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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation wherever he lives to cultivate and possess strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to uphold and safeguard.

Prizes presented to winners in 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 3 Nov — Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address at the ceremony to present prizes to the winners in the Performing Arts Competitions at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township on 1 November morning.

At the prize distribution ceremony, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi presented first, second and third prizes to

winners in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' mandolin contest and (aged 5-10) girls' mandolin contest; and winners in the professional, amateur and higher education level men's donmin contests and basic education level (aged 15-20), (10-15) and (5-10) boys' donmin contests respectively.

Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut gave away prizes to those who secured first, second and third prizes in the professional, amateur and higher education level women's donmin contests and basic education level (aged 15-20), (10-

15) and (5-10) girls' donmin contest respectively; and winners in the professional, amateur and higher education level men's oboe contests respectively. Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented first, second and third prizes to respective winners in the basic education level (aged 15-20), (10-15) and (5-10) boys' oboe contests, and those in the professional, amateur and higher education level men's violin contests, and winners in the basic education level (aged 15-20), (10-15) and (5-10) boys' violin contests respectively.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint also presented first, second and third prizes to winners in the professional, amateur and higher education level women's violin contests, and respective winners in the basic education level (aged 15-20), (10-15) and (5-10) girls' violin contests.

Next, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung (See page 8)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents excellent performance award to Daw Thandar Lin of Yangon Division. MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents first prize for professional level drama contest to U Moe Min of Yangon Division. MNA



Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

INSIDE

Youths from rural and urban areas, farmers and workers, artists and artisans from various regions and members of the Armed Forces have been joining the USDA. As the national races of all 14 states and divisions are USDA members, we can say that the USDA represents the entire Union.

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EINT DALI

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Provide health care services on wider scale through traditional medicine

The opening ceremony of the 6th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference was held at the hall of the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on 2 November and Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe sent a message to it.

In his message, the Head of State said that Myanmar traditional medicine was on the rise again thanks to the interaction and interrelations occurring between one another with the government's assistance, the spirit of unity of the physicians to serve the traditional medicine's interests, the public trust in and assistance for the traditional medicine.

The task of implementing the national objectives for health and fitness of the entire nation and the national projects cover the work programmes to systematically develop and propagate Myanmar traditional medicine in accord with specified standards till flourishing in global countries, and to play a wider, effective and efficient role of the traditional medicine in health care undertakings.

The government is implementing programmes through the work of finding practitioners well-versed in their field, holding seminars in which the physicians themselves can seek means to revive hidden and extinct subjects, therapies and drugs, uniting all the practitioners of various groups under the banner of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Association, and organizing the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference annually to uplift the role and dignity of the practitioners.

The government has also been making arrangements for systematic development of traditional medicine according to the set standard and for turning out skilled practitioners by opening diploma courses, practitioner courses and the world-class Traditional Medicine University.

Due to the government's encouragement and assistance to manufacture standard and harmless potent medicines, the private sector sees the emergence of modern traditional medicine industries. Government departments are conducting scientific and advanced research on potent traditional drugs and therapies and recording the potency levels, launching research projects to manufacture traditional medicines to cure common diseases in the nation and also weird diseases that are incurable for the western medicines and inventing new treatments through combination of western medicines and advanced hospital equipment and indigenous medicines. We would like to call on traditional medicine practitioners to provide wider health care services to the entire national people by making the best use of encouragement and assistance rendered by the government.

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

Ministry of Immigration and Population holds coord meeting



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa makes a speech at work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Immigration and Population. — MNA

YANGON, 3 Nov — The work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Immigration and Population was held at the hall of Population Department on Maha Bandoola Street, here, this morning.

First, Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa delivered an opening address. Next, Deputy Minister U Maung Aung gave a speech.

Heads of State/Division and District level departments reported on their respective sectors and

future tasks.

After hearing the reports, the minister and the deputy minister gave necessary instructions. The meeting ended with the remarks by the Minister.

Also present at the meeting were Director-General U Maung Maung Than of Immigration and National Registration Department, Director-General U Tin Yi of Population Department, deputy directors-general, directors and officials. — MNA

Htidaw to be hoisted atop Pantabwinttaung Pagoda on 15 Nov

YANGON, 3 Nov — Under the aegis of Presiding Sayadaw of Pantabwinttaung Tawya Sasana Region Sadhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Pannasara, a ceremony to hoist htidaw atop Pantabwinttaung Pagoda will be held on 15 November. Those who wish to make donations may contact telephone numbers 055-20259, 01-203497, 200381, 09-5015520, 09-5125520 and 01640181.

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အများပြည်သူသုံးရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ နယ်စပ်များမှ တရားမဝင် တင်သွင်း၍ ဖမ်းဆီးရမိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ဆေးများမှာ မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်း (မရှိ)သော ဆေးဝါးများဖြစ်ကြောင်းနှင့် ဆေးဝါးများမှာ အရည်အသွေးအာမခံချက် မရှိကြောင်း အသိပေးအပ်ပါသည်။

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၁	Baby Powder Tra Rung Phueng 2g (Benzoic acid, 2-(acetyloxy) (Salicylic acid acetate) (aspirin) 162mg, Lactose q.s to 2000mg)	Chankit Trading Ltd., Part	Thailand
၂	Anshenbunaoye 10ml (Pilose antler, polygonum multiflorum, barrenwort, dried ginger, liquorice, Chinese date, Vitamin B, Auxiliary materials: benzoic, cane sugar hydroxy phenylacetic ester)	Jilin Aodong Yanbian Pharmaceuticals Ltd	အင်္ဂလိပ်စာဖြင့် ရိုက်နှိပ်ဖော်ပြထားမှု မရှိခြင်း
၃	Tetracycline Eye Ointment 2.5 0.5% (g/g)	Tijian	အင်္ဂလိပ်စာဖြင့် ရိုက်နှိပ်ဖော်ပြထားမှု မရှိခြင်း
၄	Phenolphthalein Tablets 100mg	Fenhe Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., Shanxi	China

၂။ အများပြည်သူများသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်းမရှိသော ဆေးဝါးများကို ဝယ်ယူသုံးစွဲခြင်းမပြုကြရန်နှင့် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားသော ဆေးဝါးများကိုသာ စူးစမ်းဝယ်ယူသုံးစွဲပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

၃။ ဆေးဝါးတင်သွင်းဖြန့်ဖြူးသည့် ကုမ္ပဏီ၊ ဆေးဝါးရောင်းချသည့် ဆေးဆိုင်များသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်းမရှိသော ဆေးဝါးများ၊ ဆေးဝါးအတု၊ စုံမညီဆေးဝါးများ တင်သွင်းဖြန့်ဖြူးရောင်းချခြင်း လုံးဝမပြုလုပ်ရန်နှင့် လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း မရှိပါက သက်ဆိုင်ရာ အာဏာပိုင်အဖွဲ့အစည်းက တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးအပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ကျေးရွာတိုင်း ကိုယ့်အားကိုယ်ကိုးစာကြည့်တိုက်များ ထူထောင်ဖို့၊ ဝိုင်းဝန်းကူညီဆောင်ရွက်ဖို့။

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ကျေးလက်နေပြည်သူများ ပညာဗဟုသုတ တိုးပွားစေရန် ကျေးရွာကိုယ်အားကိုး စာကြည့်တိုက်များအတွက် စာအုပ်များကို ဖြန့်ကြားပေးရန်နှင့် ပြည်သူ့ဆက်ဆံရေးဦးစီးဌာန၊ ခရိုင်/မြို့နယ်ရုံးများသို့ လှူဒါန်းနိုင်ကြပါသည်။

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Democrats close US Senate doors in Iraq protest

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov— Democrats accusing the ruling Republicans of stalling tactics imposed a rare closed session of the Senate on Tuesday to force the majority to complete a probe on whether the Bush Administration misused intelligence before the Iraq War.

Republicans, angered that the manoeuvre was sprung on them without warning, dismissed it as a stunt but agreed to form a bipartisan task force to report by 14 November on how the Intelligence Committee was progressing with its investigation.

Senate Republican leaders were livid about the tactic, which drew public attention back to Iraq as President George W Bush faced the fall-out from an indictment of a senior aide related to the handling of pre-war intelligence.

“The United States Senate has been hijacked by the Democratic leadership,” Majority leader Bill Frist of Tennessee said. “Never have I been slapped in the face with such an affront to the leadership of this grand institution.”

But Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said what he called Republican stalling on the issue had been “a slap in the face for the American people”.

Senator John Rockefeller of West Virginia, top Intelligence Committee Democrat, said, “My colleagues and I have tried for two years to do our oversight work, and for two years we have been undermined, avoided, put off, and vilified by the other side.”

Democrats invoked a little used rule to temporarily shut down television cameras in the chamber, clear galleries of reporters, tourists and other onlookers, force removal of staff members and recording devices and stop work on legislation.—MNA/Reuters



A view of a collapsed bridge connecting India-administered Kashmir and Pakistan-administered Kashmir, in Kaman Post, 118 km (73 miles) west of Srinagar, on 3 November, 2005.

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Contractor deaths rise in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov— As the nation focused last week on the 2,000th US soldier who died in Iraq, Gloria Dagit of Jefferson, Iowa, got a box filled with the belongings of her son, Keven, who was killed when his convoy of trucks was ambushed in northern Iraq.

Keven Dagit's death on 20 September — along with two other truckers — didn't register on the tally of Iraq deaths broadcast daily. That's because they were civilians working for US defence contractors.

As the violence of the protracted war continues and some 75,000 civilian employees struggle to rebuild the war-torn nation and support the military, contractor casualties mount. Their deaths have more than tripled in the past 13 months.

As of Monday, 428 civilian contractors had been killed in Iraq and 3,963 injured, according to Department of Labour insurance-claims statistics obtained by Knight Ridder. Those statistics, which experts said were the most comprehensive listing available on the toll of the war, are far from complete: Two of the biggest contractors in Iraq said their casualties were higher than the figures the Labour Department had for them. — Internet

Archaeologists say greenhouse effect “occurred” 5,000 years ago

JINAN, 2 Nov — It is common sense nowadays that excessive carbon dioxide in the air caused by excessive lumbering leads to global greenhouse effects.

But a team of archaeologists from China and the United States is saying that the greenhouse effect started about 5,000 years ago, much earlier than people might expect. This is the conclusion reached by a group of Chinese and US archaeologists based on research on the relics excavated from the ruins of a Neolithic site in Rizhao City, east China's Shandong Province, over the past ten years.

The joint archaeological team of experts from Shandong University and US scholars began its survey at the ruins of the ancient Liangcheng Town in suburban Rizhao in 1995, focusing on the relation-

ship between plants and human activity.

They collected wood samples from the site and did research on 21 pieces of waterish logged timber and three pieces of charcoal. Archaeologists found that the wood excavated at the site were mostly the remains of burning or construction activities.

“Prehistoric human beings probably burned wood in cooking, lighting, molding pottery and even bronze smelting, while large quantities of relics of

ancient housing facilities indicate that people of that time lumbered much to build houses,” said Kuan Fengshi, head of the Archaeological Research Centre of the Shandong University and a member of the excavation group.

The team also deduced that prehistoric human beings used plants for other purposes, such as curing diseases, making furniture or tools and feeding animals, but these plants were hardly preserved and found.

Kuan concluded that the remains of plants and trees at the site showed that prehistoric humans had started lumbering and that the increase of carbon dioxide therefore probably started before the industrial age. The traditional view was that human beings affected the environment little in ancient times and that it was not human beings but climate change or catastrophes that promoted or vanquished ancient cultures.

MNA/Xinhua

Typhoon Kai-Tak toll hits 20 in Vietnam

HANOI, 3 Nov— Powerful typhoon Kai-Tak killed 20 people in Vietnam's central region and a Filipino swept away at a gold mine is still missing, officials said on Thursday.

The national weather centre said 720 mm (28 in) of rain fell on Quang Nam Province, triggering flash floods and killing eight people before Kai-Tak, named after Hong Kong's old airport, moved north and weakened into a low pressure system.

A 49-year-old Filipino swept away at the Bong Mieu gold mine in Quang Nam on Tuesday remained missing, a company official said.

“We don't know if he is still alive, but we are still looking for him,” said the official at the mine owned by Canada's Olympus Pacific Minerals Inc.

Workers were clearing hundreds of trees blown across roads by strong winds, and electricity supply was restored on Wednesday in Danang, 760 km (470 miles) south of Hanoi.

Chinese President Hu Jintao cut

short his Vietnam visit and left on Wednesday, having cancelled a trip to Danang.

Seven people died in Quang Ngai Province, four drowned in Thua Thien-Hue and one was killed by a fallen tree in Danang.

The low pressure system moved northward along the coastline off the northern province of Thanh Hoa and disappeared on Wednesday night, but heavy rains hit 10 central provinces, the weather centre said in its last report on the typhoon.

The government has ordered 450 tonnes of rice from national reserves to help people in the central region, where the first groups of more than 120,000 people evacuated from the typhoon started returning home on Thursday.

MNA/Reuters



A destroyed shop is seen on 3 Nov, 2005 as people gather outside the site where a suicide bomber detonated a minibus on Wednesday in an outdoor market packed with shoppers ahead of a festival, killing about 20 people and wounding more than 60, in Musayyib, Iraq.—INTERNET

ASEAN countries to further coordinate bird flu control efforts

HONG KONG, 2 Nov— ASEAN Secretary-General Ong Keng Yong said here on Tuesday the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) has agreed to take coordinated efforts in controlling the possible outbreak of bird flu in the region.

He made the remarks after a luncheon hosted by the Asia Society Hong Kong Centre. The secretary-general said in an interview with a group of correspondents here that the bird flu is not the issue of a certain country, the control of the outbreak requires efforts of the whole international community.

He said the ASEAN members have committed to coordinating their efforts and are ready to help needy members.

Ong said strengthening the hotline contacts among the ASEAN members and sharing important information is very important to the timely control of the possible bird flu outbreak. Confirming the bird flu virus and determining a possible outbreak in a region is the basis for taking responding control measures. The preparations also include building hospitals for special treatment and making antiviral pharmaceuticals available and promoting prevention knowledge among the public.

The secretary-general believed that

mobilizing government efforts among the member countries and trying to collect funds for compensating farmers whose chickens or ducks have been killed for bird flu control are also important tasks for the ASEAN countries. He said quite a number of poultry-raising farmers live with chickens and ducks and they do not have basic knowledge of disease prevention. Spreading knowledge among them is also an urgent task. Concerning China's bird flu control task, he said China has made a lot of work in the disease control and realized the information transparency.

As for cooperation with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Ong said Hong Kong has advanced research laboratories and expertise in detecting the bird flu virus and related research work. Some of the H5N1 virus samples of Indonesia were tested in Hong Kong. The ASEAN will continue to cooperate with Hong Kong in the regard. — MNA/Xinhua



Vietnamese residents wade through a flooded street after typhoon Kai-Tak hit Quang Ngai Province, central Vietnam, on 1 Nov, 2005.

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Two explosions take place in Macedonia

TIRANA, 2 Nov— An explosion took place in Tetove, a northwestern city of Macedonia at midnight on 31 October, while another was reported in Prilep, a city in the central-south region in the early morning on 1 November, reported the Macedonia News Agency.

The Macedonian Interior Ministry announced on Tuesday that at 11:15 pm (GMT 2115) on 31 October, an "Opel" car with an Italian licence plate suddenly exploded in a parking lot in Tetove city. Besides the exploded car, another two cars nearby were destroyed as well.

At 2:39 am (GMT 0039) on 1 November, a dwelling house in the November 3 Street was exploded in Prilep city, damaging several houses and cars nearby.

Local police arrived at the scenes soon after

the explosions took place.

The cause of the incidents is still under investigation.

Due to historical reasons, relations among ethnic groups of Macedonia have long been tense, which even resulted in a

security crisis in 2001.

In recent years, although the tension has been relaxed to some extent, violence-related cases have still happened from time to time.

MNA/Xinhua

Roadside bomb hits police patrol in southern Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 2 Nov — A roadside bomb struck a police patrol in southern Baghdad on Tuesday, killing a civilian and wounding three others, police said.

"A roadside bomb went off at about 8:15 am (0515 GMT) near a police convoy, while patrolling Jurf al-Nadaf area, just south of Baghdad," Captain Ahmed Abdullah from Baghdad police told Xinhua.

MNA/Xinhua

ဝက်ပျံများအား ခေတ်တော်ဖြည့်ဆည်း

Carter says White House misled US on Iraq

NEW YORK, 2 Nov—The Bush Administration's prewar claims that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction were "manipulated, at least" to mislead the American people, former President Jimmy Carter said on Wednesday.

The decision to go to war was the culmination of a long-term plan to attack Iraq that resulted from the first President Bush not taking out Saddam, Carter said on NBC's "Today" show.

Carter also said he supports the

move by Senate Democrats to force an update on the investigation into prewar intelligence on Iraq, and says Republicans have been dragging their feet on the investigation.

Democrats Tuesday used a rarely invoked Senate rule to force a secret session as a way to dramatize their assertions that the Bush administration misused intelligence in the run-up to the war in Iraq. A bipartisan committee has been appointed to review the investigation. — Internet

AirAsia launches low fare flights in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 2 Nov— Thailand's AirAsia on Tuesday launched two new air routes in Cambodia thus becoming the first low fare, no frills airline in Asia to gain entry into Cambodia.

The airline makes seven flights per week from Bangkok to Phnom Penh and from Kuala Lumpur to Phnom Penh, respectively. As early as on 17 October, AirAsia launched Bangkok-Hanoi route.

Tassapon Bijleveld, Thai AirAsia Chief Executive Officer, said, "With the tag line of AirAsia 'Now Everyone Can Fly', we aim to provide service to whole Asia, especially in South East Asia." "We believe that this route will bring more convenience and material benefit to businessmen and tourists in both two neighbouring countries. It will serve as a

friendship bridge to link brothers together and to deepen cooperation," he added.

During the inaugural promotion period from 1 November to 25 March, AirAsia will offer a special launch fare of 25 US dollars for Phnom Penh-Bangkok and 29 US dollars for Phnom Penh-Kuala Lumpur one way, excluding airport taxes and fees. AirAsia was established in 2001 and became the first low fare, no frills airline in Southeast Asia. AirAsia now operates more than 100 domestic and international flights with a fleet of Boeing 737-300. — MNA/Xinhua

US Marine killed south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 2 Nov — A US Marine was killed when a roadside bomb hit a foot patrol in an area some 50 kilometres south of Baghdad, the US military said on Tuesday.

The soldier, assigned to the 155th Brigade Combat Team, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), was killed in the blast on Monday when a

group of US Marines was patrolling the area, the military said in a statement. The name of the victim is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, the statement added.

Over 2,020 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the start of the US-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi soldiers talk with a man in Dujail, 80 kilometres (50 miles) north of Baghdad, on 2 Nov, 2005.

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Hu says Sino-Vietnamese friendship enters new stage

HANOI, 2 Nov — The traditional friendship between China and Vietnam has entered a new stage of all-round friendly cooperation, Chinese President Hu Jintao said on Tuesday. Hu made the comment in a speech at the National Assembly of Vietnam on Tuesday.

The Chinese President, also general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), arrived here earlier Monday for a three-day official goodwill visit.

"China and Vietnam linked by mountains and rivers share common ideals and have related culture and interests. The peoples of the two countries had profound feelings for each other in history," Hu said.

Mutual respect, understanding, support, trust and cooperation remain the driving force of the development of the Sino-Vietnamese ties and the friendship between the two peoples, he said.

With concerted efforts made by the peoples for generations, the Sino-

Vietnamese traditional friendship has entered a new stage of overall friendly cooperation, the President said.

Hu said the development is manifested in the guidelines set by the two countries' leaders for long-term stability, orientation toward future, good-neighbourliness and friendship and all-round cooperation.

"It is indicated by the common call of the two sides to be good neighbours, friends, comrades and partners for ever," Hu said.

He added the development is also displayed by the in-depth exchanges about governing experiences between the two countries, and the CPC and the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV), and by

Chinese President Hu Jintao addresses Vietnam's National Assembly at Ba Dinh hall in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 1 Nov, 2005.
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the two nations' friendly exchanges and cooperation for mutual benefits in various fields. "China has turned into Vietnam's largest trade partner. The two countries' trade volume is expected to reach the goal of 10 billion US dollars before 2010," Hu said.

The two sides have carried out close coordination and cooperation within multilateral frameworks like the United Nations, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation and Asia-Europe Meeting, Hu said.
MNA/Xinhua

US probe recommends possible death for sergeant

CAMP ARIFJAN (Kuwait), 2 Nov — A US military probe recommended on Tuesday that a sergeant charged with murdering two colleagues in Iraq face a possible death sentence for the crime, the first of its kind since the 2003 invasion.

Investigating officer Colonel Patrick Reinert, in the non-binding recommendation, said he found "aggravating factors" that could permit a possible capital punishment for Staff Sergeant Alberto Martinez.

Martinez was charged with the premeditated murder of company commander Captain Phillip Esposito and Lieutenant Louis Allen in a blast in Iraq in June. All three were based in Tikrit.

The No. 2 US commander in Iraq, Army Lieutenant General John Vines, will make a final decision on the case. — *MNA/Reuters*

Three stabbed near White House

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov — Three people were stabbed by an attacker in a park near the White House Tuesday morning, the US Secret Service said.

The attacker was arrested while the three stabbed were sent to hospital and their conditions are not life-threatening, according to a statement of the US Secret Service.

The attack took place in the Lafayette Park across from the White House and parts of the park were cordoned off by authorities. There is no indication that the incident is related in any way to the White House.

Secret Service officials said it appeared to be a random attack because none of the victims knew the attacker. However, they did not give information about the attacker's identity or motivation.

MNA/Xinhua

US food exporters to Cuba say Bush policy hurts

HAVANA, 2 Nov — US food producers landed sales of 270,000 tons of soy, wheat and beans to Cuba on Tuesday, but complained that Bush Administration policies have dampened growth of their market on the Communist-run island.

A Nebraska delegation headed by Governor Dave Heineman, a Republican, signed agreements worth over 30 million US dollars during Havana annual trade fair.

"It will be the first time since 1959 that we have Nebraska's great northern dry beans in Cuba, and I can tell you my farmers in western Nebraska are extraordinarily pleased," Heineman said.

The deals include the export of 150,000 tons of soy beans next year by the United Soybean Board, the first Nebraska soy beans to be sold directly to Cuba.

"We are thrilled. It is a big boost for our producers to find a new market," board Chairman Greg Anderson said.

Food sales to Cuba on a cash basis only were approved by Congress in 2000 as an exception to the US trade embargo

enforced against President Fidel Castro's leftist government since 1962. In five years, Cuba has jumped to 26th largest market for American agricultural exports, from 225.

But early this year in a move to squeeze cash-strapped Cuba, the Bush Administration announced tougher payment procedures that require letters of credit before shipments can leave US ports.

Cuba spent 474 million US dollars on grains and other US food supplies last year. Sales are not expected to grow this year.

"Sales are flat. Sales have not grown this year," said Gregory Webb, Vice President for Public Affairs at Archer Daniels Midland, the largest US exporter to Cuba. — *MNA/Reuters*

Three Dutch soldiers injured in chopper landing in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 Nov — Three Dutch soldiers were injured as their Dutch Chinook helicopter was forced to make an emergency landing on Monday morning in Afghan central province of Parwan, ISAF (International Security Assistance Force)

said in a news release on Tuesday. "A Dutch Chinook helicopter was forced to make an emergency landing in the mountains near the Salang Tunnel, 40 kilometres Northwest of Bagram, during a flight between Mazar-e-Sharif and Kabul International Airport," it said.

"Of the 17 people on board, three were injured and evacuated to Bagram Air Base for further medical treatment. Nevertheless, two of the injured have already been discharged," it added.

"The Dutch Ministry of Defence has launched an investigation into the cause of the incident however it is unlikely to have been the result of any hostile action."

The Chinook helicopter had been providing medical evacuation support to the No 1 Netherland Election Support Force Battalion who were based in Mazar-e-Sharif in order to support ISAF's mission to boost the local security structures. — *MNA/Xinhua*

23 killed in rabies outbreak in northeast Brazil

BRASILIA, 2 Nov — Twenty-three people, including 18 children and teenagers, have been killed in a human rabies outbreak in northeast Brazil in the past two months, the Health Ministry said on Tuesday.

The disease is transmitted to humans by blood-eating bats, according to the ministry.

All these cases were reported in the rural areas of the northeastern state of Maranhao, said the ministry. The first death happened in August, it said.

Many houses in marshlands do not have screens in the windows and have large holes in the floor and ceiling, making it easy for vampire bats to break in, it said. All the cases took place at night.

The state of Maranhao borders the state of Para, where a human-rabies epidemic transmitted by bats occurred in 2004.

Ten vaccination and five bat-catching teams are working in the region to try to prevent the spreading of the disease. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Iraqi policemen, firefighters and medics work at a site hit by a car bomb explosion in Basra on 31 Oct, 2005. — INTERNET

USDA serving national interest as it represents the people

Eint Dali

For a Myanmar studying history of the country and the world will make him acquire knowledge every citizen should have. Moreover, the treatise compiled by Shin Maha Ratthasara on the search of knowledge and wisdom is a lighthouse of knowledge for every Myanmar and a directive for the nation and the race. The treatise will help every person become a good citizen.

The love for the nation and the race originates from the human nature of the love for himself. It is the nature of human beings to enjoy a fair share of social life and to live in a peaceful and secure environment. Basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter are the main requirements for man to live. But man's wishes never stop there. They want better living conditions and higher social status and living standards.

Naturally, man does not prefer to lead a solitary life. He wishes to live with family. As he wants a higher social standard, he wishes his family to enjoy a better social situation too. In this way his self-interest interacts with the majority's interest. They begin to realize that the security of his family and property depends on the community peace and tranquillity. This understanding has made him possess the love for the community, the start of patriotism. Later he begins to understand further that only the national peace, security and progress will ensure a secure, peaceful and developing environment for his community and his family. Thus, he begins to love the nation and the race.

If man has patriotism, global and national historical outlook and the ability to take lessons from history and if he knows the dos and don'ts, he will be able to serve the interest of all the nation's people in addition to his own.

Myanmar has fine historical traditions. The people were united in times of emergency throughout history. We have a brilliant history of unitedly

warding off all forms of encroachments on our sovereignty. The harmonious and daring efforts of the national races in the three aggressive Anglo-Myanmar wars in 1824, 1852 and 1885, have already been gone down in the annals of the history.

The independence struggles of the people beginning 1900's have been recorded in history. In other words, history of the independence struggle is the history of the people's solidarity.

There are also lessons in history that the pace of independence struggle met with a delay because of the alien instigation and colonialist attempts to sow discord. And because of the instigation and colonialists attempts to sow discord, the nation after regaining independence faced a number of situations in which she was in danger of losing her independence once again.

Myanmar has favourable climate and is rich in natural resources including marine resources and minerals, oil and gas and gems. It is almost free from natural disasters. What's more, forests cover half the nation's land surface.

For round about 150 years — 100 years under colonialist exploitation and 50 years under internal insurgency — the nation despite her rich resources was poor. Thanks to the harmonious efforts of the Tatmadaw and the people since 1988, the nation has been able to restore peace and stability and build a large number of infrastructures one after another.

Myanmar now is enjoying progress in all aspects and is on the road to reaching the goal — peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Thus a national force loyal to the national cause was required to serve as the main driving force to build a new nation in the golden age.

The government formed the Union Solidarity and Development Association 12 years ago on 15 September 1993 with the sole intention of organizing

the national force to serve the national interest without any political influences. The USDA emerged according to the historical requirement.

Youths from rural and urban areas, farmers and workers, artistes and artisans from various regions and members of the Armed Forces have been joining the USDA. As the national races of all 14 states and divisions are USDA members, we can say that the USDA represents the entire Union. The USDA has over 21 million members which is nearly half of the nation's population, more than 54 million.

The USDA has been conducting various courses at the central, state/division, district and township levels. Hundreds of thousands of members have completed courses that cover a wide range of subjects including history and Myanmar and global affairs. Moreover, the courses have provided academic and general knowledge for the members.

The USDA considers all the causes, thoughts, wishes and aims of the entire nation as its own. The work programmes of the people to implement the national objectives is also the work programmes of the Association.

The national all-round development drive covers the five rural tasks. The USDA members are harmoniously, energetically and urgently striving to bring development to the nation, and ensure public peace and security and the people to fully enjoy the taste of independence.

All the members have made a pledge to observe the following Four Oaths:

I shall be loyal to the Union of Myanmar and her citizens.

I shall endeavour for Our Three Main National Causes, namely, non-disintegration of the Union; non-disintegration of the national solidarity; and perpetuation of sovereignty.

I will constantly strive for the emergence of a prosperous, peaceful and modern Union.

I will abide by the Code of Conduct of the Association.

The USDA Oaths clearly state the noble conviction of the Association, saying that it has no interest other than the nation and the people's. The Oaths will help ensure the members' loyalty to the nation, and enhance progress, unity, duty consciousness, morality, national dignity, patriotism, cultural preservation, community peace and the rule of law.

The Association has been striving with might and main for national peace and stability, all-round development and building of a modern and developed nation. As the USDA represents the people, it is participating with full energy in implementing the seven-point Road Map. With this article, I honour the USDA at its 12th anniversary.

(Translation: TMT)

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Education sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of basic education in the time of Tatmadaw Government



Enhancing of teachership education in states and divisions

No one can deny the fact that teachers are discharging the most delicate and gigantic duties in human society. With perseverance and full capacity, teachers in Myanmar are trying their best in nurturing their pupils to become outstanding intellectuals and intelligentsia on whom the State can rely in the future.

The government is paying serious attention to uplift of the educational skills of students through national education promotion programmes and at the same time, emphasis is being placed on promoting the role of teachers in the education sector. Moreover, it is trying to promote the leading role and prestige of teachers.

Teachership education promotion programmes is included in the third task

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially converses with trainees at the opening ceremony of Special Refresher Course No 23 for Basic Education Teachers at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin.

out of the ten tasks carried out in the basic education sector. With the aim of bringing about teachers with high caliber, altogether 20 teachers training college have been opened in the country and pre-job courses, on-job training courses, refresher courses and special refresher courses are conducted.

With the assistance provided by the State, there emerged teachers with high capacity throughout the country. The table shows the number of schools, teachers and trainees under the teachership education promotion programme in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Enhancing of teachership education in states and divisions

Sr	State/Division	1988						2005					
		Number of School		Number of Teacher		Number of Trainee		Number of School		Number of Teacher		Number of Trainee	
		Institute/School	College	Institute/School	College	Pre-job	On-job	Institute/School	College	Institute/School	College	Pre-job	On-job
1	Kachin	1	-	15	-	-	153	-	1	-	36	676	930
2	Kayah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Kayin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	39	507	338
4	Chin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Sagaing	1	-	15	-	-	146	-	2	-	92	1395	2962
6	Taninthayi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	47	478	890
7	Bago (East)	1	-	22	-	-	334	-	1	-	41	915	1151
8	Bago (West)	2	-	30	-	-	266	-	1	-	34	607	749
9	Magway	1	-	28	-	-	114	-	2	-	80	1406	1458
10	Mandalay	2	-	59	-	-	788	-	2	-	94	1815	3312
11	Mon	1	-	33	-	-	409	-	1	-	45	810	834
12	Rakhine	1	-	15	-	-	239	-	1	-	31	620	1757
13	Yangon	3	-	85	-	-	756	-	3	-	145	2032	3633
14	Shan (South)	1	-	16	-	-	208	-	1	-	38	869	1309
15	Shan (North)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Shan (East)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Ayeyawady	3	-	138	-	-	1103	-	3	-	117	2140	2491
	Total	17	-	456	-	-	4516	-	20	-	839	14270	21814

Prizes presented to winners...

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presented first prize to Pantra Sein Hla Myaing of Yangon Division and U Kaung Thant of Mandalay Division, second to U Aye Min (Myotaw) of Yangon Division and third to U Sein Win Myint of Mandalay Division in professional level orchestra contest of men's singles; first to Myanmar Pyithalay Phyo Zaw of Yangon Division, second to U Aung Hsan Naing of Magway Division, third to U Kyaw Soe Han of Bago Division in amateur level orchestra contest of men's singles; first to Maung Myo Thu of Sagaing Division, second to Maung Aung Bo Min of Yangon Division, third to Maung Lwin Ko Ko Oo of Ayeyawady Division in higher education level orchestra contest of boys' singles; first to Maung Zaw Min (a) Phoe La Pyi of Yangon Division, second to Maung Myo Min Paing of Ayeyawady Division and third to Maung Hla Kyaw (a) Ye Min of Yangon Division in basic education level orchestra contest of boys' singles (aged 15-20); first to Maung Htet Arka of Yangon Division, second to Maung Thein Zaw of Mandalay Division, third to Maung Kademin Lwin of Sagaing Division in basic education level orchestra contest of boys' singles (aged 10-15) and first to Maung Zaw Win Naing of Yangon Division, second to Maung Wai Yan Maung of Yangon Division and third to Maung Ye Yin Thu (a) Wai Yan Oo of Magway Division in basic education level or-

chestra contest of boys' singles (aged 5-10).

Afterwards, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min handed first prize to Doh Bo Ma (a) Moe Thura Aye of Mandalay Division and second to Daw Khine Zar Win of Yangon Division and third to Daw Khine Thein Aye of Mandalay Division in professional level orchestra contest of women's singles; first to Ma Win Thanda Aung of Mon State, second to Daw Mya Mya Win of Bago Division, third to Pauk Kyaw Ma of Yangon Division in amateur level orchestra contest of women's singles; first to Ma Aye Su Mar of Kayah State, second to Ma Tinza Aye Lwin of Yangon Division, third to Ma Ei Ei Mon of Ayeyawady Division in higher education level orchestra contest of girls' singles; first to Ma Wint Thinzar Stin of Yangon Division, second to Ma Nu Nu Lwin of Mandalay Division and third to Ma Kay Zin Chit Su of Yangon Division in basic education level orchestra contest of girls' singles (aged 15-20); first to Ma Shwe Zin Kalaya Htet Htet Kyaw of Mandalay Division, second to Zarni Nan Lwin of Yangon Division, third to Ma Hnin Zar Chi Oo of Bago Division in basic education level orchestra contest of girls' singles (aged 10-15) and first to Ma Dali Chit Hsu Tun of Ayeyawady Division, second to Ma Poe Ei San of Yangon Division and third to Ma Phyu Hnin Khine of Sagaing Division in basic education level orchestra contest of

girls' singles (aged 5-10).

After that Attorney-General U Aye Maung gave away first prize to U Ohn Ngwe and group of Mandalay Division, second to arch-rivals U Sein Kalar and group and third to U Myo Aung Oo (a) Maung Maung Oo and group of Yangon Division in professional level men's Ozi contest; first to Maung Aung Thurein and group of Yangon Division, second to Padamyar Kalar and group of Bago Division and Maung Lin Htaik Aung and group of Mandalay Division, third to U Aung Than Zaw and group of Sagaing Division in amateur level men's Ozi contest; first to Maung Kyaw Kyaw Tun and group of Ayeyawady Division, second to Maung Win Htet and group of Sagaing Division, third to Maung Zaw Win Lay and group of

Kyaw Min Thu and group of Yangon Division and Maung Min Hein Htet of Mandalay Division in basic education level boys' Ozi contest (aged 5-10).

Next, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board presented first prize to U Sein Kalar and group and U Ohn Ngwe of Mandalay Division, second to U Myo Aung Oo (a) Maung Maung Oo and group of Yangon Division and third to U Aung Aung and group of Sagaing Division in professional level men's Doeabat contest; first to Pademyar Kalar and group of Bago Division, second to Maung Lin Htaik Aung and group of Mandalay Division, third to U The Maung and group of Sagaing Division and U Chit Chit Kyaw and group of Ayeyawady Division in



Attorney-General U Aye Maung hands first prize to outstanding participant in Ozi contest. — MNA

Mandalay Division in higher education level boys' Ozi contest; first to Maung Pyi Phyo Maw and group of Mandalay Division, second to Maung Ye Win Tun of Sagaing Division and third to Maung Zaw Min (a) Phoe La Pyi and group of Yangon Division in basic education level boys' Ozi contest (aged 15-20); first to Maung Aung Hsan Min and group of yangon Division Division, second to Maung Sein Bo Htwa and group of Mandalay Division, third to Maung Thiha Zaw and group of Sagaing Division in basic education level boys' Ozi contest (aged 10-15) and first to Maung Phone Myint Kyaw (a) Sein Chit Te and group of Sagaing Division, second to Maung Zaw Win Naing and group of Yangon Division and third to Maung

amateur level men's Doeabut contest; first to Maung Kyaw Zin and group of Sagaing Division, second to Maung Kaung Myat Kyaw and group of Mandalay Division, third to Maung Naing Toe Lin and group of Yangon Division in higher education level boys' Doeabat contest; first to Maung Ye Win Tun and group of Saganing Division, second to Maung Pyi Phoe Maw and group of Mandalay Division and third to Maung Zaw Min (a) Phoe La Pyi and group of Yangon Division in basic education level boys' Doeabut contest (aged 15-20); first to Maung Aung Tun Oo and group of Yangon Division, second to Maung Thuta Tun and group of Mandalay Division, third to Maung Thiha Zaw and group of Sagaing



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents first prize to outstanding participant boys' violin contest. MNA

Division in basic education level boys' Doeabat contest (aged 10-15) and first to Maung Naing Min Oo and group of Sagaing Division and Maung Phoe Wai Thu and group of Yangon Division, second to Maung Min Hein Htet and group of Mandalay Division and third to Maung Zin Myo Htet and group of Ayeyawady Division in basic education level boys' Doeabat contest (aged 5-10).

Afterwards, Member of National Convention Convening Commission U Thaug Nyunt handed first prize to U Moe Zaw Bo and group of Yangon Division, second to U Myo Thant Tin (a) Bo Bo Thein and group of Mandalay Division and third to U Ye Lin Bo and group of Yangon Division in professional level orchestra contest of men's group; first to Mynmar Pyithalay Phyo Zaw and group of Yangon Division, second to Maung Swen Htet of Magway Division, third to Maung Shein Aung and group of Mandalay Division in amateur level orchestra contest of men's group; first to Maung Soe Thein and group of Rakhine State, second to Maung Moe Kyaw and group of Mandalay Division, third to Maung Htet Aung Pyi Phoe (a) Min Hein Kyaw of Yangon Division in higher education level orchestra contest of boys' group; first to Maung Nan Lwin and group of yangon Division; second to Maung nay Myo Lwin and group of Mandalay

Division and third to Maung Khant Kyaw and group of Mandalay Division in basic education level orchestra contest of boys' group (aged 15-20); first to Maung Shine Shine Bo Bo Oo and group of Yangon Division, second to Maung Htet Arkar and group of Yangon Division, third to Maung Wunna Tun and group of Mandalay Division in basic education level orchestra contest of boys' group (aged 10-15) and first to Maung Wai Yan Maung Maung and group of Yangon Division, second to Maung Ko Ko Naing and group of Ayeyawady Division and third to Maung Than Zaw and group of Mandalay Division in basic education level orchestra contest of boys' group (aged 5-10).

After that Vice-Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung gave away first prize to Daw Htar Htar Myint and group of Mandalay Division, second to Daw Nyo Nyo Seint and group of Mandalay Division and third to Daw Yin Yin Nu and group of Yangon Division in professional level orchestra contest of women's group; first to Doe Bo Hla and group of Mandalay Division, second to Ma Kyi Kyi San and group of Mandalay Division, third to Pauk Kyaw Ma and group of Yangon Division in amateur level orchestra contest of (See page 11)



Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun gives away first prize to outstanding participant in Doeabat contest. — MNA

Progress of agriculture...

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There are 21 valves, 700-foot long leading channel and 600-foot-long intake channel at the sluice. Upon completion, the sluice gate will be able irrigate 15,000 acres of farmland in the district and would make a contribution towards prevention of flooding in the region in the rainy season. The sluice gate is expected to be opened in December.

At the meeting with local people, the commander urged them to make efforts for ex-

ceeding the target of cultivation of monsoon paddy and extended cultivation of beans and pulses and edible oil crops. He also called on the residents and local authorities to strive for development of the region.

After the meeting, the commander viewed the harvesting of monsoon paddy of Yangon South District Police Force and Thanlyin Township General Administration Department and preparations for summer paddy cultivation. —MNA



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe views harvesting of paddy in West Thongwa Village, Thongwa Township. —MNA

Health Minister calls...

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Moreover, an ophthalmic unit each has also set up in states, divisions and 24 special regions. Ten to fifteen eye specialists and one to three PhD candidates are produced every

year in Myanmar, he added.

At the opening ceremony, Chairman of MMA Dr Myo Myint and Chairman of Ophthalmologists' Association Dr Daw Myint Khaing

also delivered addresses.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, high-ranking officials of the ministry, rectors and eye specialists also attended the opening ceremony.

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint addresses opening ceremony of 17th Eye Ophthalmologist' Conference. — MNA

Dinner hosted to those who attended 6th MTMPC

YANGON, 3 Nov — The Chairman of the National Health Committee hosted a dinner to state/division delegates and traditional medicine practitioners who at-

tended the sixth Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference at the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) here on Bogyoke Aung San

Street this evening.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the attorney-general, the auditor-general, the deputy minister for health, members of the

National Health Committee, departmental heads, directors-general and officials of the departments under the Ministry of Health, medical superintendents, members of the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council, officials from the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association, delegates to the conference, traditional medicine practitioners, members of the Traditional Medicine Inspection Central Committee, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Nurses Association, Myanmar Dental Association and Myanmar Health Assistants Association and guests. — MNA



Delegates to and officials of 6th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference seen at the dinner hosted by the National Health Committee Chairman. — MNA

Public health care services...

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health education to grass-roots level in rural areas, prevention of diseases, and effective treatments to the patients — so as to raise the health standard of the people. According to the health policy of the State, the ministry is carrying out health care concerns, disease control tasks, and research. Now,

the nation is witnessing progress in the health sector.

The deputy minister said that as the majority of the nation's population live in rural areas, health care services are being provided in these areas. He clarified the equally opening of hospitals in Yangon and Mandalay in order to close the health standard gap. He also discussed measures being taken for reduction of the mortality rates of pregnant women and under-five children, and ensuring use of fly-proof latrines.

Director-General of

the Traditional Medicine Department Dr Thein Swe, on projects being implemented for the development of traditional medicine, and providing health care services through traditional medicines, Director-General of the Department of Health Dr Tin Win Maung, on the number of hospitals increased to 804 in 2005, up from 617 in 1988, opening of 23 200-bed hospitals, five 300-bed hospitals, and 19 specialist hospitals, Director-General of the Department of Medical Research (Upper Myanmar) Dr Paing Soe, on paces being taken for the development of medi-

As the majority of the nation's population live in rural areas, health care services are being provided in these areas.

the Medical Science Department Dr Maung Maung Wint gave an account of steps for the development of human resources by the Ministry of Health, saying that 13 institutes of medicines and related institutes in Yangon, Mandalay and Magway in 2005, comparing only four similar institutes in Yangon and Mandalay before 1988, and Director-General of

cal research, and Deputy Director-General of the Health Planning Department of U Aung Kyaing, on implementation of national health projects.

The directors-general replied to the questions raised by the ambassadors, and resident representatives.

The minister added further clarifications to the replies, and delivered concluding remarks. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo clarifies health care services of Ministry of Health. — MNA

Billboard of USDA annual general meeting erected

YANGON, 3 Nov — The billboard of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Annual General Meeting 2005 was erected in front of Mawlaywady Park in Mawlamyine on 31 October, attended by Mon State USDA Patron South-East

Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife, Secretary of Mon State Lt-Col Soe Myint Aung and council members, departmental heads, state/district/township USDA executives and members and social organizations.

Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing unveiled the billboard and cordially greeted Mon State delegates who were going to attend the USDA annual general meeting. Next, the commander presented cash assistance to delegates. — MNA



Home Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo receives resident representative of ICRC Mr Patrick Vial at the minister's office Thursday. — HOME AFFAIRS

Eighteen-hole event of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour opens in Mandalay Div



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw tees off a ball to open Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour. — MGF



YANGON, 3 Nov — Jointly-organized by Myanmar PGA and

Myanmar Golf Federation, an eighteen-hole event of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour for 2005-2006 was opened in Yaytagun Taung Golf Resort, Mandalay Division this morning.

Swe (Wilson), Aung Zaw Moe (Wilson) and Win Zaw Oo (Wilson) with 73 strokes each in professional golfer level.

In amateur level, Aung Win (Monywa) was in charge of the event with 73 strokes, followed by Khin Maung Zaw and Nay Bala Win Myint with one more each.

During the opening ceremony, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Chairman of MPGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd), Chairman of Air Bagan Ltd U Te Za opened the tournament by teeing off golf balls.

The co-sponsors of the tournament were Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Kachin Golfers Group, Myanmar Treasure Resort, Aureum Palace Hotel Resort, Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Srixon, Max Myanmar Co, Ltd and London. Hole-in-one winners will be awarded handsome prizes.

After the eighteen-hole event, Soe Myint Lay (Srixon), Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon) and Min Naing (Srixon) took the lead with 69 strokes each, followed by Yin Htwe (Taylormade) with 72 strokes and Myint

The main sponsor was Han Event Management.

The eighteen-hole event continues tomorrow at the same venue.

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6th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference concludes successfully



Health Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo addresses the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference closing ceremony. — HEALTH

YANGON, 3 Nov — The 6th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference continued for the second day at the hall of Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, this morning.

Director-General of Traditional Medicine Department Dr Thein Swe presided over the conference together with members of the panel of chairmen U Aung Kyi of member of the Traditional Medicine Council U Aung Si, executives of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association U Than Nyunt, U Kyi and U Bo

Gyi (Shan State). Delegate to the conference U Saw Freeman of Loikaw Township, Kayah State, tabled the motion No 6 and delegate U Aung Than of Chaungzon Township, Mon State, seconded it. Next, delegate U Soe Tint of North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division, tabled the motion No 7. Delegate Daw Cho of Chaung U Township, Sagaing Division, seconded the motion.

The ceremony to conclude the 6th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference followed. Conference Chairman

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo read out the resolutions of the conference, and announced to put the message sent to the conference by State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe on record, and to abide by the guidance from the message as work guideline of the traditional medicine practitioners. Next, the conference adopted to put the opening address of Chair-

man of National Health Committee Secretary-I Lt-Gen Thein Sein at the conference on record and to follow the instructions from the speech as work guideline of the traditional medicine practitioners. The conference approved seven motions submitted to the conference.

Later, the conference ended with the remarks by Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo.

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Donate Blood



Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and Chairman of Work Committee for Fund Raising U Tin Kha accept K 500,000 for respect paying ceremony for veteran literatis donated by writer U Myint Thein (Moe Htet Myint— Delta Region) and families. — MNA

Educative talks on health lectured

YANGON, 3 Nov — The educative talks organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, took place at National Stadium-1(Thuwanna) this morning, attended by Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Thet Htay, heads of departments under MWAFF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo and Dr Daw Khin San Nwe, Leader of Work Group Daw Aye Aye and officials, MWAFF members staff of the Ministry of Sports and woman athletes totalling 510 people.

First, wife of the Sports Minister, Leader of working group for uplift of living standard Daw Aye

Aye extended greetings and Yangon Division WAO Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay presented membership certificates and brooches for 264 applicants through working group leader Daw Aye Aye.

Next, Leader of subcommittee for health of MWAFF, Director of Health Planning Department Dr Khin Than Oo gave a lecture on health for women.

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Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Thet Htay presents membership certificates for 264 new members to Daw Aye Aye of MWAFF.

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Daw Aye Aye of MWAFF extends greetings at the educative talks organized by MWAFF.

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Prizes presented to winners...

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women's group; first to Ma May Zun Myint and group of Yangon Division, second to Ma Lwin Me Ohn and group of Mandalay Division, third to Gwasa (a) Ma Ei Ei Mon and group of Ayeyawady Division in higher education level orchestra contest of girls' group; first to Ma Wint Thinzar Stin and group of Yangon Division, second to Ma Nu Nu Lwin and group of Mandalay Division and third to Ma Khin Mar Phyo and group of Yangon Division in basic education level orchestra contest of girls' group (aged 15-20); first to Ma Sabai Phwe and group of Mandalay Division, second to Ma Kay Zin Chit Su and group of Yangon Division, third to Ma Yu Wai Hnin of Ayeyawady Division in basic education level orchestra contest of girls' group (aged 10-15) and first to Ma Myat Noe Khin and group of Yangon Division, second to Ma Chit Su Wai Stin and group of Yangon Division and third to Ma Phyu Phwe Thant and group of Mandalay Division in basic education level orchestra contest of girls' group (aged 5-10).

Next, the participants winning outstanding prizes in the contests of banjo, fiddle, mandolin and piano presented their solo performances individually and so did Chin State Doebut team.

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Myanmar entrepreneurs to attend Workshop on Enhancing Export Capacity

YANGON, 3 Nov — To attend the Workshop on Enhancing Export Capacity to be held in Vientiane, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Executive U Aye Tun, U Htay Aung and Assistant Research Officer U Soe Myint of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Executive Dr Sein Win of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs' Association left here yesterday.

UMFCCI executives being seen before departure to Lao.

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at the Yangon International Airport by General Secretary U Sein Win and officials.

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Chavez, Maradona, protests await Bush summit visit

MAR DEL PLATA (Argentina), 3 Nov — The sparring US and Venezuelan presidents, George W. Bush and Hugo Chavez, are sure to steal the show in this week's summit of 34 leaders from the Americas with a fight to steer the region's course.

The November 4-5 meeting in this Argentine beach resort is a rare chance to see the foes in the same forum, as Washington struggles with an increasing number of Latin Americans angry over the Iraq war and years of US-encouraged market reforms.

"The main issue to watch is who is likely to emerge stronger and prevail in terms of overall influence and leadership in the region, be it Chavez or be it Bush," said Patrick Esteruelas, analyst at the New York-based political consultants Eurasia Group.

Protesters have organized an anti-summit outside the security ring around Mar del Plata's top hotels. Bush will be the focus of their ire, and Chavez is set to speak on Friday in an event including Argentine soccer

legend Diego Maradona and families of US soldiers killed in Iraq. Bush, facing low domestic approval ratings, has fewer allies in a region that largely opposes the Iraq war and perceives a lack of interest from Washington in its "backyard."

The left-leaning and populist Chavez has extended his influence, using oil revenues to aid neighbours in need, like Ecuador, Argentina and Uruguay. He has supplied cheap oil, bought debt and invested in regional companies and television.

In summit host Argentina, whose economy collapsed in 2001 under 100 billion US dollars in debt, a recent poll showed six out of 10 Argentines oppose Bush. —MNA/Reuters

Vietnamese police arrest Britons for heroin smuggling

HANOI, 3 Nov — Vietnamese police have arrested two British citizens of Vietnamese descent for trafficking more than 100 kilos (220 pounds) of heroin from Laos to Hong Kong and China via Vietnam, state media reported on Wednesday.

The police-run *An Ninh Thu Do* newspaper quoted investigators as saying they had charged Le Manh Luong, 45, and his 46-year-old sister-in-law, Tran Thi Hien, with drug smuggling, a crime which carries the death penalty.

Luong's girlfriend, who also holds a British passport, managed to evade capture and is on the run, the report said. Four Vietnamese accomplices have also been arrested.

The gang is accused of buying 116 kilos of heroin from Vietnamese drug dealers in Laos and then reselling it in Hong Kong and China.

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Vietnam ceases diamond import from Ivory Coast
HANOI, 2 Nov— Vietnam has just decided to temporarily stop importing and exporting rough diamond originating in Ivory Coast, a western African country, according to the Trade Ministry on Tuesday.
The diamond decision was issued by the ministry late last month to ensure commitments under the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) of which Vietnam is a member. The scheme imposes stringent requirements on all participants to guard against conflict diamonds entering the legitimate trade.
MNA/Xinhua

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More than 80% of industrial-used water reused in China

BELING, 1 Nov— As water-saving gains popularity in China's urban areas, up to 80.3 per cent of water for industrial use was reused in 2004, said Chinese Minister of Construction Wang Guangtao here on Sunday.

Addressing an international symposium on the development of urban water-related projects, Wang said the movement helped save 3.93 billion steres of water in urban areas last year.

At present, up to 45.67 per cent of sewage in China's urban areas is treated before discharge, which has contributed greatly to reserving resources and improving the living standard, Wang said.

But Wang acknowledged that China still faces severe challenges of water shortage and water pollution, and the efficiency of water utilization in urban areas should be further improved.

China also faces the tough task of preventing and reducing water-related disasters,

including frequent floods and accidents caused by unqualified water, he said.

According to Wang, the nation will pay more attention to water-saving and sewage reuse, and to the popularization of water-saving equipment, technology and water-supply networking.

MNA/Xinhua

1.5m copies of Harry Potter 6th volume sold in France during October

PARIS, 1 Nov— Some 1,500,000 copies of the novel *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* have been sold in one month in France since its offer on 1 October, Gallimard Publishing House said on Monday.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince is the sixth novel in JK Rowling's popular Harry Potter series. 800,000 copies out of the 2 million printed copies were sold in 24 hours since its launch, according to Gallimard.

For the first five novels of the series, more than 300 million copies were sold out in the world, including 16 million in France out of the 17.2 million French copies. —MNA/Xinhua

Wuqiao International Circus Festival being held

SHIJIAZHUANG, 1 Nov— The Tenth China Wuqiao International Circus Festival (CWICF) is being held in this capital of north China's Hebei Province, attracting 326 acrobats from 16 countries.

The CWICF, named after the birthplace of acrobatics — Wuqiao County of Hebei Province and launched in 1987, is held every two years, generally in the last week of October or the first week of November.

It is jointly organized by the Chinese Ministry of Culture and Hebei Provincial Government. Nine of the gala were held in succession.—MNA/Xinhua

Quake occurs off western Turkey

ANKARA, 1 Nov— An earthquake measuring 4.8 on the Richter Scale occurred in the Aegean Sea off Turkey's western coast early on Monday, but no casualties are reported.

The quake occurred at 07:26 am (0526 GMT) and its epicentre was in the Aegean Sea off the coast of Seferihisar Town in Turkey's Izmir Province, the Istanbul-based Kandilli earthquake observation centre was quoted by the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency as saying.

Ten days ago, a strong earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter Scale occurred in the Aegean Sea off the coast of Seferihisar, killing one person.

MNA/Xinhua



Children meet a Labrador dressed as a lion during a Halloween party for dogs in Cajica, Colombia, on 1 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Singapore invests more in stem cell research

SINGAPORE, 1 Nov— Singapore's Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*Star) has set aside 70 million Singapore dollars (about 41 million US dollars) to boost stem cell research.

According to *Channel NewsAsia* report on Monday night, the investment will be used over three years to set up the Singapore Stem Cell Consortium, which focuses on applying stem cell research to healthcare.

In addition, A*Star will also set up a Singapore Immunology Network and establish a Data Privacy Framework by next year to protect patients' privacy. —MNA/Xinhua



A woman approaches an oversize beach chair and pair of slippers called 'Recliner Rex' on Tamarama Beach in Sydney on 2 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Seventeen ill in France due to bacteria contaminated meat

PARIS, 1 Nov— At least 17 people went ill after eating bacteria contaminated minced meat sold in a popular

supermarket chain in France, authorities said on Monday.

All but one of the victims were children, they were rushed to hospital and some in intensive care with severe gastrointestinal problems, especially bloody diarrhea, pallor and fatigue. The government's Health Monitoring Institute said the illness was caused by *Escherichia coli*, a bacteria found in cows' stomachs that can live on in undercooked beef.

According to the medical sources, ten of the children were suffering a related complication called hemolytic uremic syndrome, in which red blood cells are destroyed and the kidneys fail.

The head of Leclerc chain of supermarkets,

Michel-Edouard Leclerc, told RTL radio that the product was being recalled but several days are needed because of vacations.—MNA/Xinhua

First Mt Everest ascent by woman celebrating in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 1 Nov— The 30th anniversary of the first successful ascent of the world's highest peak, Mt Everest by Junko Tabei, a Japanese woman, is being celebrated here amid various programme on Monday and Tuesday.

According to organizers Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) and the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, NTB and Nepal Mountaineering Association in association with various travels trade associations and municipalities are organizing a series of programmes during the two day's event.

A statement issued by NTB said, beside Tabei, Pang Duo, a

member of Chinese Expedition who climbed the peak 11 days after Tabei on 27 May, 1975, becoming the second woman to achieve this feat will be honoured along with Tabei and other women climbers who are coming to attend this gala programme are from China, Japan, New Zealand, Slovenia, India, Denmark, England, Ireland, Iran and Nepal.

MNA/Xinhua

Rare species of monkey found in eastern Nepal

KATHMANDU, 1 Nov— A rare species of monkey has been found in a wildlifereserve in eastern Nepal, an official at the reserve said here on Monday.

"A rare Nilgiri species of monkey has been found in Koshi Tappu Wild Life Reserve (KTWLR), some 400 kilometres southeast of Kathmandu," Ram Chandra Kandel, warden at KTWLR, told reporters.

MNA/Xinhua

Drive Safely

SPORTS



Manchester United's captain Ruud van Nistelrooy, left, takes a tumble as he is stopped by Lille's Jean Makoun during their UEFA Champions League soccer match, group D, on Wednesday, at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, north of Paris, France. Lille won 1-0. —INTERNET

Liverpool breeze past woeful Anderlecht

LIVERPOOL (England), 2 Nov — Holders Liverpool found their scoring touch to defeat Belgium's Anderlecht 3-0 on Tuesday, a win that took them to the brink of qualification for the last 16 of the Champions League.

Spanish striker Fernando Morientes scored the opening goal at Anfield in the 34th minute with an angled shot that flew in off the post.

Compatriot Luis Garcia glanced a header home in the 61st minute from Steve Finnan's cross and substitute Djibril Cisse added a late goal after being set up by Harry Kewell.

Anderlecht's Nenad Jestrovic was dismissed in the 75th minute by referee Kim Milton Nielsen after a verbal clash with Liverpool's Momo Sissoko.

Liverpool top Group G with 10 points, three clear of Chelsea who lost 1-0 at Real Betis, who now have six points. Anderlecht's defeat was their 11th successive Champions League loss.

Morientes had already seen one close range effort saved by keeper Silvio Proto before he scored the opener. Xabi Alonso's lofted pass found him in space on the left of the area and his angled drive flew into the net off a post.

Striker Peter Crouch also had a first half chance to break his Liverpool goal

duck, but prodded the ball wide of the post when attempting to convert Steve Finnan's cross.

Liverpool were well on top and a short 60th minute free kick gave Finnan room to cross for Garcia to glance a header home.

Cisse added a third goal that had a suspicion of offside about it.

He was lingering when Harry Kewell lost possession during a run into the box and slotted through the keeper's legs. Anderlecht have yet to score a goal in four Group G matches. —MNA/Reuters

Rangers pegged back twice in draw with Artmedia

BRATISLAVA, 2 Nov — Wasteful Rangers twice squandered the lead in a 2-2 draw at Artmedia Bratislava in their Champions League Group H on Tuesday.

The Scottish champions enjoyed the perfect start when Croatian striker Dado Prso nodded them in front with a header from close range after three minutes.

Artmedia responded quickly when captain Balasz Borbely equalized after a goalmouth scramble four minutes later.

Rangers then increased the tempo and Prso crossed from the edge of the box for fellow striker Steven Thompson to head Rangers back in front just before halftime. But Artmedia came back again when Jan Kozak lashed in a second equalizer in the 59th minute after Rangers goalkeeper Ronald Waterreus misjudged a clearance.

The result left both Rangers and Artmedia with five points from four games, although Rangers have the better head-to-head record thanks to the away goals they scored on Tuesday.

Inter Milan top the group

on nine points after their 2-1 win over Porto. Rangers coach Alex McLeish praised his team's performance, but could not hide his frustration about twice losing the lead.

MNA/Reuters

Ajax stun Thun with injury time strikes

BERN (Switzerland), 3 Nov — Former European champions Ajax Amsterdam moved within striking distance of a place in the Champions League's last 16 with a 4-2 injury-time win over competition newcomers FC Thun on Wednesday.

The unfancied Swiss seemed set for an impressive 2-2 draw in their Group B match only for Ajax to grab the points with 91st and 93rd minute goals from Nigel de Jong and Nourdin Boukhari.

Ajax had earlier taken the lead twice with goals by Wesley Sneijder and Yannis Anastasiou cancelled out first by Mauro Lustrinelli and then by Brazilian substitute Adriano. "We didn't play a great game tonight but the important thing is that we won," said Ajax coach Danny Blind after they bounced back from three domestic league matches without scoring. "We weren't getting forward enough and the team seemed to lack confidence but this result should give us a good feeling and a sense of perspective for the future." —MNA/Reuters

Lyon cruise into Champions League knockout stage

ATHENS, 2 Nov — Olympique Lyon booked their place in the Champions League knockout stage when they came from behind to crush Olympiakos Piraeus 4-1 on Tuesday.

A double from Norway striker John Carew and strikes by Juninho and Mahamadou Diarra gave the French champions an easy win after they fell behind to an early goal by Haruna Babangida. Lyon lead Group F with a maximum 12 points and will now vie with Real Madrid to finish top after the Spanish side beat Rosenborg Trondheim 2-0 to reach nine points.

Olympiakos have lost all four group games and can now only catch Rosenborg, who have three points, for third spot and a UEFA Cup place.

The home side began brightly at the Karaiskakis Stadium and took the lead in the third minute when a superb through ball from Pantelis Kafes found Haruna Babangida who fired home.

The goal set the game up for Olympiakos and with Rivaldo showing glimpses of his past glories they played the better football for much of the first half. However, Lyon found themselves ahead in the space of three minutes just before the break.

Rivaldo's foul on the influential Diarra let Juninho in for the equalizer and a defensive mix-up then gave Carew the space to fire the visitors in front.

With Greece goalkeeper Antonis Nikopolidis suffering from flu, Kleopas Giannou had a rough baptism in European soccer.

He made a good early save to deny Sidney Govou and if there was a question mark over his positioning for Juninho's low free kick, which crept through his fingers just inside the post, then he was hardly to blame for the poor defence in front of him.

He spread himself well to parry Carew's shot in the 55th minute but was unfortunate that it bounced straight to Diarra who scored the third.

Nor could Giannou be held accountable for Lyon's fourth as woeful defending from a free kick allowed Carew to get his head to the ball which deflected off Yiannis Okkas into the corner. —MNA/Reuters



Olympique Lyonnais' Florent Malouda (L) is challenged by Olympiakos Piraeus Haruna Babangida during their group F Champions League match in Piraeus, near Athens. Lyon won 4-1. —INTERNET

Farfan gives PSV Eindhoven win over AC Milan

EINDHOVEN (Netherlands), 2 Nov — PSV Eindhoven's Jefferson Farfan struck early to clinch a 1-0 win over AC Milan on Tuesday and put his side top of Champions League Group E.

PSV took the lead after 12 minutes when Peruvian Farfan fired past Dida from eight metres after capitalizing on a weak backward header by Kakha Kaladze towards the Brazilian keeper. The Dutch side are top with seven points from four matches, two points above Milan and Schalke who beat Fenerbahce 2-0, after a game in which the Italians did everything but score.

Milan had to leave European Footballer of the Year Andriy Shevchenko on the bench because of the heel injury he picked up in the

0-0 draw with PSV at the San Siro two weeks ago.

PSV coach Guus Hiddink started with three defenders against the two Milan strikers, Christian Vieri and Alberto Gilardino, and kept injury doubt Michael Reiziger on the bench. The home side created their first chance after just 90 seconds but Philip Cocu headed an Ibrahim Afellay free kick straight into Dida's waiting arms.

Ten minutes later Farfan struck a fierce shot inside

Dida's near post after pouncing on the ball inside the area after Kaladze misjudged a header from Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink and nodded the ball straight into the teenager's path.

PSV played their best football in the first 20 minutes and were unlucky when a close-range Alex header hit the bar. Milan then took control and created a handful of chances before the interval as they sought to level the match.

MNA/Reuters



Chan Yung-jan of Taiwan serves during her match against compatriot Chan Chin-wei during the women's tennis single final at the East Asian Games in Macau, China on 3 Nov, 2005. Chan Yung-jan beat Chan Chin-wei 6-2 6-1 to win the gold medal. —INTERNET

Bangladesh seizes explosives, leaflet

DHAKA, 3 Nov— Bangladesh police found a parcel on Wednesday containing explosives and a leaflet ordering foreigners to leave the country, signed by an Islamic militant group blamed for a wave of bombings this year.

The parcel, which rier firm in the town of Rajshahi, 300 kilometres (185 miles) northwest of Dhaka.

Three people from

the courier company have been detained for questioning, a police officer said, adding that the addresses of the sender and the recipient were found to be false.

A leaflet in Bengali lying inside the parcel said foreigners must leave within 15 days because they had been promoting anti-Muslim activities in the country.

Copies of the leaflet signed by the outlawed Jamaat-ul-Mujahedin were released to the media by the police on Wednesday.

"All foreigners working in non-governmental organizations, including banks and financial institutions are hereby instructed to leave the country. Otherwise they will face serious consequences," it said.

The seizure comes as Bangladesh mounts tight security in Dhaka for a summit of South Asian leaders this month that has been postponed twice this year including once

over security concerns.

Police hold Jamaat-ul-Mujahedin responsible for some 500 small bombings across the country on 17 August which killed two people and wounded about 100.

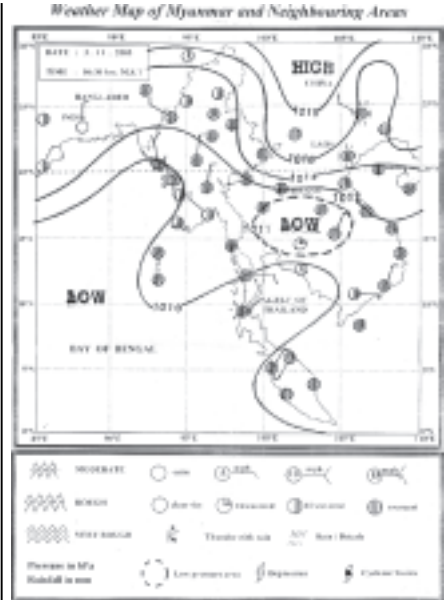
It has also been blamed for bomb attacks on three court buildings outside Dhaka on 3 October which killed two and wounding 15.

"We also call upon judges, government executives and officials to immediately stop persecution of the soldiers of Allah. Otherwise, serious actions will be taken against you," the leaflet seized on Wednesday said. — MNA/Reuters



Veterinarians at the San Diego Zoo hold up an unnamed female giant panda cub during her weekly health examination on 2 November, 2005. At three months old the cub weighs 8.8 pounds (4kg). Based on a Chinese tradition the cub will be named on 10 November when she reaches 100 days old. San Diego Zoo officials are now tallying more than 70,000 electronic votes submitted through their website during a naming poll that closed on Monday.

INTERNET



WEATHER

Thursday, 3 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas.

Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Magway Division, (4°C) above normal in Chin State and Bago Division, (5 to 6°C) above normal in Kachin and Mon States and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myingyan (0.12) inch and Mindat (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 2-11-2005 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 3-11-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 3-11-2005 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 2-11-2005 was (7.8) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 3-11-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (101.38) inches at Mingaladon, (100.51) inches at Kaba-Aye and (104.80) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (09:20) hours MST on 2-11-2005.

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

Special features: According to the observations at (06:30)hrs MST today, Tropical Storm 'KAI TAK' over Gulf of Tonkin, South China Sea has weakened.

Forecast valid until evening of 4-11-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayin and Mon States, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Shan, Rakhine States and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Rain or thundershowers in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-11-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-11-2005: Generally fair weather.

Radio Myanmar

Friday, 4 November
Tune in today

8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music:
-I believe in you (Toybox)

8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music:
-Amazing (Madona)

8.50 am National news/
Slogan

9:00 am Music:
-I breathe again (Adman Rickitt)

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:
-Love will find away (Christina Aguilere)

1:30 pm News / Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Just a day away (Barclay James Harvest)

7:05 pm "ရစ်ကယ်ဟိ" (အပိုင်း-၃၁)
7:40 pm 15. (၂၀)ပြိုင်ပွဲအတွက်အကျေအခက်အခဲအားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲတော် ဖြစ်စေအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ "ဘောလုံး" (အမျိုးသမီး)

9.00 pm World of music
Songs from -Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, India

9.15 pm Article
9.25 pm Music at your request
-Just for you (Peter Andre)
-Only you (The Flying Rickets)
-Real love (Mary & Bliger)
-Here in my heart (Tiffany)

9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Friday, 4 November
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင် ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပညာရှင်တို့က အဘိဓမ္မာပညာသင်တန်းအား တစ်ပတ်ကျော် ချမ်းသာစွာ ပြုလုပ်ခဲ့ကြောင်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရား၏ ဝိနိစ္ဆာသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်ကစားနည်း

7:55 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

7. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:10 am

8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

9. ကျောက်တံတံလုံး ရေကူးရေလှောင် တံ

8:30 am

10. International news

8:45 am

11. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm

1. Martial song.

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit.

4:30 pm

3. Musical programme.

4:45 pm

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:50 pm

5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လိုပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)

5:00 pm

6. Song of national races

5:15 am

7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းစား ဂီတတေး

5:25 pm

8. Musical programme

5:35 am

9. "လောကားသုံးထပ် ဆင်းတဲ့အခါ" (အပိုင်း: မင်းသူ၊ အေးသီတာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန် (စိုးနန်း))

5:45 am

10. Song of yesteryears

6:00 am

11. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညွှတ်ရှင်

6:30 pm

12. Evening news

7:00 pm

13. Weather report

7:05 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ရစ်ကယ်ဟိ" (အပိုင်း-၃၁)

7:40 pm

15. (၂၀)ပြိုင်ပွဲအတွက်အကျေအခက်အခဲအားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲတော် ဖြစ်စေအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ "ဘောလုံး" (အမျိုးသမီး)

8:00 pm

16. News

8:00 pm

17. International news

8:00 pm

18. Weather report

8:00 pm

19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ဓမ္မအတွဲ" (အပိုင်း-၂၆)

8:00 pm

20. The next day's programme

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Progress of agriculture, regional development tasks in Thongwa and Thanlyin Townships inspected

YANGON, 3 Nov — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected agricultural and regional development tasks in Thongwa and Thanlyin Townships this afternoon.

The commander oversaw harvesting of paddy, land preparations for growing pea and thriving Hsinthwelat paddy strain near Thongwa West Village in Thongwa Township.

Division Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service U Aung Hsan and officials conducted the commander round the cultivated area.

The commander urged officials to minimize loss and wastage of harvesting monsoon



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects progress in building Thongwa Sluice Gate Project in Thongwa Township. — MNA

paddy and to put the harvested paddy under shelter in time.

He gave instructions on extension of cold season crops, pulses and beans, edible oil crops and others. Later, he fulfilled the requirements.

On arrival at the construction of Thongwa Sluice Gate on Nantyaw Creek near Ywathit Village, the commander looked into dredging of drains, construction of the sluice gate and installation of valves. Director U Hla Myint of

Construction-6 of Irrigation Department conducted him round the project site.

Director U Hla Myint reported on facts about the sluice gate and progress of tasks. Director U Kyaw Thein of

Yangon Division Irrigation Department gave a supplementary report.

The commander left instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks meeting the set standard, and supervi-

sion to be made for putting the sluice gate into service in December.

Thongwa Sluice Gate is being constructed on Nantyaw Creek in Thongwa Township, Yangon South District.

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Public health care services clarified to ambassadors, UN resident representatives

YANGON, 3 Nov — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint made clarifications on health care services being undertaken by the Ministry of Health to foreign ambassadors to Myanmar and officials, and resident representatives of UN agencies at Pyidaungsu

Yektha Street in Dagon Township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, ambassadors of the Philippines, Britain, Indonesia, Israel, the Republic of Korea, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Aus-

tralia and Germany, representatives from embassies of Brunei, Malaysia, Italy, Bangladesh, Singapore, Cambodia, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, India, Sri Lanka, the People's Republic of China, Thailand, Russia, and the USA, resident repre-

sentatives of UNRC, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, UNODC, UNHCR, WFP, UNFPA and UNAIDS, departmental heads from the Ministry and officials.

In his speech, the minister said that upholding the leadership of the National Health Committee chaired by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the Ministry is implementing its two objectives — to enable each citizen to live long, and to be free from diseases. In the process, it is applying three tactics — disseminating

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Health Minister calls for treatment of eye diseases in rural areas

YANGON, 3 Nov — As the majority of the blind are from rural areas, it is required to carry out the health care services for the eye diseases especially in rural areas, said Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint at the opening ceremony of the 17th Eye Ophthalmologists' Conference at the Myanmar Medical Association today.

The two-day conference kicked off today at the Eye Specialist Hospital here.

In his opening address, the minister also expressed his delight that World Health Organization is committed to elimination of the avoidable blindness in the world by 2020.

In Myanmar, the major diseases that cause a loss of sight are cataract, trachoma and vitamin-C deficiency, he said.

He continued to say that as part of an effort to combat the disease, well-equipped eye hospitals and eye banks were established in Yangon and Mandalay.

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In line with the health policy of the State, the ministry is carrying out health care concerns, disease control tasks, and research. Now, the nation is witnessing progress in the health sector.



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