on 7 December morning.

Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, who was there to observe the reproductive projects being jointly undertaken by the MMCWA and the UNHCR in the two townships, and party attended the ceremony and accepted the donations.

Also present on the occasion were Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, Patron of the Supervisory Committee for Rakhine State MCWA, personnel from social organizations, and departmental officials.

Lt-Col Yan Myo Aung, Chairman of

Maungtaung District Peace and Development Council explained the purposes of donation. Next, wellwishers donated K 5.88 million to the MMCWA through officials. And Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint spoke words of thanks.

A similar ceremony took place at the building of the work committee of Rakhine State Woman Affairs yesterday morning.

It was attended by Vice-Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Col Than Tun Aung, Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, personnel of social organizations and others.

On the occasion, wellwishers presented K 5.56 million including K 1 million donated by Rakhine State PDC through officials. Afterwards, Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint spoke words of thanks.

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Seminar on eight kinds of crops held

YANGON, 9 Dec — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin attended the seminar on production target of eight kinds of crops held at Myanma Agriculture Service (Head Office) here this morning.

The minister gave instructions to officials on making efforts for produc-

tion of ten main crops as targeted by the State and production of eight kinds of crops meeting the good quality.

Next, the minister inspected the crops and agricultural equipment displayed at the seminar. He also held discussions with agricultural experts and gave necessary instructions. — MNA



Minister U Aung Thaung inspects disposable syringe and injection factory project in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division. — INDUSTRY-1

Factories inspected in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 9 Dec — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, accompanied by officials, inspected the disposable syringes and injection factory project of the Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries being implemented near Inyaung Village, Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division, yesterday morning. At the factory, the minister looked into the installation of injection moulding machines and the conducting of courses for those who will work at the factory and gave instructions on tasks to be carried out.

The minister also inspected the construction of the main building of the factory and its annexes, the engineering department, the quality control department and warehouses, and gave instructions on timely completion of the project.

Next at the briefing hall, the minister heard progress

reports on the project, the installation of machinery, more machinery to be supplied and future tasks.

After hearing the reports, the minister urged officials concerned to try to accomplish the construction work and the installation of machinery in the second week of this month.

Later, the minister met with factory managers at the briefing hall of Kyaukse industrial zone, giving instructions on accelerated production of respective factories.

The minister also inspected sewing machines, bicycles, electric bicycles and vests displayed at the briefing hall.

Afterwards, the minister oversaw the operation of kilns and the production of cement, the production of sandals, and production of candies, and gave instructions.

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Universities and higher learning institutes as educational infrastructure constructed for emergence of dependable human resources

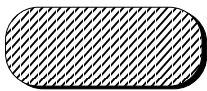


As part of the efforts to create human resources with high calibre as many as possible, the Government is trying its utmost to bring about well-rounded individuals capable of serving the interest of the State. The photo shows the Government Computer College (Panglong) in Loilem, Shan State.

PHOTO: MNA



The might of intellectuals and intelligentsia is crucial for building the nation into one that can stand tall among other nations of the world. With this end in view, new universities and colleges have been built to produce these human resources. The photo shows the Government Technological College in Panglong, Shan State —PHOTO: MNA



With a view to producing more highly-qualified human resources, a great number of universities, colleges and institutes are being constructed

nationwide. The photo dated 11 November 2003 shows the Government Technological College in Patheingyi Township.—PHOTO: MNA



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Ugandan Vice-President appointed to malaria consortium

KAMPALA, 9 Dec — Ugandan Vice-President Gilbert Bukenya has been appointed to the Malaria Consortium Board of Trustees, according to an announcement from the VP Office.

The Malaria Consortium is an independent international organization

working to reduce the global burden of malaria and other communicable diseases.

The Malaria Consortium, which is based in Britain, among other things monitors and evaluates the control of communicable diseases.—MNA/Xinhua

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Ancient baby's tomb uncovered in south China

BEIHAI, 9 Dec—Archaeologists have uncovered the tomb of a baby dating back nearly 2,000 years in Beihai City, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The tomb was found during excavations into a group of other tombs from the Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD) in Hepu County, said Xiong Zhaoming, an archaeologist in Guangxi and member of the excavation team.

"It's the first baby's tomb from that period of history ever to be found in this region," he said.

His conclusion was supported by Feng Yongqu, a noted scholar on remote Chi-

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China's diesel engine giant reports rising exports

NANNING, 9 Dec — Yucai Machinery Co., Ltd., China's largest internal combustion engine manufacturer in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, has exported more than 3.7 million US dollars worth of products so far this year, double that for the whole of 2002.

Yucai, set up in 1993 and listed in 1994 on the New York Stock Exchange, exports diesel engines for automobiles, ships, power generators and engineering machinery, as well as generating units, to South America, Africa, Middle East, and other parts of Asia. Cuba and Vietnam are among the leading importers of Yucai products.

Farm machinery, which has huge market potential both at home and abroad, is a major product of the company, which has sold 6,000 units so far this year.

From January to September this year, China's imports and exports of farm machinery reached 1.44 billion dollars, up 80 per cent year-on-year, with export rising by 79.3 per cent to 744 million dollars, according to the national agricultural machinery association.

This indicated Yucai's strategy to step up development and production of farm machinery would bring it more profits, a company executive said.—MNA/Xinhua

New airport in operation in S-W China

CHENGDU, 9 Dec — A new civil airport was put into use Saturday in Panzhihua City of Sichuan Province, southwest China, making this mountainous, industrial city more accessible to outsiders.

It will operate flights between Panzhihua and major cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing, Chengdu and Guangzhou.

The airport, which cost one billion yuan to build, is designed to accommodate passenger aircraft like Boeing 737s and A-320s, according to official sources.

It was very difficult to build the airport as it is located at an altitude of 1,976 metres and with unique geological conditions, the sources said.

MNA/Xinhua

Rare painting found in US attic fetches \$1m

BOSTON, 9 Dec — A landscape painting by Nineteenth Century American romantic painter Martin Johnson Heade was sold at auction for just over one million US dollars on Sunday after being stashed away in an attic for over 60 years.

The 12-inch by 26-inch river scene, which art historians did not even know existed, was discovered in a home near Boston by antiques experts Leigh and Leslie Keno as they filmed

an episode of the new PBS television series Find!

Even a raging New England snowstorm did not adversely affect the price. "Because of the miracles of modern technology, there were people bidding on the telephone and the price kept rising," Leigh Keno said.

The painting had been estimated to be worth at least 500,000 US dollars and was sold to a New York-based art dealer who attended the auction in Amesbury,

Massachusetts, in person and paid 1,006,250 US dollars.

Heade, who died in 1904, is now described by art experts as one of the best American romantic painters, but was not considered a major artist during his lifetime and some of his works served more utilitarian than decorative purposes.

One piece, bought by the Museum of Fine Art in Houston for 1.25 million US dollars in 1999, had long been used to cover a hole in the wall of a house in Indiana.

MNA/Reuters

India to release \$27m aid to Ghana

ABUJA (Nigeria), 9 Dec — India Saturday conveyed to Ghana that it would release the remaining 27 million US dollars to it for rural electrification programme and farming projects.

This assurance was given by Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to Ghana President John Agyekum Kufour when they met on the sidelines of the Commonwealth Summit here.— MNA/PTI

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More than half of Australians are obese

MELBOURNE, 9 Dec— Fifty-six per cent of Australian adults and 27 per cent of children are obese because they eat too much and exercise too little, a study found on Sunday.

About nine million Australians over the age of 18 are overweight and childhood obesity rivals North American levels and exceeds those of Britain, the *Medical Journal of Australia* said.

Combined with inactivity and poor nutrition, obesity is responsible for at least 10 per cent of health problems, including heart disease, diabetes and cancers, making the health effects as bad as those of tobacco, the journal said.

In a separate study, it said Australian women spent a total of 414 million Australian dollars (306 million US dollars) each year in their quest to slim, with some women spending more than 3,000 Australian dollars annually.

Annual expenditure on commercial weight loss programmes, gyms, fitness equipment, personal trainers, weight loss pills, slimming products and meal replacements averaged 441 Australian dollars per woman.

Yet all their efforts seem to be in vain as obesity rates continue to rise, the journal said.

Bigger portions, cheaper processed foods, and heavy marketing of takeaway foods and soft drinks are among the factors driving obesity in Australia.—MNA/Reuters

S-E Asian nations can operate daily flights to four metros

NEW DELHI, 9 Dec— Indian Government here said South-East Asian nations will be allowed to operate daily services to four metros and an unlimited number of flights to 18 tourist destinations in the country, but this cannot be construed as an "Open Sky policy".

"Government has not announced an Open Sky policy for ASEAN nations. The offer made by India to member countries of ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) at the ASEAN-India Summit in Bali recently allows the facility of daily services to the four metros and unlimited number of flights to 18 tourist destinations in India," Civil Aviation Minister Rajiv Pratap Rudy informed the Parliament on Monday.

He said the requests received from ASEAN countries within the terms of this offer would be considered without further bilateral talks as and when formalized and implemented.

"This offer will lead to better connectivity between India and ASEAN nations and strengthen tourism, business, trade and commerce," Rudy said in the Lower House Lok Sabha.

He, however, said revenue implications of this offer for Air India and Indian Airlines cannot be estimated at this stage.

Referring to the committee to review the route dispersal guidelines that force carriers to operate a stipulated number of flights on uneconomical routes, Rudy said "the committee is likely to submit its report by the end of December 2003".

To a query on air space management, he said: "Flexible use of airspace is only to permit civil aircraft to use the airspace exclusively reserved for military purposes for optimum utilization of Indian airspace but not expansion of the existing airspace."

Rudy said the Indian Airlines and Singapore Airlines Terminal Services (SATS) have decided to carry out a feasibility study to consider the possibility of setting up a joint venture company for ground handling services at Indian airports.

The government has also approved a proposal of restructuring of airports at New Delhi and Mumbai through joint venture route, he said.

As part of the new initiative to develop regional airports, Rudy said the government identified 24 airports for improving aesthetics and upkeep of terminal building and cityside.

These airports are Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport of Mumbai, Indira Gandhi International Airport of New Delhi, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport of Kolkata apart from those of Goa, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Jammu, Trivandrum, Aurangabad, Calicut, Guwahati, Agartala, Coimbatore, Amritsar, Varanasi, Lucknow, Patna, Pune, Ranchi, Jaipur and Udaipur. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Premier proposes principles on Sino-US eco ties

NEW YORK, 9 Dec— Visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Monday proposed five principles on fair trade and economic partnership between China and the United States.

Speaking at a luncheon hosted by the American Bankers Association in New York, Wen listed the five principles as following:

— First, mutual benefit and win-win result. Thinking broadly, one should take account of the other's interests while pursuing its own.

— Second, development first. Existing differences should be resolved through expanded trade and economic cooperation.

— Third, greater scope to coordinating mechanisms in bilateral trade and economic relations. Disputes should be addressed in a timely manner through communication and consultation to avoid possible escalation.

— Fourth, equal consultation. The two sides should seek consensus while reserving differences on major issues, instead of imposing restrictions or sanctions at every turn.

— Fifth, do not politicize economic and trade issues.

Wen said these five principles are based on the World Trade Organization framework and the existing norms of international trade. "They are essential for a correct understanding and proper handling of possible trade disputes or frictions between our two countries in the years ahead."

"The core elements of these principles are development, equality, and mutual benefit. Development is our driving force, equality the premise, and mutual benefit our goal. This, in my opinion, also serves the need for a constructive and cooperative relationship to which both sides are committed," he said.

Wen explained that "by putting development first, we mean to take a forward-looking approach that allows us to narrow the trade gap through continued expansion of two-way trade". — MNA/Xinhua

Tanzanian Kilimanjaro mountain guides receive training

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 9 Dec— A total of 225 mountain guides have completed a mountaineering course and would be awarded with guide licences later, local newspaper *The Guardian* reported on Monday.

The course was organized by Kilimanjaro National Park Authority (KINAPA) and its aim is to improve communication skills and other knowledge of these guides.

KINAPA chief official Nyamakumbati Mafuru was quoted as saying that other subjects include customer care, natural vegetation, volcanic climate, animal and birds found on the mountain. He said that the course, the first of such kind, was provoked by the fact that most tour guides had a partial knowledge about the mountain and its species.

The growing tourism industry in Tanzania must go hand in hand with customer care, which means having skilled and competent tour guide, he added.—MNA/Xinhua

US northeast digs out from weekend snowstorm

BOSTON, 9 Dec— People across the northeastern United States on Sunday were digging out from the region's first major winter storm, which dumped more than a foot of snow, closed airports and left thousands without power.

The three-day storm rolled up the eastern coast two weeks before winter's official start, setting records in some areas as it packed high winds, heavy surf and steady snowfall of up to an inch an hour.

It left roads and sidewalks ice slicked, stranded hundreds of travellers and kept thousands of Christmas shoppers at home. Logan International Airport in Boston, New England's busiest, reopened only one runway on Sunday afternoon and roughly 20,000 homes had no power in eastern Massachusetts, state officials said. Officials also warned of coastal flooding.

MNA/Reuters



Actress Diane Keaton (news) arrives for the premiere of the film 'Something's Gotta Give,' on Monday, 8 Dec, 2003, in Los Angeles.—INTERNET

WHO partners with Brazil in global "AIDS" fight

BRASILIA (Brazil), 9 Dec— The World Health Organization said it would use Brazil's controversial HIV/AIDS treatment programme as a model in its battle to treat three million of the world's poor with AIDS drugs by 2005.

Brazil's policy to break patents if drug makers refuse to cut prices allows it to provide free anti-retroviral drugs to 135,000 Brazilians, nearly half the 350,000 receiving such drugs throughout the developing world.

"The Brazil HIV/AIDS programme is a model for all developing countries," WHO Director General Jong-Wook Lee said in Brasilia during a world health conference.

The WHO estimates six million people in poor countries need the anti-retroviral treatment, which many HIV sufferers in rich nations take for granted.

This year alone, five million people were infected with the HIV virus and three

million people, or nearly 8,000 a day, died of it, making universal HIV/AIDS treatment crucial for developing nations.

Brazil has averted a more serious AIDS epidemic with its production of cheap generic copies of patented drugs. The nation now has 600,000 people living with HIV, far fewer than mid-1990s estimates of 1.2 million by 2000.

As part of its cooperation with the WHO, Brazil is studying manufacturing medications that the organization plans to use in its so-called "3-by-5" plan at low cost in public and private laboratories.

MNA/Reuters

Drive safely



Two baby tiger cubs explore their habitat and get ready for a stroll, at the Amersfoort Zoo in the Netherlands, on 8 Dec, 2003. The two white tiger cubs, Trixi and Maxi, named after Dutch Queen Beatrix and Princess Maxima, took their first stroll into their habitat on Monday after their birth on 11 October, 2003. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Klitschko sends message to Lewis with quickfire win

NEW YORK, 9 Dec — Ukrainian heavyweight Vitali Klitschko stopped Canadian Kirk Johnson in the second round of their non-title bout at Madison Square Garden over the weekend.

Klitschko, 32, who is seeking a rematch with WBC champion Lennox Lewis, sent a message to the Briton after knocking out Johnson twice in the second round before the fight was stopped with six seconds remaining. "I was 100-per-cent ready for the fight," Klitschko said in a television interview. "Hello Lennox, I know you saw the fight." Lewis, who has yet to decide if he will fight again, scored a bloody sixth-round technical knockout victory over the Ukrainian in Los Angeles in June. In front of 10,823 fans who braved the snow in New York, Klitschko fought like a man on a mission. The strapping 6-foot-8 Klitschko proved too strong for Johnson, 31, who was overpowered by a barrage of punches for the first knockout.

After the Canadian was floored for the second time by a right hand, referee Arthur Mercante Jr stepped in to stop the fight.

MNA/Reuters



Lazio's forward Stefano Fiore (C) scores the second goal for his team in front of Juventus French defender Lilian Thuram (L) and goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon at the Olympic Stadium in Rome.—INTERNET

Loo wins fifth SEA Games high jump title

HANOI, 9 Dec — Malaysian high jumper Loo Kun Zee drew the most spotlight in My Dinh National Stadium here on Monday as he won his fifth straight South-East Asian Games gold medal.

Thailand and Vietnam each won four out of 13 gold medals on offer. The Philippines had three, while Malaysia and Indonesia split the other two. Loo, the SEA Games record holder, cleared 2.15 metres in his third attempt and assured himself the gold after main rivals Ahmad Najwan Aqra and Nguyen Duy Bang both failed on this height.

The 29-year-old Malaysian continued to push himself in the hope of breaking his record of 2.24 metres but failed on 2.21 metres.

"It's very cold today. It somewhat affected my performance," said Loo, who won the bronze medal at the Busan Asian Games last year.

Thailand's Trecia Roberts clocked 13.45 seconds in the women's 100-metres hurdles to clinch her third straight SEA Games title.

"I'm happy to win the gold medal 'cause I didn't train much for this event," said Roberts.

"But I'm a little upset at my time," added the 32-year-old Thai-American, who holds the SEA Games record of 12.85 seconds.

Nattapon Namkunha matched his Thai compatriot by leaping 15.68 metres to win the SEA Games men's triple jump for the third successive time.

Suphan Wongsripuck added an "unexpected" gold for the Thais when he won the men's 110-metres hurdles in a games record of 13.92 seconds.

"I didn't expect the gold medal before the competition," said the 26-year-old. "And

I'm really satisfied with my result."

To the delight of home spectators, Nguyen Thi Tinh and Duong Thi Hong Hanh led a 1-2 Vietnamese finish in the women's 400-metres final. Tinh cruised home in 51.83 seconds, chopping 0.77 seconds off the previous games best.

Fellow Vietnamese Nguyen Lan Anh and Pham Dinh Khanh Doan followed suit as they finished 1-2 in the women's 1,500-metre final. Anh took the gold in 4:19.48, more than eight seconds clear of Doan.

Vietnam's third gold came from Nguyen Thi Thu Cuc, who amassed the 5,274 points to win the heptathlon. Thai Watcharaporn Masim was second on 4,925 and Nguyen Thi Kim Nhung third on 4,673.

In the day's last event, Doan Nu Truc Van, inspired by the chanting spectators, held off a late charge by Indonesia's Supriati Sutono to win the grueling women's 10,000-metres in 34:48.28.

Sutono, who almost caught Van entering the last curve, had to settle for the silver trailing 0.65 seconds behind.

Candelario Ernie of the Philippines successfully defended his men's 400-metre title after cruising home first in 47.06 seconds, 0.17 seconds ahead of countryman Jmar Aing Thai Narong Nilploy walked away with the bronze in 47.31.

Philipino Herrera Rene took the men's 3,000-metre steeplechase in 8:50.78, followed by Thai Jirasak Suthichat in 8:52.47 and Nguyen Kien Trung of Vietnam in 8:52.53.

Lozada John added a third for the Philippines when he won the men's 1,500-metre final in 3:56.80.

MNA/Xinhua

Myanmar, Vietnam enter SEA Games Women's soccer final

HANOI, 9 Dec — Defending champions Vietnam looked set to retain their South-East Asian Games women's soccer title after beating Thailand 3-1 in the semifinal on Monday.

The hosts face Myanmar in the gold medal match on Thursday. Vietnam made a dream start as striker Luu Ngoc Mai scored her fifth goal of the tournament with a penalty kick only six minutes into the game.

Mai could have doubled the lead three minutes later but her right-foot shot hit the post. Phung Thi Minh Nguyet made it 2-0 in the 36th minute after latching onto a long pass from Tran Thi Bich Hanh, beating Thai goalie Kusumarn Thong before slotting home from close range.

Thailand's hopes of advancing to the final were smashed when Pranee Saipin scored an own goal four minutes after the

break.

The Thais, who lost 4-0 to Vietnam in the final at last SEA Games in Malaysia, grabbed a consolation goal after Narumon Piamsin beat two Vietnamese defenders and goalkeeper Nguyen Thi Kim Hong to find the net.

"Both Vietnam and Thailand have made great progress since the 21st SEA Games in Malaysia. After this match, fans have known who has made a greater progress," said Vietnamese coach Mai Duc Chung. Earlier, Myanmar whitewashed Malaysia 8-0 in the same stadium.

San San Kyu and Zin Mar Wann each scored two goals, and Aye Nandar Hlaing and Nwe Nwe Toe added one apiece to give Myanmar a 6-0 lead by halftime.

Than Than Htwe and Nhin Si Myint each scored a goal in the second half to seal the lopsided victory.—MNA/Xinhua

Singaporean swimmer clinches 13th SEA Games gold

HANOI, 9 Dec — Singapore's Yeo Wei Ling won the women's 100-metre butterfly event here on Monday to boost her career total to 13 titles at the South-East Asian Games.

Yeo, who had won the 100-metre freestyle, 200-metre individual medley and 4x100-metre freestyle relay in the previous two days, cruised to victory in the 100m butterfly in one minute 1.32 seconds.

"Sure I'm happy to win the gold medal, but I didn't swim as well as I had expected," said the 24-year-old, who won three gold and seven medals overall at the Kuala Lumpur Games in 2001 following her six-gold haul in 1999.

Malaysia's Lim Keng Liat grabbed two golds within an hour to lift his total to four at these SEA Games.

Lim, who won the men's 200-metre backstroke on Saturday, opened Monday's competition with a convincing win in the men's 100-metre backstroke.

He touched home in 57.51 seconds, more than a second ahead of nearest

rival Chay Jung Jun Mark of Singapore.

The 23-year-old then returned to win the men's 100-metre butterfly in a meet record time of 55.04 seconds. It was the only swimming record broken on Monday.

Lim said though his time in the 100-metre butterfly surpassed the Olympic qualification standard, he would not enter the event at next year's Olympic Games in Athens.

"I will only focus on my specialty — 100-metre backstroke and 200-metre backstroke," he said.

Lim also anchored the Malaysian team to second place in the men's 4x100-metre freestyle relay in 3:30.99, well behind Singapore (3:28.42) in the last event of the day.

In between Lim's wins, Thailand's Chonlathorn Vorathamrong won the women's 100-metre backstroke in 1:05.47, followed by Philipino Marie Lizza Danila and Indonesian Elsa Manora Nasution.

Pilin Tachakittiranan led fellow Thai Chorkaew Choompol to finish 1-2 in the women's 800-metre freestyle final.—MNA/Xinhua

Laotian body-builder fails drug tests at SEA Games

HANOI, 9 Dec — Laotian body-builder Sayrash has failed a doping test at the 22nd South-East Asian Games, organizers said here on Monday.

It was the first positive dope case at the nine-day event. Sayrash was asked to undergo a urine test before Friday's competition after failing to submit enough certificates, an organizing committee statement said.

But the statement did not specify what kind of banned substance was found in Sayrash's sample.

What made the incident even more ridiculous was that Sayrash, who was scheduled to compete in the men's 70 kilos category, didn't pass the weigh-in. — MNA/Xinhua



Real Madrid's Luis Figo

tries to get past

Barcelona's Thiago

Motta in a Liga match at

Camp Nou Stadium in

Barcelona. Madrid won

2-1. — INTERNET

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

- 9:00 Signature Tune
- Greetings
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
- Beauty & Scenic
- Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanmar Sentiment"
- 9:06 Traditional Chin
- House
- 9:10 **Headline News**
- 9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty
- Dishes (Short headed
- Fish with Roasted Rice
- Soup)
- 9:15 **National News**
- 9:20 Myanmar Traditional
- Pickled Tea
- 9:25 Music for Your Ears
- (A Sweet Sounding
- Musical Piece)
- 9:30 **National News**
- 9:35 Lifestyles along the
- Ayeyawady (Manda-
- lay to Pyay) (Part-III)
- 9:40 Song "Young love"
- 9:45 **National News**
- 9:50 Pa-O Nationals Tradi-
- tional Long Drum
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
- Beauty & Scenic
- Sights
- "Come and See
- Myanmar"

10-12-2003 (Wednesday) Regular Programmes for Viewers from Abroad Evening Transmission (15:30 - 17:30)

- 15:30 Signature Tune
- Greetings
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
- Beauty & Scenic
- Sights "Myanmar Pano-
- rama & Myanmar Sen-
- timent"
- 15:36 Traditional Chin
- House
- 15:40 **Headline News**
- 15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty

- Dishes (Short headed
- Fish with Roasted Rice
- Soup)
- 15:45 **National News**
- 15:50 Myanmar Traditional
- Pickled Tea
- 15:55 Music for Your Ears
- (A Sweet Sounding
- Musical Piece)
- 16:00 **National News**
- 16:05 Lifestyles along the
- Ayeyawady (Manda-
- lay to Pyay) (Part-III)
- 16:10 Song "Young love"
- 16:15 **National News**
- 16:20 Pa-O Nationals Tradi-
- tional Long Drum
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
- Beauty & Scenic Sights
- "Myanmar Panorama &
- Myanmar Sentiment"
- 16:30 **National News**
- 16:35 Travelogue "Sagaing"
- 16:40 Myanmar Cuisine
- "Peppery Mohinga"
- 16:45 **National News**
- 16:50 Myanmar As Told By
- History
- 16:55 Khome Traditional
- Cultural Dance
- 16:58 Welcome to Bagan
- 17:00 **National News**
- 17:05 Intricate Art of Silver-
- smith
- 17:10 Song on Screen "Horse
- Cart"
- 17:15 **National News**
- 17:20 Drug Eradication
- Movement in Myan-
- mar
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
- Beauty & Scenic
- Sights "Come and See
- Myanmar"

Evening Transmission (19:30 - 23:30)

- 19:30 Signature Tune
- Greetings
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
- Beauty & Scenic
- Sights "Myanmar Pano-
- rama & Myanmar Sen-
- timent"
- 19:36 Golden Mandalay
- Hill
- 19:40 **Headline News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
- Dishes (Tenderized
- Eggplant)
- 19:45 **National News**

- 19:50 Ye River Bridge Con-
- struction Project
- 19:55 Kayin Dance (Ton
- pana)
- 20:00 **National News**
- 20:05 Lifestyles along the
- Ayeyawady (Manda-
- lay to Pyay) (Part-II)
- 20:10 Song "Aristocratic
- Beauty"
- 20:15 **National News**
- 20:20 Myanmar Ramayana
- (Part XII) Ramma Dis-
- consolate
- 20:25 Song "The Land of
- Shan Beauties"
- 20:30 **National News**
- 20:35 Current Affairs "No
- Pain! No Gain"
- 20:40 Myanmar Cuisine
- "Prawn Curry"
- 20:45 **National News**
- 20:50 Native of Pa-O Nation-
- als (Kyauktalone)
- 20:55 Culture Stage Dance of
- the Drums
- 20:58 Shan Market Day
- 21:00 **National News**
- 21:05 Bagan Our Pride and
- Golry of the Past
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern
- Song "Greetings from
- Chin Hills"
- 21:15 **National News**
- 21:20 Ancient Pakhangyi
- Monastery
- 21:30 Song of Myanmar
- Beauty & Scenic Sights
- "Mingalabar"
- 21:35 Traditional Chin

- House
- 21:40 **Headline News**
- 21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
- Dishes (Short headed
- Fish with Roasted Rice
- Soup)
- 21:45 **National News**
- 21:50 Traditional Myanmar
- Pickled Tea Leaf
- 21:55 Music for Your Ears
- (A Sweet Sounding
- Musical Piece)
- 22:00 **National News**
- 22:05 Lifestyles along the
- Ayeyawady (Manda-
- lay to Pyay) (Part-III)
- 22:10 Song "Young love"
- 22:15 **National News**
- 22:20 Pa-O Nationals Tradi-
- tional Long Drum
- 22:25 Song "Smoke of Sor-
- row"
- 22:30 **National News**
- 22:35 Travelogue "Sagaing "
- 22:40 Myanmar Cuisine
- "Peppery Mohinga"
- 22:45 **National News**
- 22:50 Myanmar As Told By
- History
- 22:55 Khome Traditional
- Cultural Dance
- 22:58 Welcome to Bagan
- 23:00 **National News**
- 23:05 Intricate Art of Silver-
- smith
- 23:10 Song on Screen "Horse
- Cart "
- 23:15 **National News**
- 23:20 Drug Eradication
- Movement in Myan-
- mar

- 23:25 Song of Myanmar
- Beauty & Scenic
- Sights "Come and See
- Myanmar"
- 10-12-2003 (Wednesday) &
- 11-12-2003 (Thursday)
- Evening & Morning
- Transmission
- (23:30 - 1:30)
- 23:30 Signature Tune
- Greetings
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
- Beauty & Scenic
- Sights
- "Myanmar Panorama &
- Myanmar Sentiment"
- 23:36 Traditional Chin
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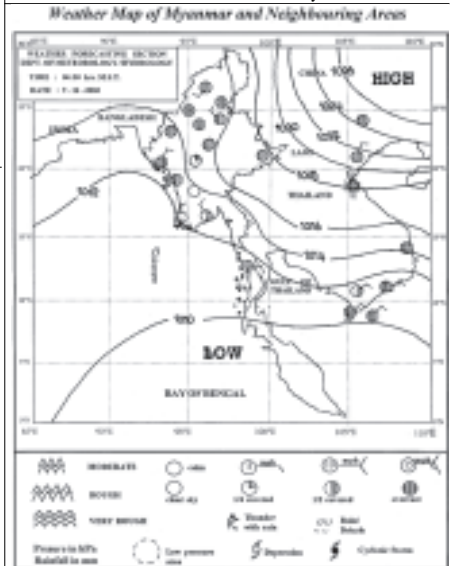
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မြိုင်ဦးလွင်မြို့

တစ်ကုန်းမြို့၊ ဆရာခရစ်ကျွတ်နေ၊ (Mr Wormington+Daw Ei) တို့၏သမီး၊ မြိုင်ဦးလွင်မြို့၊ ဘုတလမ်း၊ မင်္ဂလာတောင်(မိ)နေ (Mr KG James)၏ နှီး၊ (မိလ်ဗူးမော်ဝီတီ)+(ဒေါ်သင်းသင်းမော်)၊ ဒေါ်ယု+(ဒုဗိုလ်မှူးကြီးမိလား)၊ Geraldine+Mr Rozario ; Mr SC James တို့၏ ချစ်လှစွာသောမိခင် မြိုင်(သ)ယောက်၊ မြိုင်(သ)ယောက်တို့၏ ဘွားဘွားကြီးသည် ၇-၁၂-၂၀၀၃ (တနင်္ဂနွေ)ညနေ (၆)နာရီ ၁၅ မိနစ်တွင် အမှတ်(၇၀)ဒုတိယထပ်၊ ဗိုလ်ချုပ်လမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နေအိမ်၌ ခရစ်တော်သို့ အိပ်ပျော်သွားပါသဖြင့် ကြွင်းကျန်ရစ်သော ရုပ်ကလာပ်ကို ၁၁-၁၂-၂၀၀၃ (ကြာသပတေးနေ့)တွင်ရေခေးသုသာန်သို့ ပို့ဆောင် မိသားစုကြိုက်ပါမည်။ နေအိမ်မှတစ်ဆင့် နံနက် ၈ နာရီတွင် ထွက်ပါမည်။

ကျန်ရစ်သူသားဌာ



WEATHER

Tuesday, 9 December, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were 3°C to 4°C above normal in Kachin, Kayah States, upper Sagaing Division, 5°C to 6°C below normal in Rakhine State, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 8-12-2003 was 35.0°C (95°F). Minimum temperature on 9-12-2003 was 17.0°C (63°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 9-12-2003 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 8-12-2003 was (8.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 9-12-2003 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 11 mph from Northeast at (11:10) hours MST on 8-12-2003.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 10-12-2003: Possibility of isolated rain or Thundershowers in Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-12-2003: Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-12-2003:** Partly cloudy.



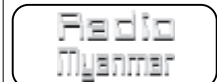
Wednesday, December 10

View today:

- 7:00 am
- 1. Recitation of Parittas by
- Missionary Sayadaw
- U Oattamathara
- 7:15 am
- 2. တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မဘူတဂါရီက၊
- အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိဗ္ဗာ
- ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်)
- ဟောကြားတော်မူမိမိသော
- ဥပါတယဉ်ပဋိတော်
- 7:25 am
- 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
- 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
- 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
- 6. မြန်မာ့ကြေးသစ်ကျေးဇူးတင်
- 8:05 am
- 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:15am
- 8 နာရီ၊ ရေလောင်းတံခွန်
- 8:30 am
- 9. International news
- 8:45 am
- 10. Learning English the easy
- and happy way for
- children and beginners
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Songs to uphold national
- spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. Practice in reading
- 4:40 pm
- 4. Musical programme
- 4:50 pm
- 5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့ဝင်ယူသူရေ
- ရှင်မြိုင်သိကြားသင်နေ့စာ-
- သုတိယနစ် (စာတုစာအုပ်အသစ်)
- (စာတုစာအုပ်)
- 5:05 pm
- 6. Songs of national races
- 5:20 pm
- 7. လက်ဆွဲတင်ပေးကြီးတေး
- 5:30 pm
- 8. Classical song

- 5:45 pm
- 9. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစာကား
- 6:00 pm
- 10. ရှုမဝလုံခြုံရေးအစီအစဉ်
- 6:15 pm
- 11. မှတ်သားသည့်သတင်းကြမ်း
- 6:30 pm
- 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
- 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
- 14. Milo success in soccer
- 7:10pm
- 15. မိုင်ခန့်အဝန်းသစ်တောစွမ်းမြိုင်စီမံ
- လန်ဇေးလန်
- 7:25 pm
- 16. Musical programme
- 7:35 pm
- 17. ဒါးကတား (ရေဝတ်တိုင်း)
- 8:00 pm
- 18. News
- 19. International news
- 20. Weather report
- 21. မိုင်ခန့်အဝန်းသစ်တောစွမ်းမြိုင်
- "ဓမ္မဗျူဟာသစ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- (အတိတ်သစ်၊ ပိုင်း)
- 22. The next day's
- programme



Wednesday, December 10

Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music
- 8.50am National news/
- Slogan
- 9.00 am Music
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music
- Slicker than your
- average (Craig David)
- Love is all we need
- (Celine Dion)
- 9.00 pm Variations on a tune :
- "Love me tender"
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Music at your request
- Put your arms around
- me (Natural)
- Knocking on my door
- (Modern Talking)
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence inspects construction tasks of Shwekyin Hydel Power Project. (News page 1) — MNA



Agricultural and livestock breeding tasks inspected in Yangon North District

YANGON, 9 Dec — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe this afternoon inspected agricultural and development tasks in Yangon North District and gave necessary instructions to officials.

First, the commander arrived at the main fish breeding camp in Mingaladon Township undertaken by Yangon Command. The camp in-charge reported on production of fingerlings, raising of fish, pigs, chicken, production of chicken eggs and sale of fish.

The commander inspected the digging of fish ponds in the compound of the camp, fish breeding work and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The commander next looked into livestock breeding tasks at No 3 Livestock

Breeding Camp in Danyingon and No 1 Livestock Breeding Camp.

He also inspected plantations, fire wood-substitute briquettes, hatchery and feedstuff. The commander gave necessary instructions to officials, and fulfilled the needs.

The commander and party proceeded to the junction of No 7 Highway in Hlegu Township and Khayaybin Road in Mingaladon Township where they inspected earth work being carried out by heavy machinery.

Next, they inspected the breeding of livestock undertaken by Ayeyawady Naval Region Command near Balaphyat Creek in Ngwenatha Model Village.

The commander oversaw digging of ditches in Balar Region for cultivation of summer paddy. Officials reported on digging work to the commander, who gave



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects bridges and roads being constructed at Mingaladon Township and Balar creek. — YANGON COMMAND

necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the commander met with local farmers from the villages in Mingaladon at Shwenatha

Hall in Shwenatha Model Village.

He said five zones have been set up along the runway of Yangon Airport for the all-year-round greening of the area. Spending a large amount of money, the State has built drains and ditches

and dams to supply water for cultivation of summer paddy in Mingaladon Township and Balar Region.

He urged the farmers to make efforts for continuous cultivation of crops on a commercial scale such as

beans and pulses and oil palm. Officials reported to the commander on arrangements for cultivation of summer paddy and crops.

Later, the commander gave necessary instructions and attended to the requirements. — MNA

Minister looks into coop factories in Shwepyitha industrial zone

YANGON, 9 Dec — Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, accompanied by departmental officials, arrived at Ashetaing Yoma rattan and briquette industry of the central cooperative society in Shwepyitha industrial zone on 7 December afternoon.

The minister was conducted round the factory by officials, and the minister gave instructions on finding

markets and producing quality goods.

Next, the minister inspected the Yangon Division cooperative syndicate's ponds used for fish hatchery, its buildings and fish ponds and gave instructions on concerted efforts to successfully implement the work. At the building of the syndicate, the minister inspected the preparation for production of fertilizer by

Myint Myat General Cooperative Society.

The minister also inspected the production process of candies at the Kiss candy factory and gave instructions on quality control, innovation of new kinds of candies and attractive packaging, minimizing loss and wastage, and seeking ways and means to penetrate the market.

MNA

Minister inspects Mandalay International Airport

YANGON, 9 Dec — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspected Sinkyon water pumping station that provides water to Mandalay Airport on 7 December in Monywa.

Officials reported on water supply to the airport. The minister fulfilled the requirements.

The minister inspected

sanitation tasks for keeping Mandalay International Airport clean and left instructions.

The minister looked into the runway and test running of tar melting factory of Hong Pang Co Ltd for Pakokku Airfield and left necessary instructions.

This morning, accompanied by the Deputy Minis-

ter Col Nyan Tun Aung, the minister inspected Myanmar Shipyards. Officials reported on construction of new ships and repairing of old ones.

The minister and party viewed the newly-constructed Sunshine yacht by the MS and the yacht to be repaired.

They inspected the dry dockyard construction project in the MS. They also inspected construction of a road in Thiri Mingalar jetty of Bargaya Port in Kyimyindine. Officials reported on future tasks.

Afterwards, they inspected progress of work for beautifying of Lanmadaw Township jetty.

They proceeded to Botahtaung bank upgrading project site being undertaken by Myanmar Port Authority, and gave instructions to the officials.

MNA



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspects 12,000-ton dry dockyard of Myanmar Shipyards. — MNA