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Senior General Than Shwe shakes hands with Prime Minister General Soe Win who has participated in the Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS)

Summit held in Bangkok, Thailand. — 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

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back General Soe Win who attended ACMECS Summit

YANGON, 4 Nov — The Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win arrived back here by special flight at 9.05 pm yesterday after attending the Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit held in Bangkok, Thailand.

The Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Soe Win was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Take part actively in anti-drug campaigns

The State Peace and Development Council, regarding the anti-drug campaigns as a national task, has laid down and is implementing the 15-year narcotic drugs eradication plan. It has been actively taking part along with international community in the fight against drugs, the scourge of the entire human beings.

The government has been implementing the 15-year narcotic drugs eradication plan since 1999, and it had been able to successfully implement the first five-year plan. At present, it is implementing the first year of the second five-year plan.

Under the 15-year narcotic drugs eradication plan and the New Destiny Project, cultivation of poppy substitute crops was carried out with added momentum. To make it a complete success, bridges and roads are being built while steps for improvement of communications, trade, health, education and livestock as well as rehabilitation are being taken.

The government, relying on its own resources, is making relentless efforts in the fight against drugs, and as a result, there has been a remarkable drop in poppy cultivation and production.

The UNODC, in cooperation with local police units and anti-drug squads, conducts annual field surveys on cultivation and production of opium in Myanmar. According to its report, poppy cultivation in Myanmar dropped by 29 per cent and production by 54 per cent from 2002 to 2004. In the same way, the US Crime and Narcotic Centre made public that poppy cultivation in Myanmar decreased by 81 per cent and production by 84 per cent from 1993 to 2004.

The government in cooperation with international community and congenial nations is intensifying its anti-drugs campaigns. Integrated and well-coordinated efforts of Myanmar, China, Thailand and Laos have resulted in the seizure of 992 blocks of heroin weighing 496 kilos and 0.5 kilo of opium at China-Myanmar border in September this year.

Since the government is doubling its efforts in the fight against drugs in alliance with international community and neighbouring countries, it is incumbent upon the entire national people to actively take part in the drive with nationalistic spirit.

Kyei-sin-wun-kha Pan-yoe-ma play to be telecast on 5-6 Nov

YANGON, 4 Nov — The play entitled Kyei-sin-wun-kha Pan-yoe-ma directed by film director Academy Zinyaw Maung Maung, starring Academy Lu Min, Khant Sithu, Nai Nai, Eindra Kyaw Zin, Thet Mon Myint, Zin Zin Zaw Myint, Academy Nwe Nwe Mu, Academy Myint Myint Khaing and child actor Heavy Phyto, will be telecast after the news programmes of TV Myanmar at night on 5 and 6 November.

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All this needs to be known

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

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



KATHINA ROBES OFFERING CEREMONY — EC members of Mogaung Township Association (Yangon) present offertories to members of the Sangha at the association's first Kathina Robes Offering Ceremony at Kyaukse in Dhammayon in Dagon Township on 22 October. — H

Myanmar-Japan Port Facility Life Cycle Management Seminar held

YANGON, 4 Nov — The Myanmar-Japan Port Facility Life Cycle Management Seminar co-organized by Myanmar Port Authority of the Ministry of Transport, and the Ports and Harbours Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Japan was held at the meeting hall of the ministry on Pansodan Street this morning.

Present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than, Minister-Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy Mr Hiroshi Kawamura, Director Mr Masaru Suzuki of Ports and Harbours Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Japan, and Director Hiromi Kado of the Overseas Coastal Area Development Institute and Director-General Dr Hiroshi Yokota of Port and Airport Research Institute of Japan, departmental heads from the Ministry of Transport and entrepreneurs.

The Deputy Minister and the Minister-Counsellor extended greetings. Dr Hiroshi Yokota and Dr Ema

Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour continues



YANGON, 4 Nov — Co-organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation, the second leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour, mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, continued for the second day at Yeytagun Taung Golf Resort in Mandalay this morning. After the second round, Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon) extended its leading role by firing 140 strokes in the professional division.

His runners-up were Kyaw Swa Lin (Srixon) who shot 144 and Hla Myo 145.

In the amateur division, Thein Zaw Myint stood in the first position with 145 strokes. Zaw Zin Win and Aung Win tied at second with 146 each.

Co-sponsors were Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Kachin Golfers Group, Myanmar Treasure Resort, Aureum Palace Hotel Resort, Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Srixon, Max Myanmar Co Ltd, Jade Land Myanmar Co Ltd, AK Prince Hotel, London and Lucky Drinking Water.

U Yup Za Khaung will present handsome prize to hole-in-one scorers. The tour was organized by Han Event Management.

Third round of the tour will continue tomorrow. — MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 4 Nov — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Names	Appointments
(a) Col Maung Maung Oo Ministry of Defence	Director-General Marine Administration Department
(b) Col Maung Maung Nyein Ministry of Defence	Managing Director Myanma Five Star Line Ministry of Transport
(c) Dr Kyaw Hla Pro-Rector Institute of Medicine (Mandalay) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health	Rector Institute of Medicine (Mandalay) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health

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Kato discussed the topics on Life Cycle Management of Harbour Structure, and on Effect of Concrete Quality on Durability of RC Structures. The topics on Myanmar Port Authority and its Existing Port Facilities and Maintenance and Repair Status of Port Infrastructures were discussed by Chief Engineer (Civil) U Mya Than and Engineer U Tin Ko Ko of Myanmar Port Authority. Before conclusion of the seminar, Director Mr Masaru Suzuki reviewed discussions on the topics. — MNA

Prizes of ASEAN radio quiz awarded

YANGON, 4 Nov — Myanmar Radio and Television is implementing ASEAN in Action project, and the salient points of ASEAN countries are being aired through Radio Myanmar Programme at 9.45 am on Saturdays.

The ASEAN radio quiz about the ASEAN salient points broadcast for October at MRTV on 1 November morning and enthusiasts took part in it. Among them, Maung Lin Naing Naing of Thanbyuzayat Township won first prize, Maung Ye Shwe Thwe of Toungoo Township second, Ma Yadana Lin Lin of Hpa-an Township third and Ma Nay Nwe Oo of Ngaputaw Township consolation prize. The prizes were awarded by an MRTV official. — MNA



Winners of ASEAN radio quiz. — MRTV

ASEAN countries seek to strengthen control on small arms

PHNOM PENH, 3 Nov— ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) seminar on Small Arms and Light Weapons opened here on Wednesday aimed at assisting ASEAN member states in improving Small Arms and Light Weapons control.

Representatives from ASEAN member countries, other Asian countries and the European Union (EU) are attending the three-day seminar. The workshop will focus on the issues of national and regional, such as transfer controls; illicit brokering; management of state-owned and private weapons; treatment of surplus weapons; use of external assistance and regional cooperation.

Cambodian Co-Minister of Interior Sar Kheng said at the opening ceremony that "So far, the small arms and light weapons still pose threats to country's security, public order and

human rights, as well as the country's construction and development."

He said that the international support will be a great help to Cambodia to further enhance the control on small arms and light weapons.

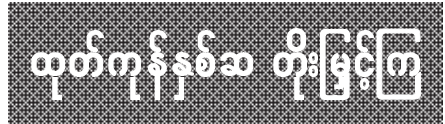
Ever since 1970 Cambodia has gone through

grave and bitter history of great sorrow and destruction caused by small arms and light weapons, though Cambodia does not produce weapons.

Since 1998, the government has taken strong measures to confiscate and destroy weapons possessed by civilians. Since then, the

government has destroyed more than 175,000 illegal weapons. At the same time, the government has also strengthened the control of those weapons in the hand of armed forces, including returning their weapons to safe storage when their official mission is over.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman looks at clothing in the Silk Street shopping mall in Beijing, on 3 Nov, 2005.

INTERNET

Two US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Nov— Two US soldiers have been killed in the restive western Iraqi town of Ramadi since Tuesday, US military said on Wednesday.

The two service members were killed in Ramadi the day before by a roadside bomb, according to the military.

The incidents took place as the US troops and guerillas began the fighting in the area on Tuesday night after guerillas used guns, rockets and roadside bombs to attack US patrols. — MNA/Xinhua

Small bomb explodes near BP, British Airways in Iran

TEHERAN, 3 Nov— One small bomb exploded outside the offices of BP and British Airways in Teheran on Wednesday but there were no casualties, police said.

There were originally thought to be two bombs but the Iranian police and a British diplomat said there had only been one blast on the 10th floor of the central Teheran office block. "One hand-made bomb exploded, it only shattered a few window panes," said police spokesman Mehdi Ahmadi.

"There were no casualties," he added.

In London, a spokesman for British Airways said the airline was "clarifying our information" and would respond shortly.

A small bomb exploded outside the same offices in August.

Anglo-Iranian diplomatic relations are experiencing a rough patch, with Teheran obstructing Britain imports and accusing London of fomenting Arab separatist bomb attacks in the southwestern oil province of Khuzestan.

Britain has taken a lead role in trying to convince Iran to stop making atomic fuel, which Washington fears could be used in nuclear weapons.

MNA/Reuters

Los Angeles students join nationwide protest against Bush

LOS ANGELES, 3 Nov— More than 800 Los Angeles high school students walked out of their campus on Wednesday as part of a nationwide protest against President George W Bush, who was reelected exactly a year ago.

Adults accompanied groups of students "in all cases" as they left from 10 high schools across the sprawling city, according to Dan Isaacs, chief operating officer of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

"Our issue... was safety, and I think we fulfilled our mission, frankly," Isaacs said. He said that the district sent staff, school police and youth relations personnel to walk with the teenagers and made buses available to take the students back to school when they got tired.

However, one of the protest organizers, Edith Lagos, of the New York-based World Can't Wait,

claimed that police prevented students at two high schools from joining the event.

The group asked adults and children to walk out of office and class Wednesday

—the anniversary of Bush's re-election — and gather along Wilshire Boulevard in downtown Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, several hundred protestors gathered on Wednesday in downtown

Seattle to protest the Iraq war and the Bush Administration's stance on everything from Supreme Court nomination to reproductive rights, a report said.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi car bomb kills at least 23

KERBALA (Iraq), 3 Nov— At least 23 people were killed and 46 were wounded when a car bomb exploded outside a Shiite Muslim mosque in the Iraqi town of Musayyib on Wednesday, the Interior Ministry said.

The attack came on one of the last days of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan as people would have been preparing for the three-day Eid holiday, which may start on Thursday or Friday.

Hospital sources earlier said at least 18 people had been killed in the attack, which happened near the end of day-long fasting.

The mainly Shiite town of Musayyib, south

of Baghdad, has been hit by several attacks, including one in July when a suicide bomber blew up a fuel truck, killing 98 people and wounding 75 more.

MNA/Reuters

Iraq guerillas say they shot down copter

BAGHDAD, 3 Nov— Al-Qaida in Iraq on Thursday claimed to have shot down a US attack helicopter that crashed west of Baghdad, killing its two Marine crewmembers.

"Brethren in al-Qaida in Iraq's military wing downed a Super Cobra attack helicopter in Ramadi with a Stella rocket, thanks be to God," the group said in a statement that was posted on an Islamist Web forum often used for its claims.

The authenticity of the statement, which bore the nickname of the group's

spokesman, Abu Maysara al-Iraqi, could not be confirmed. An AH-1W Super Cobra attack helicopter crashed Wednesday near the town of Ramadi, an guerilla stronghold west of Baghdad, killing two Marines on board, the military said.

It did not specify the cause of the crash, but spokesman Maj Gen Rick

Lynch said Thursday that witnesses reported seeing a projectile fired at the helicopter and that it broke up in flight.

Hours later, a US fighter jet dropped two 500-pound bombs on what the military said was an "guerilla command center" about 400 yards from where the helicopter went down.—Internet



US soldiers, PFC Leroy Peuchot and SGT Daniel Miller configure their army radio as they set up an observation point on the rooftop of a building overlooking a major thoroughfare in the western portion of Baghdad on 3 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET



Rowers move a scull after a rowing event at the 4th East Asian Games in Macau, China, on 3 November, 2005.

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Bomb explodes in Spain's Basque country; one defused

MADRID, 3 Nov— A bomb exploded in Spain's Basque country early on Thursday, causing no injuries, and a second bomb was defused, Basque police said.

Police suspect armed Basque separatist group ETA of planting the bombs, a police spokesman said.

One bomb, placed in a waste paper basket near an employment office in the Basque seaside town of Zarautz, exploded at about 1:30 a.m. (0030 GMT), he said.

Another bomb, near a court in Zarautz, had been defused by the police bomb squad about two hours earlier, he said.

Bombs exploded near magistrates courts in four Spanish towns on 25 October in attacks also blamed on ETA. Last week's explosions damaged buildings but no one was injured.

ETA, classed as a terrorist organization by Spain, the European Union and the United States, has killed

nearly 850 people since 1968 in its campaign for an independent Basque state carved out of northern Spain and southwestern France.

MNA/Reuters

Five US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Nov— Five US soldiers were killed in separate incidents in Iraq. A soldier assigned to the Marine Expeditionary Force responsible for much of western Iraq was killed "when his vehicle was attacked with an improvised explosive device in Ramadi," the military said on Thursday.

The military earlier reported that two US Marines were killed when their Super Cobra attack helicopter crashed Wednesday on the outskirts of Ramadi, located 100 kilometers (62 miles) west of Baghdad.

The US Marines are conducting operations in the restive Sunni Arab Al-Anbar Province of west-

ern Iraq. Several US army units are attached to them.

In separate statements the military announced that a Task Force Baghdad soldier was killed by a roadside bomb south of the capital, and a soldier from the 3rd Infantry Division died of wounds he sustained when his patrol came under g-

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Vietnam reaffirms one-China policy

HANOI, 3 Nov— Vietnam on Wednesday reiterated its adherence to the one-China policy and firm opposition to Taiwan's independence. Vietnam supports China in the efforts to achieve peaceful reunification and backs the Anti-Secession Law passed by China's National People's Congress, said a joint statement issued on Wednesday during a visit to Vietnam by Hu Jintao, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of China.

Vietnam welcomes the easing of the situation across the Taiwan Strait in recent years and pledged not to establish any official ties with Taiwan, it added. China expressed in the statement its appreciation of Vietnam's stand on the Taiwan issue. China and Vietnam share common strategic interests in major international affairs, the statement said, stressing that the two countries should stick to multilateralism in dealing with international issues so as to achieve common prosperity. They also agree to conduct multilateral cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual respect and oppose terrorism in any form, it said.

MNA/Xinhua

Baghdad attacks kill eleven, airstrikes target al-Qaeda

BAGHDAD, 3 Nov— Eleven Iraqis were killed in three separate attacks in Baghdad on Wednesday and US airstrikes destroyed three houses the military said were used by al-Qaeda militants in western Iraq near the Syrian border.

One of the Baghdad bombs was aimed at an Iraqi Army patrol in the southeast of the capital and five soldiers were killed,

police said. A second bomb in the east of the city hit a civilian van, killing five civilians and wounding several more, the US mili-

tary and Iraqi police said. Another bomb wounded five civilians near a vegetable market in the southern Doura District of the city, police said, and an Iraqi police patrol came under fire in western Baghdad, leaving one policeman dead and five wounded.

The latest attacks kept Iraqis on edge as they prepared for the Eid holiday marking the end of the Ramadan month of fasting, which is expected

to start around Thursday. The Shiite- and Kurdish-led government and its US backers are battling a Sunni Arab attack that shows no sign of let-up and which US commanders have warned may increase in the run-up to 15 December parliamentary elections. US forces have conducted a series of offensives in western Iraq to choke off what they say is a supply route for foreign fighters coming from Syria into Iraq to fuel the guerilla attack. — MNA/Reuters



An unidentified man talks on his mobile phone as a Turkish soldier, right, stands guard at the explosion site in the town of Semdinli, southeastern Turkey, on 2 Oct, 2005. Turkish Kurdish guerillas detonated a car bomb in the centre of a town near the Iraqi border, injuring 23 people. The blast left a crater about half a metre deep late Tuesday in the middle of a street in Semdinli in Hakkari Province. —INTERNET

Car blast in Indian Kashmir kills two

SRINAGAR, 3 Nov— A powerful car bomb exploded on a busy highway in Indian Kashmir on Wednesday, killing two people and injuring seven policemen hours before a new chief minister was due to be sworn in, police said.

The explosion occurred in the Himalayan region's main city, Srinagar, where violence continues despite a tentative peace between India and Pakistan, which have fought two wars over the state. Police said no further details were available.

"It was a loud explosion; the blast shook the whole house. Some window panes were destroyed," said Amina Begum, who lives nearby.

India has been on high alert since the weekend, when three coordinated blasts killed 59 people and injured about 200 in the worst militant attack on the nation's capital.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told Pakistani President Pervez

Musharraf that the bombings were probably linked to foreign elements and demanded that Pakistan act against terrorism directed against India.

A Pakistan-based militant group, Jaish-e-Mohammed, called newspaper offices in Srinagar and claimed responsibility for Wednesday's car bomb attack.

The attack near a security patrol came before a member of India's ruling Congress Party, Ghulam Nabi Azad, was due to take the oath as the state's new chief minister for the next three years under a power-sharing agreement with a regional party.

Security was tight in Srinagar for Azad's swearing-in. —MNA/Reuters

Britain's police chief says attacks foiled

LONDON, 3 Nov— Britain has thwarted attempted terrorist attacks in the last few weeks and faces the continued threat of a repeat of the deadly 7 July London bombings, the country's top police officer said.

Ian Blair, commissioner of London's Metropolitan Police, said the force needed greater powers to cope with "a new reality" in the wake of the attacks on the capital. "The sky is dark," Blair wrote in an article for the Sun newspaper on Wednesday. "Intelligence exists to suggest that other groups will attempt to attack Britain in the coming months." — MNA/Reuters

Rumsfeld says no UN access to Guantanamo inmates

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov — Spurning a request by UN human rights investigators, Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said on Tuesday the United States will not allow them to meet with detainees at the Guantanamo Prison for foreign terrorism suspects.

Rumsfeld also told a Pentagon news conference that prisoners at the US naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were staging a hunger strike that began in early August as a successful ploy to attract media attention.

The three UN investigators, including one who focuses on torture, said on Monday they would turn down an invitation extended by the Pentagon on Friday to visit Guantanamo unless they were permitted to interview the detainees. The invitation came nearly four years after the visits were first requested.

Rumsfeld said the US Government will not change its policy of giving such access to detainees only to the International Committee of the Red

Cross, a neutral body that keeps its findings confidential.

“There’s got to be a limit to how one does that,” Rumsfeld said of providing access to detainees.

“And the ICRC has been doing it for a great many years and has had complete and total access ever since Guantanamo was opened. And so we’re not inclined to add (to) the number of people that would be given that extensive access.”

The invitations went to Austria’s Manfred Nowak, special investigator on torture, Pakistan’s Asma Jahangir, who focuses on religious freedom, and Algeria’s Leila Zerrougui, who looks into arbitrary detention.

Human rights activists have criticized the United

States for the indefinite detention of the roughly 505 detainees held at Guantanamo. Former prisoners have stated they were tortured there, and the ICRC last year accused the US military of using tactics “tantamount to torture” on Guantanamo prisoners. The military has denied torture has occurred.

The UN investigators said they proposed a 6 December visit but would go only if permitted to talk to the prisoners.

Zerrougui said on Monday the UN investigators had never agreed to visit a place where they would not have full access to all detainees, and asked the United States to provide such access “in the spirit of compromise.”

MNA/Reuters



People look at the debris on 3 Nov, 2005 at 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

20 killed in attack on Iraq market

BAGHDAD, 3 Nov — A suicide car bomb killed more than 20 Iraqis and wounded about 60 in a town south of Baghdad yesterday, officials said. The suicide attack by Sunni-led guerillas occurred at 4.55 pm,

heavily damaging an area with an outdoor market, a restaurant, a mosque and a bus station in Musayyib, a mostly Shiite town about 60 kilometres (40 miles) south of Baghdad, said police captain Muthana Khalid.

The town suffered an even more brutal attack around the same area on 16 July, when a suicide bomber detonated explosives strapped to his body at a petrol station near the same mosque in Musayyib, blowing up a fuel tanker and killing nearly 100 people.

Yesterday’s blast appeared to target shoppers buying fruit and vegetables just before breaking their daily fast, observed during Ramadan. The market was particularly busy because Eid al-Fitr, the three-day holiday that concludes Ramadan, is about to begin. Last week at least 20 people were killed in the southern city of Basra after a car bomb went off in a market which was again packed with crowds visiting restaurants and enjoying one of the last evenings of the holy month of Ramadan. — Internet

Childhood cancer survivors face limitations

NEW YORK, 2 Nov — Long-term survivors of childhood cancers are likely to have difficulty with certain activities of daily living and to be generally limited in their physical capabilities, new research suggests.

While treatment for childhood cancers is known to cause functional limitations and impair activities of daily living, it has been unclear how the prevalence of these problems relates to cancer type and treatment received, the report indicates.

To investigate, Dr Kirsten K Ness, from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and colleagues analyzed data from 11,481 subjects who were diagnosed with a malignancy before 21 years of age and survived at least five years. The cancers included primary

brain cancer, leukemia, Hodgkin’s disease, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, kidney tumor, neuroblastoma, soft-tissue sarcoma or malignant bone tumour.

The subjects or their parents were surveyed to assess functional ability, and 3,839 unaffected siblings served as a comparison group.

Cancer survivors were 80 per cent more likely than their siblings to report performance limitations, the researchers’ report in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. In addition,

survivors were at least four times more likely to describe restricted ability to participate in personal care, routine activities, and to attend school or work.

The survivors most likely to report performance limitations, restrictions in routine activities, and difficulty in attending school or work were those with brain and bone cancers. Moreover, brain cancer survivors were more likely than other survivors to report impairments in performing personal

MNA/Reuters



A US soldier walks near the site of a car bomb blast in northern Iraq’s town of Kirkuk, on 2 November, 2005. A car bomb aiming at US consular vehicles exploded on Wednesday in Kirkuk, killing one civilian and wounding 8 others, police sources said. — INTERNET

Aircraft crashes in Vietnam, killing 3 crewmen

Hanoi, 4 Nov — A plane of Vietnam’s air force crashed in the country’s capital Hanoi Friday morning, killing all three crewmen on board.

The Poland-made aircraft M28 which fell down in Hanoi’s outlying Gia Lam District was smashed into pieces. The accident’s reasons are under investigation.

Vietnamese witnesses said that they had seen the aircraft, which was used for training purposes, violently descending and swinging before it plunged into a large grassland.

Local policemen and military forces have been mobilized to zone the area, collecting the plane’s pieces and corpses. The head of the imported aircraft was still buried under the ground. — MNA/Xinhua

Polish diplomat injured in embassy fire in Bangkok

BANGKOK, 2 Nov — A fire broke out at Poland’s Embassy in Bangkok, damaging part of the building and injured a diplomat, the *Thai News Agency* reported.

The Polish Embassy is located in Soi Sukhumvit 5 of Bangkok’s Watana District.

The incident took place at around 04:30 am when the blaze began to raze the premise’s third floor and spread to the fourth floor, where Polish diplomatic staff reside. The fire damaged the two floors of the rented five-storey building and caused a minor injury to a diplomatic official.

The official is reportedly suffering from a minor burn from the fire.

The blaze has already been under control.

An official investigation

by metropolitan police showed that the fire was caused by a short-circuit.

The incident took place just hours before the Polish Embassy to Thailand is scheduled to be moved to a new location, according to informed sources in the embassy. — MNA/Xinhua

Nigerian plane skids off runway

LAGOS, 2 Nov — A small passenger plane skidded off the runway after landing at Lagos airport on Tuesday, causing no injuries but fuelling concerns about air safety in Nigeria just days after 117 people died in a plane crash. The Associated Airlines aircraft carrying 20 people lost control as it landed in torrential rain, authorities said. — MNA/Reuters

National peace and stability and democracy transition benefiting each other, and gaining progress due to Tatmadaw government's efforts

Aung Moe San

Driven by their zeal to become an industrial country, the majority of newly independent developing nations of the post-World War II era tried to rebuild themselves with centralized programmes. But they fell far beyond their goals due to their wrong option of installing socialist system right away. They were in the process of exercising the centralized single party system.

From the angle of modern political science, they were trying to leapfrog an era of setting up a capitalist system. Within a period of 20 to 30 years, those nations were facing hardships in many aspects resulting from drastic fall in the economy.

Because of the dwindling situations they were facing, the existing governments, leaders and the peoples of those developing nations wanted changes.

But an unrest erupted in Myanmar, as the Burma Socialist Programme Party had no remedy to address the deteriorating situation, although it had found the source of the problem. As the Tatmadaw government knew both the source and remedial measures, it was able to overcome such a difficult situation.

After assumption of the State duties in 1988 due to unavoidable circumstances, the Tatmadaw government dissolved the socialist economy and the then political system, and since then it has adopted the market economy and has been building a democratic state in conformity with 12 political, economic and social objectives. First it strove to restore community peace and the rule of law, and then permitted legal existence of political parties. One of its significant achievements is in the sector of national consolidation as 17 armed groups have returned to the legal fold and are joining hands with it. The government held a free and fair election in 1990 to write a constitution, the top priority

requirement in the field of politics.

Sadly, the party that won the largest number of votes chose the policy of opposing and confronting the government, demanding the transfer of power without the existence of any constitution.

However, the government chose the way to national re-consolidation, and after reaching an agreement with the political parties, whose candidates had been elected, thorough coordination, held the National Convention representing the whole nation in 1993, with the aim of laying down basic principles. At the National Convention, delegates of national races were working hand in hand with elected representatives and delegates of political parties. But in 1996 before the completion of the Convention, the National League for Democracy boycotted and left it. Thus the Convention had to be adjourned.

Myanmar at present is achieving progress as never before, because of the endeavours for flourishing of the market economy and implementing of the multiparty democracy system. Local and foreign investments grow larger, and the domestic market gets sound links with ASEAN, Asian and international markets. Production, trade and services industries are developing and have reached the international level. The entire transport sector is seeing progress alongside the communication advancement in the nation witnessing the emergence of industrial zones and flourishing of border trade.

In addition, ASEAN-member Myanmar is extending cooperation with neighbouring and global countries, while enjoying infrastructure development in various sectors. The population of national entrepreneurs, middle class, academics and a new breed of advanced workers, the basic classes of the market economy, is also growing in the nation that is achieving unprecedented development and changes in all economic, political and social sectors.

The Tatmadaw government is winning greater cooperation with people from all walks of life. Some former armed groups that returned to the legal fold made unconditional exchange of arms for peace. The success and progress achieved due to the government's goodwill and sincerity have been chronicled in the book — Chronicle of National Development, Comparison between period preceding 1988 and after (up to 12-2-2005). The book includes the following tables comparing the nation's situations in 1988 and during the period up to 12 February 2005

- Development in the border areas and national races affairs sector.
- Development in the sector of drug elimination efforts.
- Development in the agricultural sector.
- Development in the livestock breeding and fishery sector.
- Development in forestry sector.
- Development in the regional greening sector.
- Development in the transport sector.
- Development in the communication sector.
- Development in the electric power sector.
- Development in the industrial sector.
- Development in the energy sector.
- Development in the education sector.
- Development in the science and technology sector.
- Development in the health sector.
- Development in the sector of development affairs.
- Development in the sector of roads and bridges.
- Development in the sector of information and public relations sector.

According to the law of social science, the truth can be sought in the objective conditions and the developments today give witness to the degree of progress the nation has achieved during the administration of the Tatmadaw government. As the nation is witnessing progress to that degree at present, the government has laid down and is implementing the seven-point Road Map.

The government resumed the National Convention in accord with to the Road Map that was laid down in 2003. The Convention has been laying down basic principles for drawing a constitution. Hence, a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation will emerge in accord with the Road Map. Thanks to the government's efforts, the national peace and stability and the democracy transition are benefiting each other, and both are gaining progress.

(Translation: TMT)

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Education sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of basic education in the time of Tatmadaw Government



Basic Education High School seen in Mongla.

Increase in number of school, teacher and student in border areas

Education is the main driving force in every step of national development. Therefore, the government, with national vision, is striving for development of the education sector and is creating the educational opportunities in the urban as well as rural areas.

In the past, border areas lagged behind in development due to the weakness in promoting education there. In the time of the Tatmadaw government, the Central Committee and the Work Committee for implementing border areas and national races development projects have been formed to pay attention to border area development tasks. In the education sector of border areas, educational development tasks have been carried out in 19 regions.

In the drive for development of the

education sector of border areas, basic education schools have been opened, literacy courses conducted, reading corners opened, stipends provided to students and cash assistance extended to teachers discharging their duties there.

In 58 townships of border areas, 25 middle schools have been upgraded into high schools and teachers graduated from the University for Development of National Races have been assigned duties in their own regions.

Nowadays, people living in border areas have been witnessing fruits of education development projects. The table shows increase in the number of schools, teachers and students in the time of Tatmadaw government in border areas.

Increase in number of school, teacher and student in border areas

Sr	State/Division	1988			2005		
		Number of School	Number of Teacher	Number of Student	Number of School	Number of Teacher	Number of Student
1	Kachin	-	-	-	198	747	24055
2	Kayah	-	-	-	41	225	9524
3	Kayin	-	-	-	60	460	20043
4	Chin	-	-	-	34	232	5467
5	Sagaing	-	-	-	98	396	13885
6	Taninthayi	-	-	-	33	152	4827
7	Mandalay	-	-	-	1	2	28
8	Mon	-	-	-	39	452	15368
9	Rakhine	-	-	-	69	466	13818
10	Shan (South)	-	-	-	94	743	22406
11	Shan (North)	-	-	-	234	825	26489
12	Shan (East)	-	-	-	133	569	15010
	Total	-	-	-	1034	5269	170920

Increase in number of school in border areas

Subject	1988	2005
High school	-	91
Middle school	-	90
Primary school	-	853
Total	-	1034

Increase in number of teacher in border areas

Subject	1988	2005
High school	-	899
Middle school	-	1841
Primary school	-	2529
Total	-	5269

Increase in number of student in border areas

Subject	1988	2005
High school	-	12704
Middle school	-	52461
Primary school	-	105755
Total	-	170920

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Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back General Soe Win who attended...

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 Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein

Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command, ministers, senior military offices, Charge d'Affaires ai of the Thai Embassy

Mr Opas Chantarasap, departmental heads and officials.

Members of the delegation Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and departmental heads also arrived back on the same flight.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win being welcomed by Thai charge d'affaires ai Mr Opas Chantarasap and officials at Yangon International Airport.

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The first ACMECS meeting took place in accordance with the approval on forming of business councils in respective nations for ensuring participation of the private sector in implementing the economic strategic goals.

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 Prime Minister General Soe Win arrived at the Santi Maitri Building in Bangkok at 5.55 pm local time where he was

ters of Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam.

At the meeting, representatives of respective Business Councils of the ACMECS member nations

UMFCCI Vice-President U Win Aung discussed the role of the private sector in the tasks for the development of human resources and industrial sector for re-

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Prime Minister General Soe Win and heads of government of ACMECS member countries hold discussions with businessmen. — MNA

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deal with participation of private sector in trade and agriculture sectors for the development.

gional development.

The heads of the government assessed the reports.

the meeting of heads of government of ACMECS member countries held in 2003.

participation of the private sector in implementing the economic strategic goals.

He said it is hearten-

sector makes progress, will a nation be able to enjoy development. The state-owned sector and private sector have to share difficulties and benefits they gain while cooperating.

The matters the private sector presented such as international trade, payments, and issuing of certificates on hygiene have been included in the trade and investment of ASEAN and GMS.

He stressed the importance of close cooperation of the ACMECS members for their goods to gain a foothold in international market, and economic development.

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Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra extends greetings at the dinner. — MNA



Importance of close cooperation of the ACMECS...

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After the meeting, the heads of the governments ACMECS members and businessmen representatives posed for documentary photos.

Prime Minister General Soe Win and party observed Thai traditional artistic works displayed at the Santi Maitri Building.

In the evening, Dr Thaksin Shinawatra hosted a dinner in honour of the heads of governments and parties at Santi Maitri Building.

The Thai Prime Minister extended greetings.

During the dinner, those present were entertained with songs and Thai traditional dance variety.

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Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra hosts a dinner to ACMECS member heads of government. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win and party...

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bouquet to Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Next, Myanmar Ambassador U Ye Win and wife Daw Ei Ei Khaing, Military Attaché Col Tin Soe and wife Daw San San Win, staff of the Embassy and the Military Attaché's Office and family members welcomed the Prime Minister and party.

Afterwards, the Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Soe Win left in a motorcade for Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok Hotel in Thailand.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win being bade farewell by Thai ministers at Dunmong International Airport. — MNA



Prime Minister meets with staff of Myanmar Embassy in Thailand

YANGON, 4 Nov — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win met with embassy staff at Myanmar Embassy in Thailand on 2 November evening.

At the meeting, the prime minister said Myanmar has promoted

mutual trust, respect, sympathy and friendship with other nations and is making efforts to enhance cordial relations with them while striving to expand mutual cooperation with added momentum. Hence, the nation is achieving success

in expanding her scope of international relations.

Myanmar can still firmly stand with dignity thanks to the stand, sympathy and understanding of friendly nations despite the pressures of some quarters with unclear view on Myanmar.

Under the leadership of the Head of State, Myanmar has achieved development in education, health and social fields as well as economic growth in addition to progress in international affairs. The government has been build-

ing infrastructures that are necessary for development of the country, he added.

In his concluding remarks, the prime minister said, the staff of the embassy are to enhance their efforts to extend cooperation in various

fields and to strengthen existing friendly relations with Thailand.

After the meeting, Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially greeted the staff of the embassy and presented gifts to them.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win meets with staff and family members of Myanmar Embassy and Office of Military Attaché in Bangkok, Thailand.— MNA

Commander inspects development tasks in Lashio

YANGON, 4 Nov — A coordination meeting for the promotion of tasks of Shan State (North)'s Development Affairs Committee took place at the meeting hall of Lashio Township Development Affairs Committee office on 31 October. It was attended by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council, Commander of North East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Secretary of the State Lt-Col Kyaw Shwe and departmental officials, officials of State, District and Township Development Affairs Committee and engineers.

First, Director U Kyi Myint of Shan State (North)'s Development Affairs Committee explained matters related to development affairs in the State and water supply tasks, construction of roads in urban and rural areas.

After attending to the needs, the commander called the officials on actively participation in regional development tasks and the meeting ended.

The commander and those present then went to Pyidaungsu Kanthaya Natural Park and planted shady trees there.

The commander then inspected newly constructed lake for drinking water and nursing of saplings in the park, and gave necessary instructions to the officials. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing also oversaw thriving Shin Shweli paddy strain fields of local regiment in Lashio and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

Post-primary school to be built in Ywathagyi, Dagon Myothit (South)

YANGON, 4 Nov—The stake-driving ceremony for building a post-primary school was held in Ywathagyi, Dagon Myothit (South), Yangon East District, this morning.

It will be built jointly by Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association and Shonan Association for Building School House in Myanmar.

USDA CEC Member Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin briefed those present on the purpose of the building.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe drove stake No 1 and sprinkled scented water on it.



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe drives a stake in the stake-driving ceremony for building a post-primary school.—MNA

The mayor, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, wellwisher Mr Hisao Yoshida (Shonan Asso-

ciation for Building School in Myanmar) drove stake numbers 2 to 4 and sprinkled scented water on them.

On completion, the one-storey facility will be 30 feet long and 20 feet wide with five units.

MNA

Commander meets specialists from field-trip medical team in Mongpyin

YANGON, 4 Nov— Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council and Commander of Triangle Region Command, gave instructions to Tatmadawmen and family members of Mongpyin Station at its hall in Mongpyin on 31 October.

At Mongpyin Township Union Solidarity and Development Association Office, the commander heard reports on the field trip of medical teams to provide health care services to the

people in Shan State (East).

Patron of Shan State (East) WAO and Chairperson of Shan State MCWSC Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and officials reported on matters related to field trips of the medical teams.

Next, the commander and wife provided K 10,000 to a disabled girl.

The medical team comprising five specialists gave medical treatment to about 250 local people in Mongpyin Township.

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NCC Management Committee holds coord meeting

YANGON, 4 Nov — The work coordination meeting of the National Convention Convening Management Committee was held at the meeting hall of the committee at Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, this afternoon.

Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung in his address

said that the NC is going to resume on 5 December 2005. He called on members of respective subcommittees to make necessary preparations as from now. Chairmen of subcommittees and secretaries, and officials reported on their respective sectors. In their response, Vice-Chairmen of the Management Committee Maj-Gen Than Htay and Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu reviewed the

reports, and the meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by Chairman Maj-Gen Lun Maung. The NCC Management Committee Chairman together with the Vice-Chairmen, chairmen of subcommittees and officials viewed around the preparatory tasks at the buildings, hostels and meeting halls, and beautifying tasks at environs of the camp.—MNA

Rules for Armed Forces Day commemorative poem contest announced

YANGON, 4 Nov — Hailing the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day which falls on 27 March 2006, Poem Contest Organizing Sub-committee under the Poem and Arts Competition Organizing Work Committee, chaired by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, has announced that the Poem Contest will be held to mark the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

The contestants can portray objectives of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day, matters related to objectives of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day, 12 fine traditions of the Tatmadaw, 10 Strengths of the Tatmadaw, historic endeavours of ancient Myanmar Tatmadaw, Burma Independence Army, Burma Defence Army and Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) in safeguarding

the State, and nation-building endeavours of the State Peace and Development Council after 1988 Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of National Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty. The poem contest will be divided into two. There will be two events at the level-1—the long poem and the short poem.

Those who have won first, second or third prizes in the Poem Contest to mark the Armed Forces Day and the National Motto Contest, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Contest and the poem contest of the Pakokku Ohn Pe Literary Award winners may participate in level-1 and those who did not win the prize may take part in the level-2.

One contestant may take part in one level only. The short poem must be between 100 and 300

stanzas and the long one between 1,000 and 2,000 stanzas. The entries must be in line with the rules.

The poem must be written on one side of paper and the three copies of the entry must be submitted.

And, the entry must be attached with the name of the contestant, pen-name, names of parents, education, occupation and address together with three 2" x 2.5" size colour photos. The entry must be own creation and has not featured in any publication yet.

The entries are to be sent to Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Retd) (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe), Chief Editor, Naingngan Gonyi Literacy House, Sarpay Beikman, 529/530, Merchant Street, here, Tel: 374532, not later than 31-1-2006.—MNA

Over 2,000 British patients die due to mistakes

LONDON, 4 Nov— Over 2,000 patients died in British hospitals last year because of accidents and errors, about half of which could have been avoided if lessons from previous accidents had been learned, a report said on Thursday.

There were just under 1 million patient safety incidents or near misses in 2004/2005 which were estimated to cost the National Health Service (NHS) some 2 billion pounds annually in extra bed days, the National Audit Office (NAO) said. The spending watchdog said that many incidents — that range from patient falls to patients being given the wrong medication — still went unreported and that the number of people injured or killed could be much higher.

“Other estimates of deaths range from 840 to 34,000 but, in reality, the NHS simply does not know,” the report said.

Among other common safety incidents were equipment-related errors and problems over documentation and communication failures.

“It is the clear volume of these cases which is worrying, 1 million incidents a year, and even more concerning that half of them could have been prevented if there had been proper reporting proce-

dures,” Edward Leigh, the MP who chairs the Committee of Public Accounts told BBC Radio.

Last year health trusts recorded 2,081 deaths as a result of patient safety incidents and the watchdog’s head John Bourn said more must be done to reduce unintentional harm. “Lessons and solutions must be better evaluated and shared by all organizations with a role in keeping patients safe,” Bourn said in a statement.

The NAO report said despite progress by health professionals, there remains

significant room for improvement and for a clear system to monitor that lessons are learnt and mistakes not repeated. Part of the problem appeared to be a culture of blame that pervades many hospitals, which made it hard for staff to report problems. Patients involved in safety lapses were often not informed. The watchdog said that only a quarter of NHS Trusts routinely told patients they had been involved in a reported incident and that 6 per cent never told patients.

MNA/Reuters

Thai PM meets senior CPC official

BANGKOK, 3 Nov— Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra here on Wednesday met with Liu Yunshan, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, and they exchanged views on friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Thaksin, chairman of the ruling Thai Rak Thai (TRT) Party, spoke highly of the friendly exchanges between his party and the CPC.

He said exchanges between the two parties are an important component part of the overall friendly relations and cooperation between Thailand and China.

Liu, also member of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee and

head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, stressed the importance of good-neighbourliness and friendly relations between the two countries.

He said the relations between China and Thailand are now better than ever before and that the bilateral cooperation should expand further in the political, economic, cultural and other fields.

MNA/Xinhua

Bangladeshi police seizes bombs, explosives ahead of SAARC summit

DHAKA, 4 Nov— Bangladeshi police has seized powerful explosives parcelled to the Islamist militants of the banned Jamaatul Mujahedin Bangladesh (JMB) in western Rajshahi and six powerful bombs and bomb-making materials in southeastern Bangladesh ahead of the 13th Summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

“Don’t worry. We are well prepared to hold the SAARC Summit. We are ready to face any situation,” a senior police officer said Thursday demanding not be named.

The officer said, “We have put a fool-proof security ring in the capital and elsewhere. Over 65,000 security forces and defence personnel are in the streets of the capital Dhaka to curb any attempt of terrorist act,” the police officer told *Xinhua*.

“We are confident we can face any situation for peaceful holding of the summit,” the officer added.

South Asian nations have decided to go ahead with the summit of the twice postponed economic forum, which groups Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, de-

spite threats of Islamist militants of JMB. JMB was blamed for country-wide bombing on 17 August in the country which left three people killed and over 150 others injured.

The officer said police has been placed under high alert for which they were

able to recover the powerful explosives sent to JMB militants in western Rajshahi, 268 kilometres from the capital and six bombs and bomb-making materials in southeastern Bandarban and tourist resort town of Cox’s Bazar on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia plans to export more “Tu-204-120-S” planes to China

MOSCOW, 4 Nov— Russia is planning to export 10 more Tu-204-120-S planes, powered with Rolls-Royce engines, to China, a Russian Government source said Wednesday.

“We can do this under the contract to export five Tu-204-120-S planes to China, signed in 2001, and the issue is likely to be negotiated during Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov’s visit to China beginning on 3 No-

vember,” the source was quoted by *Interfax* news agency as saying.

According to the source, all financial procedures of the deal on exporting five planes to China have been done. The first plane is expected to be delivered to China in September 2006 and the second one in December, followed by the third, fourth and fifth in 2007, the source said.

MNA/Xinhua



Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz (R) distributes money to earthquake survivors who lost their homes during his visit to a refugee camp in Islamabad on 4 November, 2005. —INTERNET

“Kai-Tak” death toll rises to 24 in central Vietnam

HANOI, 4 Nov— Typhoon Kai-Tak has killed 24 people, including a Filipino, and injured 14 others in Vietnam’s central region, *Youth* newspaper reported Thursday. Quang Nam Province suffered the most human loss with 11 deaths, including the 49-year-old Filipino, who worked for a local mining company. Seven deaths were reported from Quang Ngai Province, four from Thua Thien Hue Province, one from Da Nang City and one from Quang Tri Province.

The typhoon which started hitting the region on Tuesday morning also damaged about 7,500 houses, inundated thousands of hectares of rice and subsidiary crops, and made 26 boats sink.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam-China e-trading floor launched

LAO CAI PROVINCE (Vietnam), 3 Nov— An electronic trading floor, which offers on-line transaction tools and trade-related data to enterprises, especially those in Vietnam and China, was launched here Wednesday.

The establishment of the e-trading floor will facilitate trade and investment in Vietnam and China, especially their border localities, helping the construction of e-commerce systems in northern Lao Cai Province, said Nguyen Ngoc Kim, vice-chairman of the provincial People’s Committee at the launching ceremony.

Over 300 Vietnamese and Chinese have registered to participate in the floor which is written in Vietnamese, Chinese and English. The floor allows users to conduct on-line transactions, and access information about trade and investment in Vietnam, China and many other countries. Vietnam’s import and

export tumovers with China via the Lao Cai international border gate are estimated at 400 million US dollars this year, up more than 33.3 per cent against last year, Kim said.

Economic and trade relations between the two countries have gained encouraging results in recent years with China having become Vietnam’s biggest trading partner, and Chinese statistics show the two-way trade reached 6.74 billion dollars in 2004, an all time high.

In early 2004, the leaders of Vietnam and China set the target of posting two-way trade at five billion dollars in 2005 and 10 billion dollars in 2010. MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi soldiers search a man’s house for weapons in a Sunni village near Balad, 80 kilometres (50 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on Thursday, 3 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

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Air NZ flight lands safely after nose wheel problem

AUCKLAND, 3 Nov—An Air New Zealand Boeing 767 landed Wednesday without problems following a low level emergency, according to local media report.

NZPA said the aircraft, with 145 passengers on board, had a nose wheel problem and it circled the airport before it landed. The aircraft was believed to have damaged the nose wheel on takeoff from Hong Kong.

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Seven illegal immigrants die after boat sinking off Turkey

ANKARA 3 Nov—Seven people died in the Aegean Sea after a boat carrying illegal immigrants capsized off Turkey's western coast, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Wednesday.

The boat carrying a group of illegal immigrants from Greece sank off shores of the Cesme Town of Turkey's Izmir Province and bodies of the seven were found later, said the report.

According to the report, while receiving the "Mayday" signal sent by the ill-fated boat, Turkish Coast Guard teams rushed to the scene and rescued four illegal immigrants.

But it was not immediately clear the exact number of immigrants aboard the

boat and rescuers are still trying to look for possible survivors.

Turkey has often been used as a springboard by illegal immigrants from the Mideast and Asian

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Australia receives intelligence about possible terror attack

CANBERRA, 3 Nov—Australian Prime Minister John Howard said here on Wednesday that the government has received recently intelligence about a potential terrorist threat in Australia.

"The government has received specific intelligence from police information this week, which gives cause for serious concern about a potential terrorist threat," Howard said at a Press conference in Canberra.

"I do not intend, and cannot, go into any of the operational details. We have seen material, it is a cause for concern," he said.

Howard made the statement at a time when an amendment to the country's anti-terrorism laws was introduced to the Parliament.

The statement also came just after Australian Security Intelligence (ASIO) in its annual report publicly outlined the

threats to Australia.

ASIO said that some of the extremists it has been investigating were born in Australia.

Howard said the amendment to existing counter-terrorism laws would allow authorities to deal with the threat.

The federal government will press for its approval through Wednesday evening at the Parliament before recalling the Senate on Thursday to pass it into law.

After terrorist attacks in London last July, Australia became the only one in core countries in the US-led coalition forces in Iraq which has never experienced a major attack on home soil.

MNA/Xinhua

Two thirds of foreign businesses in China make profits

HAIKOU, 3 Nov—Two thirds of foreign businesses in China have made profits and two fifths of multinational enterprises in China have reported a profit margin larger than their global average, a leading Chinese entrepreneur said here Wednesday.

"China has become a platform of production and sale for foreign investors, which in turn have gained huge returns from China," said Chen Jinhua, president

of the Chinese Association of Entrepreneurs and also president of the Chinese Federation of Enterprises.

He made the remarks at the 19th Annual Conference of the International Network of Private Business Organizations (INPBO) that closed on Wednesday in Haikou, capital of China's southernmost province of Hainan. "Foreign investors in China remitted profits worth 250 billion US dollars to respective countries in the 1990-2004 period," Chen said.

According to statistics from the Chinese Association of Entrepreneurs, China has approved more than 557,600 foreign businesses involving total investment of 600 billion US dollars by the end of last September.

Among the top 500 global enterprises, 450 have invested in China and more than 30 multinational enterprises

have set up regional headquarters and 750 research and development centres in China.

In 2004 alone, foreign enterprises have sold 400 billion US dollar-worth of products on Chinese market and exported 350 billion US dollars-worth of China-made products to global market.

Chen said that China would continue its basic policy of opening-up and continue to make effective use foreign investment. "I believe these measures will provide new and broader opportunities for foreign investors," he said.

The 19th INPBO Annual Conference was jointly sponsored by the China (Hainan) Reform and Development Institute, the Hainan Provincial Government and the Chinese Association of Entrepreneurs.

MNA/Xinhua

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China to build own spiral bevel gear digital product line

CHANGSHA, 3 Nov— China has established its own spiral bevel gear digital product line, making it the third country in the world to have such digital product lines after the United States and Germany.

The digital product line debuted in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province on Tuesday. It took China almost two generations to develop the spiral bevel gear technology," said Zeng Tao, professor of the Central South University, who devoted more than 30 years in the study of the technology.

manufacturers in the world, China has been depending on foreign technology in the field of spiral bevel gear production.

Wu Bailin from the China Machine Tool and Tool Builders Association said the new product line marked a major breakthrough against the American and Germany monopoly in this field.

imported equipment which usually costs more than 10 million yuan (about 1.2 million US dollars) per machine, the home-developed new technology has a very competitive cost of production. It costs more than 4 million yuan (about 486,000 US dollars) each and is expected to have remarkable market return, Wu said.

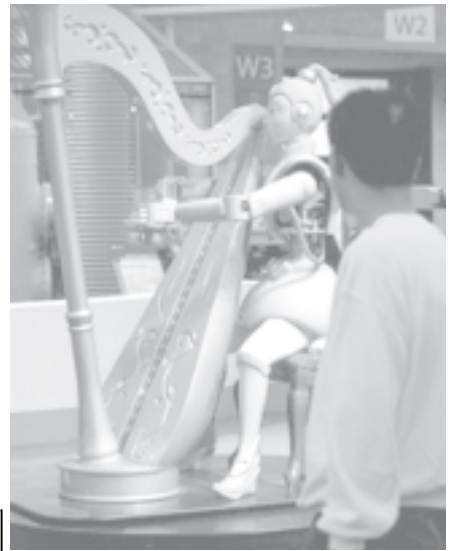
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A visitor looks at a robot playing a harp at Shanghai International Industry Fair on Friday, 4 Nov, 2005 in Shanghai, China. The exhibition is showcasing the industrial achievements that have helped power China's breakneck economic growth, which has topped 9 percent for more than two years running.

INTERNET



Climate change linked to rise in malaria, asthma

NEW YORK, 3 Nov— Climate change may promote the spread of deadly diseases like malaria and asthma in both rich and poor countries by increasing the range of parasitic insects and whipping up dust from storms, a new report says.

As climates warm, malaria is becoming more common in the traditionally cool mountains of Africa, Asia and Latin America where 10 percent of the world's people live, said Dr Paul Epstein, the lead author of "Climate Change Futures."

"Colonizers escaped (to mountainous areas) to avoid the swamps that

bred malaria. Those areas are no longer safe," Epstein told reporters upon presenting the study, noting that malaria cases have quadrupled in the past 10 years and kill 3,000 African babies a day.

Epstein, of the Harvard Medical School, wrote the report in collaboration with reinsurer Swiss Re and the United

Nations Development Programme. The report warned that "malaria could suddenly swell in developed nations, especially in those areas now bordering the margins of current transmission."

Scientists believe greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) released by cars and utilities burning fossil fuels,

lead to climate change by trapping the sun's heat in the atmosphere. That can lead to rising seas that may cause flooding and stronger storms.

Rising temperatures increase the range of the mosquitoes and ticks that carry maladies like malaria, West Nile virus and Lyme disease, the study said.—MNA/Reuters

California man becomes owner of world's most valuable coins

LOS ANGELES, 3 Nov— A California man has become the owner of the world's most valuable and famous set of rare coins, which he purchased for a record 8.5 million US dollars, according to a local media report on Wednesday.

The coins, originally given in 1836 as a diplomatic gift on behalf of the then US President Andrew Jackson to the King of Siam — now Thailand — was purchased on Tuesday by

Steven L Contursi, president of Rare Coin Wholesalers, the Los Angeles-based City News Service reported. The seller was described as a US West Coast business executive who paid more than 4 million dollars four years ago for the 10 19th century copper, silver and gold coins, which have a face value of less than 19 dollars.

"I watched this extraordinary King of Siam coin set sell at two auctions over the years, and I always wanted to own it because it's a national treasure," Contursi said. "It is history, adventure and artistic beauty".

MNA/Xinhua

Website opens to promote traditional Chinese medicine

BEIJING, 3 Nov— China's watchdog for traditional herbal medicine opened here Tuesday an official website to promote the county's thousand-year long herbal medicine services.

The website provides detailed information on renowned herbalist doctors, research organizations and institutes of traditional Chinese medicine.

"Many patients want to seek help from traditional Chinese medicine therapies but do not know where to locate helpful information," said Li Zhenji, vice-chairman of China Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (CFCMS), who praised the medicine as having unique advantages.

Titled "Famous & Prominent Doctors in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) in China Portal", the website is expected to help patients through making available detailed information on 168 institutes of provincial or above levels as well as 2,319 experienced doctors. "People can find on the website reliable information on tradi-

tional Chinese medicine that boasts the widest range," said Li, claiming that the website will also be a powerful channel for international exchanges on traditional Chinese medicine.

MNA/Xinhua

More Vietnamese people use Internet

HANOI, 3 Nov— Vietnam had roughly 8.6 million Internet users, or nearly 10.4 per cent of its population, by early last month, compared with the respective figures of 5.5 million and 6.8 per cent in early October 2004.

Of the 8.6 million users, nearly 2.3 million are subscribers, many of whom use broadband Internet services, the Vietnam Internet Network Information Centre told Xinhua Wednesday, noting that the country's total international bandwidth currently stands at 2,997 magabites per sec-

ond. Under Vietnam's strategy on developing information technology (IT) and telecommunications, every 100 residents will have 32-42 telephones, over 10 personal computers, and 8-12 Internet subscribers, and 30 per cent of them will use broadband Internet services, by 2010.

Vietnam's IT industry has posted high growth rates in recent years. Its IT market stood at 685 million US dollars in 2004, up 33 per cent against 2003.

Specifically, the hardware market grew 32.9 per cent, and the software and service market 33.3 per cent.—MNA/Xinhua



A hostess holds the new Nokia N80 mobile phone during a Nokia conference in Barcelona's Palau de Congressos, on 3 November, 2005.—INTERNET

Beijing sees more blue sky in first ten months

BEIJING, 3 Nov— As of 31 October, Beijing has seen 202 days of blue sky, 15 days more than the same period last year, said the source with the municipal Environmental Protection Bureau here Wednesday.

"In October, the cold air in Beijing created favourable conditions for the diffusion of pollutants, so that the air quality in Beijing's urban areas was good," said Wang Xiaoming, an official with the bureau. Though fog in mid and later October partially affected the air quality,

citizens of Beijing still enjoyed 19 days with blue sky in the past month, seven days more than last October.

The official said the bureau launched its air pollution prevention programme in early October to improve air quality in the autumn and winter. —MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



The 16 multihulls enrolled in the 2005 Jacques Vabre Transat between Le Havre in France and Salvador de Bahia in Brazil are seen in Le Havre harbour, western France on 4 November, 2005. The multihull race starts on 6 November, 2005. —INTERNET

Wenger fights his corner as Arsenal qualify in style

LONDON, November 3 — Arsene Wenger momentarily concentrated on Arsenal's commanding 3-0 Champions League win over Sparta Prague on Wednesday, before returning to his ongoing verbal feud with Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho.

Wenger praised his team's attacking performance against the Czechs saying they "always looked dangerous" despite needing two late goals from substitute Robin van Persie to make the scoreline fully reflect Arsenal's overall superiority.

But he claimed he had been misquoted over remarks about the Mourinho who on Saturday accused him of acting like a vo-year obsessed by Chelsea and coveting his job at Stamford Bridge. Wenger responded to those re-

marks and more on Tuesday when he said he was considering taking action against Mourinho, but he also claimed that sections of the media had misquoted his comments about the Portuguese boss of the English champions.

"I just think if you give support to stupid people it makes them more stupid sometimes, not more intelligent," Wenger had told reporters on Tuesday.

Fiercely defending his corner, the Frenchman was asked after the match at Highbury on Wednes-

day whether he had been contacted by the English Football Association over the feud.

"I don't know what the FA plan to do," said Wenger. "I don't know what I have done wrong. I have not offended anyone."

"But if I am misquoted that I called him (Mourinho) stupid, then that is not right. I am making the point here, I did not say that, I know exactly what I said and what I meant by what I said and I never said that."

MNA/Reuters

Bolton beat Zenit St Petersburg 1-0 in UEFA Cup

LONDON, 4 Nov — Kevin Nolan scored the only goal as Bolton beat Zenit St. Petersburg 1-0 on Thursday to boost their chances of reaching the knockout stage of the UEFA Cup.

Nolan reacted first after Stelios Giannakopoulos' close-range shot had been smothered by Kamil Contofalsky.

Chances for both sides were limited on a rain-sodden pitch which did little to encourage free-flowing football.

Jussi Jaaskelainen had to save from Igor Denisov and Andrei Arshavin late on as Zenit pushed for an equalizer.

But while they may not have fashioned many chances, Zenit deserve credit for a positive approach in awful conditions. Keeper Jaaskelainen had to be alert early on as the Russian team made several early breaks.

But Bolton should have scored first as Kevin Davies twice squandered chances to put them ahead on the quarter-hour mark. First he headed wide from Nolan's cross, then two minutes later blazed over as he charged into the area with only Kamil Contofalsky to beat. —MNA/Xinhua

Corinthians keep six-point lead as rivals falter

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 Nov — Internacional missed the chance to close the gap on Brazilian championship leaders Corinthians on Thursday when they lost 3-1 to Parana.

Internacional, who have 65 points from 36 games, stayed six points behind Corinthians in second place and ahead of Fluminense on the number of games won.

Corinthians had themselves lost 2-1 at Cruzeiro the night before, handing their rivals an excellent chance to reduce the gap.

Instead, Parana took control with goals by midfielder Sandro either side of halftime.

He fired home from the edge of the area after Internacional lost possession in the 45th minute, then scored from a free kick which took a deflection off the defensive wall early in the second half.

Fernando headed Internacional back into the match in the 75th minute but Fernando Gauchao restored Parana's two-goal lead, heading home from a corner with four minutes to go.

MNA/Reuters

Ferguson backs players, blames pitch after Lille defeat

PARIS, 3 Nov — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson backed his players despite another poor performance in the 1-0 defeat by Lille in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Ferguson preferred to blame the Stade de France pitch to explain a loss that adds to United's woes four days after they were thrashed 4-1 by Middlesbrough in the Premier League.

"It was a difficult game. The pitch was poor," said Ferguson, who declined to shake hands with his Lille counterpart Claude Puel at the final whistle. "I don't think we deserved to lose but we did not play well enough to win," he added.

United are now level on five points with Lille in Group D, one behind Villareal who beat Benfica 1-0 to top the group.

"We will certainly have

to win the game against Villareal," said Ferguson, who will welcome back midfielder Paul Scholes from suspension.

"I think my players tried their best. They had a good attitude ahead of the game. They are young, they are inexperienced. You have to trust your young players but you can't expect them to change things."

United's Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy said qualification for the last 16 could hinge on the game against Villareal.

"That's a massive game now," van Nistelrooy told Sky Sports. "It's a hard period we are going through right now. But it's still in

our own hands."

United travel to Stamford Bridge on Sunday to play runaway Premier League leaders Chelsea, whom they trail by 13 points.

"It's going to be a difficult task. But the pitch will be better," added Ferguson.

Lille coach Puel said his team deserved to win.

"We had a great game tonight. We have been improving throughout the competition," he said.

"Manchester United can be disappointed but we deserved to win."

MNA/Reuters

Middlesbrough beat Dnipro 3-0 in UEFA Cup

LONDON 4 Nov — Striker Mark Viduka scored twice as Middlesbrough moved three points clear at the top of UEFA Cup Group D after thrashing Ukraine side Dnipro 3-0 on Thursday.

Yakubu gave Boro a first-half lead, exchanging passes with Gaizka Mendietta, before side-footing the ball home.

Early in the second half Viduka extended Boro's lead, arrowing the ball into the net with a powerful shot.

Six minutes later Viduka claimed his second after Artem Kusliy was unable to hold James Morrison's fierce shot.

The only disappointment for Boro was that so few fans showed up at The Riverside following Saturday's 4-1 win over Manchester United, the huge swathes of unfilled seats giving the game something of a funeral atmosphere. —MNA/Reuters.

Steaua Bucharest held 0-0 by Sampdoria

ROME, 4 Nov — Former European champions Steaua Bucharest were held to a 0-0 draw by Serie A side Sampdoria in the UEFA Cup in Genoa on Thursday.

Aiming for a second successive victory after sweeping aside French side Lens 4-0 in their opening Group C match, Steaua failed to capitalize on plenty of first-half possession.

Midfielder Banel Nicolita went close to opening the scoring for Steaua when he shot narrowly wide on the half hour mark.

MNA/Reuters.

Senna strike hands Villarreal win in Lisbon

LISBON, 3 Nov — Brazilian midfielder Marcos Senna thumped in a long-range winner eight minutes from time to hand Villarreal a 1-0 win at Benfica in Champions League Group D on Wednesday.

The victory lifted the Spanish side top of the group on six points after four matches, well-placed to reach the last 16 in their first season in the competition. Senna let fly from 30 metres and scored despite Benfica keeper Rui Nereu's best efforts, the inexperienced teenager getting his fingertips to his powerful shot. Injuries had ruled out first choice keeper Jose Moreira and his deputy Quim Silva.

MNA/Reuters



Taiwan's Chiang Feng-chun (R) lays up in front of teammate Lin Hui-mei (C) and South Korea's Sin Jung-ja during the women's basketball semi-finals at the East Asian Games in Macau, China, on 4 Nov, 2005. Taiwan won 69-57. —INTERNET

ICRC seeks access to all terrorism suspects held by US

GENEVA, 4 Nov — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) called on Thursday for access to all foreign terrorism suspects held by the United States after a report of a covert CIA prison system for al-Qaeda captives.

The Washington Post said on Wednesday the CIA had been hiding and interrogating inmates at a secret facility in Eastern Europe, among so-called "black sites" in eight countries under a global network set up after the 11 September, 2001 attacks.

"We are concerned at the fate of an unknown number of people captured as part of the so-called global war on terror and held at undisclosed places of detention," Antonella Notari, chief ICRC spokeswoman, told Reuters in response to a question.

"Access to detainees is an important humanitarian priority for the ICRC and a logical continuation of our current work in Afghanistan, Iraq and Guantanamo Bay," she added.

Also in Geneva, the United Nations' Human Rights Committee said it had received two letters and a report from the United States which it hoped would address the issue of detainees being held outside the country.

"It was in our request to the United States. We are going to see how they answer," committee chairwoman Christine Chanet for France told journalists, saying the committee had yet to study the documents.

The European Commission said on Thursday it would look into media reports naming two East European countries as allowing the CIA (US Central Intelligence Agency) to hold al-Qaeda suspects outside of any national or international legal jurisdiction. Friso Roscam Abbing, spokesman for

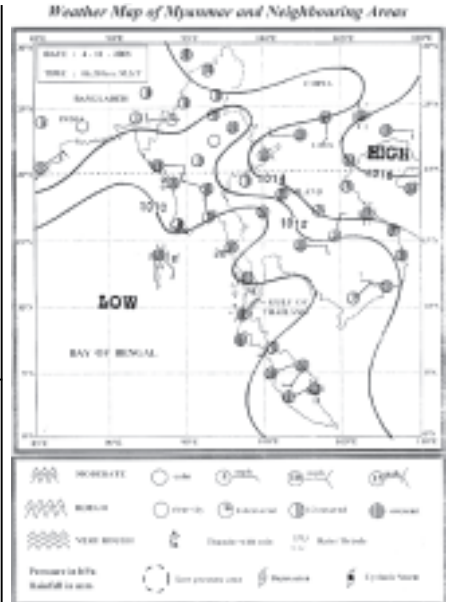
European Justice and Security Commissioner Franco Frattini, said the EU executive would check the reports with Poland, a new member state, and Romania, which is due to join the European Union in 2007. The US-based campaign or-

ganization Human Rights Watch said earlier it had indications the two were hosting CIA prisons.

Both denied the allegations on Thursday and the Commission's Abbing said it had no knowledge of any such prisons at present.—MNA/Reuters



South Korean military engineers carry part of a temporary bridge at a rescue drill in Seoul on 4 November, 2005. More than 1,000 members of civilians and rescue workers took part in the drill for possible natural disaster. — INTERNET



WEATHER

Thursday, 4 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Taninthayi Division and isolated in Yangon Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5°C) below normal in Chin State and (3°C) above normal in Shan State, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) above normal in Kachin State and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (0.79) inch and Coco Island (0.43) inch and Myeik (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 3-11-2005 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 4-11-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 4-11-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 3-11-2005 was (7.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 4-11-2005 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 (4) mph from North at (23:20) hours MST on 3-11-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 5-11-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).


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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of rain or thundershowers in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-11-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-11-2005: Generally fair weather.

Weather outlook for second weekend of November 2005: During the coming weekend, isolated rain or thundershower are likely in Yangon Division and weather will be generally fair in Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 5 November

View on today

7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းထွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေး၊ အဘိဓမ္မာစာအုပ်များ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဖွဲ့အစည်းများ၏ တီထွင်ရေး၊ မြေသာယာဝိသုဒ္ဓိတော်၊ ဆရာတော်ဘုရား၏စိတ္တသာရာတီသံဃာပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

- Musical programme

8:20 am

- တိုင်းဒေသကြီး (ဝိဇ္ဇာတိုင်း)

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Grammar Made Easy

11:00 am

- Martial song

11:15 am

- Musical programme

11:30 am

- News

11:40 am

- Games for children

12:05 pm

- Roundup of the week's TV local news

12:55 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "နေပြည်တော်ခရီး" (အပိုင်း-၂)

1:35 pm

- ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ

1:45 pm

- Dance of national races

2:00 pm

- နိဗ္ဗာန်တော်တော် မြင်းဆွဲကုန်းကောက်

2:10 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:25 pm

- "သတိတစ်ချက် တစ်သက်အဖွား" (ကျော်မင်းမောင်၊ ကြည်လှထွန်း၊ နန်းတလှာလှိုင်၊ သကြံခိုင်အောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောဇော်လှိုင်)

2:35 pm

- (၂၃)ကြိမ်မြောက်အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်ပညာ ပြိုင်ပွဲ အားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ပိုက်ကျော်ခြင်း)

2:45 pm

- International news

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:15 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm

- Musical programme

5:00 pm

- အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ညွှန်ချက် ချစ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

5:15 pm

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:25 pm

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:40 pm

- မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:55 pm

- Musical programme

6:05 pm

- "သစ်ဆီနံ့ဖူးစာ" (သျှားညို၊ မိုးဒီ၊ မြင့်မြင့်နိုင်၊ နိုင်နင်းခေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုးထွန်း)

6:15 pm

- Musical programme

6:30 pm

- Evening news

7:00 pm

- Weather report

7:05 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "စိမ်းလွန်းမညာ ကန်သာယာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

7:35 pm

- Musical programme

8:00 pm

- News

8:10 pm

- International news

8:20 pm


- Weather report

8:30 pm

- "ကြွယ်ဝဝင်းခေ ပန်းရိုးမ" (အပိုင်း-၁) (လှမင်း၊ ခန့်စည်သူ၊ နိုင်နင်း၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်၊ စင်စင်စော်မြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်စော်အောင်အောင်)

8:45 pm

- The next day's programme



Saturday, 5 November

Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music: -Latin lover

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music: -Give me love

8:50 am National news+12 Objectives & People's Desire

9:00 am Music: -What love

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music: -The day we find love
-Women in me
-Love will turn you around

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40 pm Music at your request
-You to me are everything
-Forget me not
-Let's groove

9:00 pm ASEAN review
-Exchange news

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Myanmar culture

9:30 pm Souvenirs
-I adore you
-Till the end of the world
-My heart keeps following you

9:45 pm News/Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

Only when private sector makes progress, will a nation be able to enjoy development

State-owned sector and private sector have to share difficulties and benefits in course of cooperation



Prime Minister General Soe Win, the heads of the government of ACMECS member countries and businessmen pose for documentary photos.—MNA

YANGON, 4 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win and heads of government of Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) member countries held discussions with businessmen of the ACMECS Business Council from Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the Yellow Room of the Santi

Maitri Building in Bangkok, Thailand, on 2 November evening.

Present on the occasion were Prime Minister General Soe Win, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith, Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for

National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials from Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam, Vice-Presidents U Win Aung and U Sein Win Hlaing of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and businessmen of other ACMECS Business Council member nations.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win and party observe Thai traditional artistic works displayed at the Santi Maitri Building.—MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win and party arrive Bangkok of Thailand

YANGON, 4 Nov — At the invitation of Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra of Thailand, Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and departmental heads, left Yangon by special flight at 2 pm on 1 November to attend the Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit to be held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Prime Minister General Soe Win and party arrived at Dunmong International Airport in Bangkok, Thailand,

at 4 pm local time.

First, Ambassador of the Union of Myanmar to Thailand U Ye Win and Director-General Mr Phithak Phrombupha of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand welcomed Prime Minister General Soe Win on board the aircraft.

When the Myanmar delegation led by the Prime Minister alighted from the plane, Thai Minister for Defence General Thammarak Isarangura Na Ayuthaya, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and senior officials welcomed them. A Myanmar young lady presented a

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