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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

ICT considered as distinguishing imperative in transformation of national economy To sustain long-term growth, government taking initiatives to transform economy into knowledge-based one

Secretary-1 addresses opening of Sixth Asia-Pacific Symposium on Information and Telecommunication Technologies

YANGON, 9 Nov— The opening of the Sixth Asia-Pacific Symposium on Information and Telecommunication Technologies (APSITT) jointly organized by University of Computer Studies, Yangon, under the Ministry of Science

and Technology, and Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation took place at Myanmar Info-Tech on Hline Campus, here, this morning. Chairman of Myanmar Computer Science Development Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony and made a speech.

Also present were ministers, deputy ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, the Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar, professors, officials and

resource persons from universities and corporations of Japan, Mongolia, Thailand, Malaysia and the Republic of Korea, doctorate degree holders from Yangon University of Computer Studies and Yangon Technological University, candidates of doctorate courses and guests.

In his address the Secretary-1 said: It gives me great pleasure to join

you all here today to give a few opening comments at the Opening Ceremony of the Sixth Asia-Pacific Symposium on Information and Telecommunication Technologies.

Many of us realize that the information and communications sectors are vital engines of development and economic growth in other sectors of our economies.

The growth of dig-

ital technology and its impact on multimedia and ICT have led to boundless enhancements to the quality of our daily lives. They have brought drastic changes to the way business is conducted, the management of Government functions, the communication infrastructure and network. A symposium such as this is essential, as it gives us

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Myanmar Computer Science Development Council Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses opening of Sixth Asia-Pacific Symposium on Information and Telecommunication Technologies (APSITT). — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards successful realization of national education promotion objectives

In implementing the national education promotion programmes, the State Peace and Development Council is striving for getting access to and utilizing the ever advancing science and technologies. At the same time, emphasis is being placed on strengthening Union Spirit, and safeguarding the national values and norms from deteriorating or vanishing.

As efforts are being made to create learning opportunities for every citizen and to raise the education standard up to the international level, fruitful results can now be seen.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, on 8 November, addressed the opening of Special Refresher Course No 8 for Faculty Members at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi), Hlegu Township, Yangon Division.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said that as faculty members are the ones who on their own choose their profession of discharging the noble educational duties, nurturing new generation to become high level intellectuals and intelligentsia including scholars of the arts and science field, physicians, medical experts, engineers, architects and computer technicians, they are the invaluable strength in endeavours for the national development.

Nowadays, the national education promotion drive covering the task of producing intellectuals and intelligentsia has become a national strength safeguarding independence and sovereignty for their perpetuity in addition to raising the national prestige.

Enabling university teachers to study the objective conditions and future requirements of the nation at special refresher courses helps strengthen their spirit and qualification to realize the national aims of the education sector.

We firmly believe that faculty members will do their bit to accomplish the objectives for promotion of national education standard and are fully convinced of the importance of the education sector that can help the nation standing tall among the world nations.

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People's Desire

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

Basic Journalism Course No 2 concludes



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo addresses the conclusion of Basic Journalism Course No 2. — MNA

YANGON, 9 Nov — The Union Solidarity and Development Association held its concluding ceremony of Basic Journalism Course No 2 at the hall of USDA on University Avenue this morning.

Present on the occasion were Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo, Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min, Secretariat Member U Thein Zaw, CEC members U Thein Sein, U Ohn Myint, U Aung Min, U Thein Swe, U Maung Pa, Thura U Aung Ko and U Nyan Tun Aung, course instructors, officials of the association headquarters, regional coordinators and trainees.

First, Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo made a speech on the occasion, saying that the trainees are to carry out media and organizational tasks appropriate with the local people, based on the les-

sons studied from the course. The trainees are to serve media duties based on journalism and knowledge on a wider scale among the national people. The Secretary-General urged the trainees to realize seven-point Road Map, the objectives of the association and future tasks and five rural development tasks.

Next, the Secretary-General presented prizes to outstanding students U Kyaw Soe, U Myint Shwe and U Moe Myint Thein.

Afterwards, the Secretary-General presented completion certificates to the trainees through trainee leader U Than Htwe and certificates of honour and souvenirs to the instructors through Chief Editor of Myanma Alin Daily U Ye Myint Pe. After that, those present posed for a documentary photo.

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Outstanding youths tour downtown Yangon

YANGON, 9 Nov — A combined team comprising the students who stood from 1st to 10th positions in the matriculation examination in the whole country for 2005, those from states and divisions who ranked first, those grabbed gold medals in Asian Games, outstanding members of Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade, the winners in the extempore talks at USDA central level to mark the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day and the students who secured five gold medals and above in Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, accompanied by officials, toured downtown Yangon on 4 November.

First, they paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda. U Thein Zaw of

Head of Department of Shwedagon Pagoda explained facts about the background history of the pagoda. Next, they donated K 74,220 for the pagoda.

The youths visited Drugs Elimination Museum where they were

conducted by Police Capt Nyi Nyi Lin and officials around the museum. They continued their visits to Myanmar Gems Museum, Myepadetha Park and Fresh Water Fish Garden of Kandawgyi Gardens. Officials explained facts about functions of their

worksites. Afterwards, they proceeded to Union National Races Village. Project Manager of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department U Tun Oo explained salient points of the village.

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The outstanding youths on their study tour of Union National Races Village.

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Bulgarian President reaffirms one-China policy

SOFIA, 8 Nov — Bulgaria sticks to the “one-China” policy and it won’t change following rotations of governments, Bulgarian President Georgi Parvanov said on Monday.

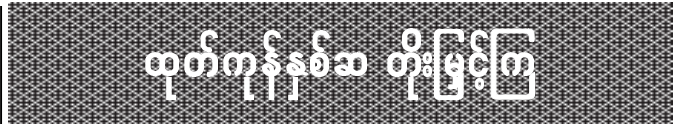
Parvanov made the remarks during the meeting with a visiting delegation of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) led by its Vice-president Bai Lichen. Parvanov said that Bulgaria is among the first countries to establish diplomatic ties with China and has been consistently adhered to the one-China

policy. He said Bulgaria appreciates China’s great achievements in its remarkable economic reform, as well as its important role in Asia and the world.

Parvanov expressed his wish to further develop bilateral ties in area of culture and business and upgrade the level and quality of the bilateral economic cooperations.

Bai said that China and Bulgaria share the traditional friendship and China appreciates Bulgaria’s consistent adherence to the one-China policy.

China is willing to further develop the bilateral ties, he added. The CPPCC delegation arrived in Sofia on 4 November following visits to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan—*MNA/Xinhua*



The garden of a Tokyo hotel near the Tokyo Tower, seen at left, is lit up with Christmas illuminations on 7 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Unexploded grenade left on US cruise ship

CANBERRA, 8 Nov— An unexploded rocket-propelled grenade remained on a US-owned cruise ship after the vessel escaped an attack by pirates in the Indian Ocean over the weekend, Australia’s Foreign Minister said on Monday.

The *Seabourn Spirit*, with 151 passengers on board, was headed for the Seychelles where US officials will disarm the grenade, Alexander Downer

told Australian television. Pirates in two small boats fired rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns at the cruise ship about 160 kilometres off the coast of Somalia on Saturday, but the

vessel escaped and no one was hurt.

The ship, packed with holidaymakers, was on a 16-day cruise from Egypt to Mombassa, Kenya. There were 19 Australians on board.—*MNA/Reuters*

Bangladesh ferry with 200 aboard sinks at sea

DHAKA, 8 Nov — A ferry carrying more than 200 people sank in the Bay of Bengal on Monday

while sailing to Chittagong Port in Bangladesh from a nearby island, police said. Nearly 60 people, in-

cluding some injured, have been picked up alive by Navy boats and other rescuers, one official said. No death has been reported yet.

The fate of the others was not immediately known. Police said most of the passengers were returning to Chittagong after celebrating the Muslim Eid al-Fitr festival with relatives on the Sandwip island.—*MNA/Reuters*

Indonesia blasts US over military ties

JAKARTA, 8 Nov— Indonesia has criticized some US lawmakers for

stalling efforts to restore full military relations between the two countries, calling the move a groundless ploy, local media reported on Monday.

“I see there is no legal basis to accuse Indonesia of not doing anything to meet all requirements for the restoration of military cooperation,” Indonesian Defence Minister Juwono Sudarsono was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying.

He made the comment on the restrictions that the US Senate and

House of Representatives put on foreign military finance and exports of lethal military equipment to Indonesia.

The move came as US President George W Bush seeks approval from the US Congress for 20.9 billion US dollars foreign aid that included military funding for several countries in the Middle East, East Europe and Southeast Asia, including Indonesia.

The US lawmakers said that Indonesia had not done enough to bring to justice perpetrators of

an ambush in Timika, Papua Province in 2002, which killed two American teachers and an Indonesia citizen working for US owned-mining giant PT Freeport Indonesia.

However, Juwono said that “at the initiative of Indonesian Armed Forces (TNI) commander, we provide FBI access to the investigation and they concluded later that the TNI was clean”.

“As of today, the police with the assistance of the military continue to hunt down the suspects,” he said, adding that the Free Papua Movement waged a low-level armed struggle for independence against the central government.

The US lawmakers also required that the US State Department certify that Indonesia was cooperating with the United States in the war on terror in order to receive the aid disbursement.

In this respect, the minister assured that Indonesia was committed to the crackdown on terrorist networks.

Germany tightens security amid riots in France

BERLIN, 8 Nov — Germany ordered more police onto Berlin’s streets on Monday after five cars were set ablaze in a poor district, fearing that the riot in France be copied in the German capital.

Five cars were burned during the weekend in separate streets in Berlin’s Moabit District, where a large number of immigrants live. Nobody was injured.

A Berlin police spokesman said that extra patrols were taken as a “preventive measure.”

On Sunday night, France was hit by new race violence after 1,400 vehicles were torched by angry mobs. Gangs of youths burned cars, shops and businesses across the country as the flames of discontent spread in towns such as Toulouse, Nantes, Strasbourg, Rouen, Rennes and Orleans. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Taleban chief calls for intensifying attacks on foreign troops

KABUL, 8 Nov — Taleban’s elusive leader Mullah Mohammad Omar has called on his loyalists to intensify attacks on the US-dominated foreign troops and Afghan soldiers.

In a message sent to media on the eve of Eidul Feter to mark the end of Ramadan on Thursday, he called on Afghans to wage Jihad or holy war against US troops in Afghanistan.

“It is a religious obligation to wage Jihad against foreign occupying forces with weapons, money and pens,” Omar stressed in the message received here on Sunday.

Omar, whose regime was ousted by US military troops in late 2001, said in the message that he was fighting for the cause of Islam and the country’s independence and not for power. Appreciating the Iraqi guerillas for their resistance against American troops, the Taleban supreme leader, who has escaped the US manhunt and

is said to have been hiding in Pakistan, said the people of Iraq would soon embrace the freedom of their country.

MNA/Xinhua



A man attempts to extinguish a burning truck in Ramadi, Iraq, on 7 Nov, 2005. According to eyewitnesses the driver of the truck died after being attacked by a US convoy that suspected him as a suicide truck bomb. —INTERNET

MNA/Xinhua

US Ambassador risks expulsion by Zimbabwe

HARARE, 8 Nov — United States Ambassador Christopher Dell risks being expelled for his "continued meddling" in the internal affairs of Zimbabwe, a local newspaper the *Herald* said on Monday.

The report said host countries reserve the right to expel a diplomat whose behaviour they feel is "unbecoming or undiplomatic" and Zimbabwe could take that route in the case of Dell.

Dell raised the ire of the Zimbabwean Government following a speech

he gave at the United Methodist Church-run Africa University in Mutare last week when he claimed that the economic challenges facing the country were a result of "corrupt rule" and not sanctions.

"Neither drought nor sanctions are at the root

of Zimbabwe's decline. The Zimbabwe Government's own gross mismanagement of the economy and its corrupt rule has brought on the crisis," he said.

Zimbabwe's economy has been in shatters since the government's land reform an-

gered Western countries who imposed devastating sanctions against the southern African country which long been considered bread basket of the region, leading to the collapse of many local companies while successive droughts had also taken their toll on the country's economic performance. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs was quoted as saying that the government had had "enough" of Dell's "undiplomatic" behaviour and would want him to "explain" why he was "meddling" in the affairs of Zimbabwe.

Recently, Dell was caught by security forces after trespassing into a restricted security zone at the National Botanical Gardens in Harare, an area near President Robert Mugabe's residence.

MNA/Xinhua



Pedestrians pass by a board advertising a Samsung Mobile phone in Seoul, on 8 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

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Australian soldier dies in accident in Middle East

CANBERRA, 8 Nov — An Australian soldier serving in the Middle East has died of injuries after being struck by a vehicle during a training activity.

Australian Department of Defence on Monday said in a statement that "despite the best attempts by his companions to provide first aid at the scene of the incident, they were unable to save his life".

Australian Chief of Defence Force Angus Houston has offered his condolences to the soldier's next of kin and family as well as to those members of the ADF who have lost "a close and valued friend".

"At times like these we need to be strong and to offer our full support to the family and friends of the deceased soldier," said Houston.

"Until the incident has been investigated fully, it would be inappropriate for me to provide details of the circumstances surrounding this tragic accident," he said.

"I can say however, the team was involved in a routine training activity and during that activity the soldier was struck by a vehicle," Houston said.

The statement of the defence did not name the specific area where the incident happened.

Australia now maintains about 1,300 military personnel in the Middle East.— MNA/Xinhua

Over 1.4 tons of drugs seized in southeastern Iran

TEHERAN, 8 Nov — Iranian anti-drug police confiscated over 1.4 tons of narcotic drugs during the past three days in the southeastern city of Bam, the official IRNA news agency reported recently.

IRNA quoted a local police official as saying that some bandits and notorious drug traffickers were also arrested and 50 weapons were seized during the same period.

Drug addiction and transportation has been a serious social problem in Iran, which sits in the crossroad linking drug producing Afghanistan and Pakistan and markets in the Persian Gulf states, Central Asia, western Europe and other regions.

Iran, with at least two million drug addicts in the country, accounts for 80 per cent of the opium and 90 per cent of the morphine intercepted worldwide, according to the International Narcotics Control Board.

The country spends five billion US dollars annually on anti-drug programmes, and over 3,100 police have lost their lives in conflicts with drug smugglers during the past two decades. — MNA/Xinhua

China reports three pneumonia cases of unknown causes

BEIJING, 8 Nov — China's Ministry of Health Sunday gave a briefing on three pneumonia cases of unknown causes in Xiangtan County, central China's Hunan Province.

Experts said they would not rule out the possibility of human infection of the deadly H5N1 bird flu, according to a spokesman for the ministry. The spokesman said: "Investigation is still under way".

The ministry has invited experts with the World Health Organization to help ascertain the causes, the spokesman added.

MNA/Xinhua

Provincial governor in Afghanistan escapes suicide attack

KABUL, 8 Nov — Shir Mohammad Akhundzada, the Governor of the troubled Helmand Province in south Afghanistan escaped a suicide attack on Monday morning, a provincial spokesman said.

"The attacker riding a white Toyota Corolla car attempted to ram his vehicle on Governor's car when he was entering the governor house at 9 am, badly wounding the suicide bomber but fortunately the governor escaped unhurt," Hajji Mohammad Wali told *Xinhua*.

Four of the five bombs planted in the car exploded in the attack, he said.

"The legs and hands of the attacker have been broken in the explosion and

he is in coma at police custody," the spokesman added.

Monday is the weekly meeting of provincial officials with US military authorities in the area, he said. Taleban's spokesman Qari Yusuf Ahmadi claimed that one of the movement's Mujahid or holy warriors, 55-year-old Salahudin, carried out the attack and embraced martyrdom.

Helmand and the neighbouring provinces of Kandahar, Zabul and

Uruzgan commonly known as the heartland of Taleban, have been the scene of violent insurgency since last year.

Over 1,500 people with majority of them, according to officials, being were Taleban fighters have been killed in Taleban-led insurgency since the beginning of this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Fire breaks out in Venezuelan oil refinery, 15 injured

CARACAS, 8 Nov — A fire broke out on Monday in the Cardon oil refinery in the state of Falcon, northwestern Venezuela, causing 15 injuries, the country's government-run Bolivarian News Agency reported.

The preliminary result of investigation reveals that the fire was caused by the gasoline leak ignited by a spark from the nearby ventilation plant, said a local police officer.

All the injured were sent to the hospital immediately, two of whom suffered three-degree burns with 80 per cent of their bodies burnt, the police officer added.

The Cardon oil refinery produces about 305,000 barrels of gasoline a day, and it is a part of Paraguana refining complex, which produces 940,000 barrels a day and is Venezuela's main source of gasoline exports.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi boy is framed by a damaged door after a mortar shell explosion occurred in the area, in Baghdad, on 7 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

China's development brings enormous prosperity to world

BEIJING, 8 Nov— China's development augurs enormous prosperity not only for China but also for Europe, said Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, president of the Party of European Socialists (PES), on Monday.

In an exclusive interview with *Xinhua* here, Rasmussen, who is also a European parliamentarian and former premier minister of Denmark, said when the Chinese economic development is continuing, it is a very important contribution, rather than a threat, to the development of Europe and the world as a whole.

"As an economist and president of the PES, I can tell you that a fast and strong Chinese economy is a sign of good social progress and a good regional development," said Rasmussen, who is leading a delegation of the PES to visit China.

China and the European Union (EU) have witnessed a sound development of bilateral ties since the two sides established a

comprehensive strategic partnership in 2003, with frequent high-level exchanges of visits and a rapid increase of economic and trade cooperation.

At present, the EU has become the largest trade partner of China. While China, after the United

States, comes as the second biggest trade partner of the EU. In 2004, the trade volume between China and the EU reached 177.28 billion US dollars, about 74 times as much as the volume when the two sides established diplomatic ties in 1975.—*MNA/Xinhua*



A streetsweeper rakes leaves into piles behind trees along a roadside in Beijing recently.—INTERNET

China, S Korea join hands in animation industry

CHAGSHAN, 7 Nov— China has joined hands with South Korea to develop the country's fledging animation industry.

At the ongoing 4th Changsha Cartoon Art Festival (CCAF) in this capital of central China's Hunan Province, an agreement was signed on Sunday to make the CCAF and Seoul International Cartoon & Animation Festival (SICAF), the largest animation festival in South Korea, "sister festivals".

The animation industry in South Korea has witnessed remarkable changes in recent years, especially in the field of digital technology, and has provided invaluable experience for the Chinese animation industry, said Wang Feng, secretary-general of China Television Artists Association.

The exchanges and cooperation between China and South Korea will help promote the creation, development

and management in the industry for both countries and bring mutual benefits, he said.

"I'm deeply impressed by the passion towards animation of our Chinese counterparts and will bring it with me back to South Korea," said Shim Sang-Ki, chairman of the SICAF Organization Committee.

Changsha is one of the pioneering bases for China's animation industry, with 15,000 minutes of animation film

produced here every year, bringing a revenue of 1.3 billion yuan (about 158 million US dollars). The city is home to two of the nine "national animation bases" firstly approved by the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT). Last year, the SARFT set up a number of national animation bases and approved three TV animation channels to encourage the development of animation products.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Coal mine blast kills 15 in N China

TAIYUAN, 8 Nov— A coal mine gas blast left 15 dead and one missing in Qingxu County in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province on Sunday, according to Shanxi Provincial Coal Mine Safety Department.

The accident occurred at Taiping Coal Mine at about 5:00 am on Sunday.

The coal mine is a legal one, owned by a township with an annual output of 60,000 tons.

MNA/Xinhua

Thames awash with cocaine

LONDON, 7 Nov— The Thames, the river running through the British capital of London, is awash with cocaine as Londoners snort more than 150,000 lines of the class A drug every day, *Sunday Telegraph* reported.

An investigation by the newspaper found that, after cocaine had passed through users' bodies and sewage treatment plants, an estimated 2 kilos of the drug went into the river each day.

The figure is 15 times higher than official Home Office statistics and equates to four out of every 100 people regularly taking cocaine, or up to 250,000 of the capital's 6 million residents.

Anti-drug campaigners were quoted by the paper as saying on Saturday that the findings showed that cocaine use was a ticking "healthcare time bomb" and calling for the government to take drastic action.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Big fire in Kabul destroys building of Revenue Department

KABUL, 8 Nov— A big fire happened on Monday night in Afghan capital Kabul destroyed the building of the Revenue Department, but left no casualty till now, a local official said.

The fire happened at about 6 pm has destroyed almost the whole two-floor building of the Revenue Department. The keepers of the nearby clothes shops were hurried to take all the goods out of the shops

in order to prevent from the further destruction of the fire.

"Afghan fire-fighters and police have come here soon after the breaking of the fire, and firefighters from ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) also

came just now. There is a good cooperation between the two sides, and we will try to control the fire as soon as possible," the provincial police chief of Kabul General Jamil Junbish told *Xinhua*.

MNA/Xinhua

Seven Iraqi policemen killed by car bomb northeast of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 9 Nov— A suicide car bomb hit two police patrols in Iraq's northeastern city of Baquba on Wednesday, killing seven policemen and wounding nine others, an interior ministry source said. "A suicide bomber rushed his explosive packed vehicle to two police patrols at about 10:00 am (0700 GMT) near Khan Bani Sa'ad military camp, killing seven policemen and wounding nine people, including three civilians," the source told *Xinhua*.

Since the US-led war on Iraq in March 2003, Baquba, a flashpoint city some 65km northeast of Baghdad, has witnessed several deadly attacks by guerillas bent on undermining the US backed government.

MNA/Xinhua

France plans curfews as youths riot continues

PARIS, 8 Nov— Youths rioted for a 12th night in France on Tuesday and the government announced plans to impose curfews in the rundown suburbs hit by the violence.

Rioters torched cars in the suburbs of Paris, the southwestern city of Toulouse and in Lille and Strasbourg in the north, defying a pledge by Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin for his conservative government to take a firm line against them.

Villepin rejected demands to call out the Army but, under growing pressure from opponents to end the violence, he told TF1 television late on Monday: "Wherever it is necessary, prefects will be able to impose a curfew."—*MNA/Reuters*



Damaged vehicles lie under debris after a tornado, south of Boonville, Indiana recently. Tornadoes killed up to 20 people in the Midwestern US states of Indiana and Kentucky, officials said, and brutal high winds injured more than a hundred.—INTERNET

Following the steps of western masters and fulfilling their wishes

Hla Thein Htay

Devoid or ignorant of truth in every aspect will be followed by evil consequences only. Truth means the sense of seeing things in their actual condition. Misconception is not a right knowledge, but a wrong one. Thus, many men have the right knowledge as well as the wrong knowledge. Social science said that the wrong knowledge was the result of seeing everything under the influence of ego and greed. Seeing evil as good and good as evil is like seeing the major and the minor in an opposite way.

Likewise, Vaclav Havel and Desmond Tutu, who are demanding the UN Secretary Council to take action against Myanmar, with exaggerated fabrications, are seeing things in an opposite way. From which angle are they watching Myanmar to see her deserving the UNSC action? Is their outlook on the country an outcome of their legal field tour of Myanmar, that reflects the objective condition of over 54 million countrymen? Or is it based on the negative attitude of a handful of crawlers relying on aliens and betraying the national cause? In reality, Havel and Tutu's outlook is based on the negative view of their western masters embraced by the crawlers themselves.

According to social science, truth can be found in the objective life and the search must be practical, comprehensive and realistic. Otherwise, it will be totally invisible under the influence of wrong con-

ceptions and unjust views.

On the other side, departments concerned in the nation have already presented records and data on the unprecedented development of today's Myanmar. In this article, I am going to present the significant changes in the political and economic sectors. Thanks to the market economy, the nation is witnessing a marked increase in local and foreign investments, an upsurge in external and internal trade and services, and the emergence of entrepreneurs, workers, the middle class and modern industrialists, the basic class of the market economy. She is also enjoying greater infrastructure development beginning 1988.

In the political sector, multi political parties are existing legally in the nation. Myanmar has achieved national consolidation to an unprecedented degree thanks to the 17 national race armed groups that returned to the legal fold. Even the peripheries of the border regions are enjoying peace and stability at present. Only a small number of armed bandits are still active in the far corners of the nation. Myanmar now has no internal strife or racial conflicts.

According to UNODC report, Myanmar saw 73 per cent drop in poppy cultivation during the period from 1996 to 2004. All in all, Myanmar is in the process of peaceful and stable transition to a new era of democracy and market economy. The holding of the National Convention, the first step of the seven-point

Road Map, has reached to a certain point. But Havel and Tutu are not able to see and know the objective conditions. Why? It is because they are on a wrong way under the domain of lopsided concepts, and wrongfully following the steps of their western masters. Concerning the matter, I would like to present here a story from the book "Morals and manners".

Once, the King of Banares had a horse keeper named Giri Dattha. His duty was to keep and care for the King's horse. But Giri Dattha was a bandy-legged person. When the horse saw Giri Dattha pulling by the reins leading it, walking with his bow leg, the animal thought that the man was teaching him the style of walking. So the horse started to walk like a bandy-legged person.

When the King saw his horse walking bandy-legged, he ordered his court officials to look into the matter to find the root cause of the problem. One of the King's officials came to notice that the horse was just imitating his keeper. So he suggested the King to change the horse keeper. And when the King changed the keeper according to the suggestion, the walking style of the horse also turned to normal.

Hence, in this human society, we must keep ourselves free from wrong emulation and extreme personality and ideological passions. Seeing the truth and the objective or walking straight and properly would be impossible if the tendency of turning a blind eye to Myanmar like the western masters and walking bandy-legged like them continues. The perpetration of Havel and Tutu, demanding the UNSC to take action against Myanmar, using exaggerated slanders as the tool, with the intention of harming her interest, is the act of following the steps and fulfilling the wishes of their western masters.

(Translation: TMT)

The holding of the National Convention, the first step of the seven-point Road Map, has reached to a certain point. But Havel and Tutu are not able to see and know the objective conditions. Why? It is because they are on a wrong way under the domain of lopsided concepts, and wrongfully following the steps of their western masters.

UMFCCI officials meet Russian Ambassador



The President of UMFCCI meets with the Russian Ambassador and party.

UMFCCI

YANGON, 9 Nov— President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing met with Russian Ambassador Mr

Oleg V Kabanov and Vice-Chief of Russian Centre for International Scientific and Culture Cooperation Mr Vladimir M Polozkov at the federation yesterday afternoon. They discussed matters on promotion of

bilateral trade, cooperation between entrepreneurs of the two countries and in the science and culture fields and forming of Russian-Myanmar Friendship Association.

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Myanmar badminton team leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 9 Nov— To take part in First U-16 South East Asian Badminton Tournament to be held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on 11 and 12 November, Myanmar youth badminton team left here

this morning.

They were seen off at the airport by President of Myanmar Badminton Federation U Maung Maung Swe of Great Wall Medicines and Construction Enterprise, Vice-

President U Mya Thung and executives.

The team comprising athletes Than Lwin Aung, Sai Kyaw Soe and Te Zar Phyo was led by Secretary U Robin Tin of MBF.

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Myanmar youth badminton team seen at the airport before departure for Vietnam. — MBF

Education sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of higher education in the time of Tatmadaw Government

Information and Communication Technology classrooms in schools of the higher education sector

Along with the rapid development of science and technology in the 21st century, information and communication technology has been advancing with momentum. In the Union of Myanmar, efforts are being made using the advancing technology for the nation to be on a par with the nations of the world.

In the higher education sector of Myanmar, information and communication technology is being applied after establishing educational network. Learning aids programmes are introduced in universities, degree colleges and colleges.

Information and communication technology is being applied effectively in teaching, learning, education management and collecting data in the higher education sector and this contribute much towards establishment of the science and technology sector, promoting the education standard and creating educational opportunities.

Expecting new technologies and communication technology and



Students training at one of the e-Education Learning Centres with the full application of modern technology.

Information and Communication Technology classrooms in schools of the higher education sector



An e-Education Learning Centre fully-installed with modern technology.

national development in the coming 30 years, the government has laid down the 30-year long-term education plan to meet the international standard.

Putting these plans into action and applying advanced technology, a constant learning society and new generation youth pursuing higher education will emerge thereby turning out of outstanding intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Nowadays, all are witnessing development of technology in the higher education sector that will shape the better future of the nation.

The table provides the reader with facts and figures of e-Education Learning Centres, the number of sites in WAN in states and divisions including border areas in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Sr	State and Division	1988	2005 e-Education Learning Centre	2005 Number of sites in WAN
1	Kachin	-	4	3
2	Kayah	-	1	1
3	Kayin	-	2	1
4	Chin	-	1	1
5	Sagaing	-	8	4
6	Taninthayi	-	3	2
7	Bago (East)	-	3	2
8	Bago (West)	-	2	1
9	Magway	-	5	3
10	Mandalay	-	12	10
11	Mon	-	2	1
12	Rakhine	-	2	1
13	Yangon	-	15	20
14	Shan (South)	-	3	2
15	Shan (North)	-	1	1
16	Shan (East)	-	1	1
17	Ayeyawady	-	6	3
Total		-	71	57

ICT considered by Myanmar Government ...

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an opportunity to garner knowledge from the experts who are the speakers of this international gathering of sorts. As such, I would like to take this chance to urge all speakers and participants to grab this golden opportunity to grasp as much knowledge and ideas as possible from this symposium. I hope that in return, all speakers and participants will be able to contribute significantly to the rapid technological changes of the present era.

In earlier history, wealth was measured in land, in gold, in oil and in machines. Today, the principal measure of our wealth is information; its quality, its quantity and the speed with which we acquire it. The existence of inequality in access to

tate speedy transfer of know-how, to upgrade the facilities, are to be encouraged in addition to the need to exert efforts to build management capability to plan and manage the use, application and integration of ICT. I believe that the symposium will give input on how to address these ICT issues.

Right from the inception of the Government's initiatives towards enhancing the efficiency, effectiveness, quality of the public service, the use and application of ICT has been considered by the Myanmar Government as the distinguishing imperative in the transformation of the national economy, indicating the country's effort to vigorously continue with high priority to explore all possibilities to narrow the

prime catalyst that should continually and proactively play a leading role in ensuring the mainstreaming the advancement of contextualized ICT education, research and development. This Symposium offers excellent opportunities for academics to share experience and exchange information.

"Intelligent Living", "Digital Society", "Information Society", "Networked Society"... Whichever term we use to describe our future, we shall need a modern and efficient telecommunications infrastructure to exploit fully the opportunities that lie ahead. With remarkable technological advancement, gadgets existing previously in science fictions only are now gradually coming into real life.

For example, you may remotely view what is going on inside your house and enter your apartment block merely by turning up without having to use any smart card/ password or hire any guard. Businessmen can monitor the operation of their retail shops or hold conferences with overseas customers through broadband services at all times, saving a great deal of time and money. Advanced telecommunications network constitutes the pillar behind this progress.

To sustain long-term growth, the Government is taking initiatives to transform our economy into a knowledge-based one, one that is critically dependent on the availability of an information infrastructure. Making information available through the communications network, however, would not by itself overcome the problem of the Digital Divide. It is necessary to bridge the skills



Secretary-I Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets those present after opening Sixth Asia-Pacific Symposium on Information and Telecommunication Technologies.—MNA

gap by encouraging the development of new skills and local indigenous applications and content, to reduce over dependency on foreign content. We need people who have the creativity to produce not just mere content, but interactive multimedia content that is deployable over the Internet. To be able to produce such content, we must harness, identify and create a multimedia talent pool here in the country by continuing to provide an ideal environment for these talents to grow.

There is no doubt that this symposium will generate knowledge and innovation for the future development of information and multimedia. With the development of multimedia and ICT, we hope to improve efficiency and productivity, thus contributing to the increased overall competitiveness of the economy.

I wish all symposium participants the very best in their quest for knowledge interchange and networking. This will be of tremendous benefit to the development of ICT, not only in Myanmar but also in other parts of the globe.

In closing, I would like to urge you to use

your expertise to help build a global community in which the people of neighbouring countries view each other not as potential enemies but as potential partners, as members of the same family in the vast, increasingly interconnected human family.

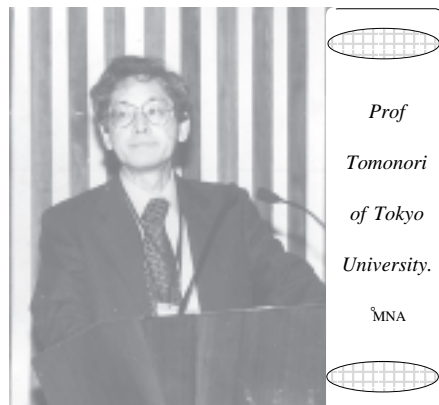
I extended sincere appreciation and thanks to the organizers and the

greeted those present.

The symposium hosted by Myanmar continues tomorrow. Over 100 experts, professors and researchers from countries of the Asia-Pacific region and other countries took part in the symposium.

The first Asia-Pacific Symposium on Information and Telecommunication Technologies

"Intelligent Living", "Digital Society", "Information Society", "Networked Society"... Whichever term we use to describe our future, we shall need a modern and efficient telecommunications infrastructure to exploit fully the opportunities that lie ahead.



Prof
Tomonori
of Tokyo
University.
MNA

ICT between continents, between countries and also within countries is widely observed creating the "digital divide" and the challenges for all concerned in the sector are how to change this situation and create digital opportunities by providing all people with equitable, affordable, quality and universal access to ICT.

As the field of ICT is dynamic, research and development activities to facilitate the absorption of new technology, to facili-

digital divide and the marginalization from the global information economy. We are determined more than ever before to develop a sector that will facilitate the mainstreaming of the ICT industry and the use of ICT in all sectors of the economy and at all levels of the society thereby realizing the vision of unfolding people-centered, inclusive and development oriented information society.

Such an international forum like this is the

To sustain long-term growth, the Government is taking initiatives to transform our economy into a knowledge-based one, one that is critically dependent on the availability of an information infrastructure. Making information available through the communications network, however, would not by itself overcome the problem of the Digital Divide. It is necessary to bridge the skills gap by encouraging the development of new skills and local indigenous applications and content, to reduce over dependency on foreign content.

sponsors as well as to all the participants including those who had traveled all the way from Japan, Mongolia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Korea, and the Myanmar scholars.

I congratulate the Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation and the Yangon University of Computer Studies for their achievements in organizing this prestigious event. I wish that all participants will find the presentations inspiring and discussions rewarding in the next few days.

Afterwards, Professor Tomonori of University of Tokyo explained matters on the symposium.

After the opening ceremony, Secretary-I Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially

was held in Thailand in 1993, the second in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the third in Mongolia, the fourth in Nepal and the fifth in New Caledonia.

The sixth symposium was attended by 34 resource persons from universities of Japan, 13 from corporations of Japan, one from Mongolia University, two from Assumption University of Thailand, one from Multimedia University of Malaysia, one from Hankuk Aviation of the Republic of Korea, 24 from Yangon University of Computer Studies and two from Yangon Technological University and they will present their papers to the symposium.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects dams,...

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected thriving Manawthukha paddy in 50 acres of irrigated land in Lyawphyukon village.

On arrival at mile-post No 11/7 on Phaya Ngasu Road, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected progress of No 2 Tatkon-Kintha road section being constructed by Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into thriving of monsoon paddy fields on both sides of the road in Pyawbwe and Thazi Townships. At the

briefing hall of Mandalay Division district to district No 2 road construction site, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on the road construction from Phyuakseikpin village to Kintha village in Tatkon Township, earthworks, construction of wooden bridges and future plans. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on worksite safety and meeting the set standard of the tasks.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also inspected the earthworks for road construction in Hlinetat Village and Kangyithauk Village.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Khantilay village, Thilin village-tract in Myittha Town-

ship and inspected the paddy plantations of farmer U Myint Htoo who cultivated for distribution of quality paddy strains, and Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions. On arrival at Myogyi Dam project for greening of Meiktila plain, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard the reports on tasks being carried out at the project and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the worksite of the project.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the progress of cultivating late monsoon long staple cotton strains and monsoon paddy on both sides of the road in Taungtaw and Thanywa villages in Kyaukse Township. — MNA



USDA Secretariat Member U Aung Thuang presides over the morning session of the first day of USDA Annual General Meeting. — MNA

Annual General Meeting of USDA...

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Kayin State Daw Naw Yin Yin Su acted as master of ceremonies and Joint-Secretary of Zigon Township in Bago Division (West) Daw May Cherry Lwin, co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies declared the start of the ceremony with the presence of 444 delegates at the meeting.

Joint Secretary-General of USDA U Zaw Min read out the report presented by USDA CEC members' team, saying that on behalf of USDA CEC members' team, he presented a brief report of

performance of CEC members, courses conducted by USDA, mass meetings, public's movements, participation of USDA members in the State's ceremonies, goodwill visits, cooperation with organizations in carrying out development tasks in rural and urban areas, other organizational tasks and the association's objectives and future tasks stated in organizational sector.

In the report on organizational sector, it stated that there were over 21.2 million of members in 17 associations at state

level of Myanmar and International Affairs Studies Course No 7.

During the period from 15 November 2004 to 7 September 2005, member of the panel of patrons General Soe Win together with CEC members concerned met with secretaries of states and divisions, organizers and members and gave instructions on realization of the association's purposes, organizational matters and active participation in nation building endeavours.

Over 130,000 trainees attended the

courses and actively participate in development tasks of the whole nation.

The report said that a Youth Conference was held at Bagan Archaeological Region on 8 May in 2005. An approval on building a new modern developed nation through united strength of youths was stated in the report.

On 27 July 2005, the mass meeting on guarding against the dangers posed by the internal and external destructionists through the united strength of the people was held at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township, Yangon Division.

The meeting was attended by USDA members, representatives of social organizations and townsenders of townships in Yangon Division, totaling 2,700.

The representatives of the mass meeting approved the two motions calling for guarding against the dangers posed by the internal and external destructionists through the united strength of the people and that calling for participation in peace and stability and development tasks of the State and realization of the seven-point Road Map with Union Spirit upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

Similar mass meetings were organized in States and Divisions till 6 August.

To have international experiences and friendly relations, Secretaries, executives and members at different levels of the association were sent on study and goodwill tours abroad from October 2004 to September 2005. During the period from January to September 2005, the delegations from abroad as the guests of USDA paid goodwill visits in

Myanmar.

In conclusion, he reported that USDA is making strenuous efforts to be able to stand as a national force that will have capability to safeguard the Union and build the modern and developed nation. And, the objectives of the association, and resolutions and future tasks adopted by the Annual General Meeting of the association are being implemented with might and main.

Organizer Daw Nan Win Nanda Tun of Lashio Township USDA, Executive Daw Nan Hwam Nun of Mongpyin Township USDA, Executive Dr Htay Win of Ayeyawady Division USDA, and Executive U Bo Bo Kyaw of Bhamo Township USDA reported on implementation of the future tasks of State and Division USDAs within one year. Next, the meeting went to recess.

The meeting resumed at 10 am. Member of Secretariat of USDA U Tin Htut presided over the meeting together with members of the panel of chairmen CEC member Thura U Aung Ko and U Phone Swe.

Reserved Executive Daw Myat Hsu Mon of Dimawhso Township USDA, Joint-Secretary U Nay Myo Hset of Kyain-Seikkyi Township USDA, and Reserved Executive

Daw Sone Kye Cin of Haka Township USDA continued to report on accomplishments of State and Division USDAs within one year.

At 12.30 pm, the meeting resumed. Executive Daw Ei Shwe Sin Tun of Salin Township USDA and M'Jangyang Township USDA member Daw Mon Ja emceed the meeting.

Participants took part in the presentation of reports on accomplishments of State and Division USDAs within one year. They were Executive Daw Moh Moh Khin of Kani Township USDA, Executive U Kyaw Htay Win of Myeik District USDA, Secretary U Kyaw Kyaw Lin of Pyay District USDA, Executive U Khin Maung Htay of Bago Division (East) USDA, Executive U Maung Maung Htay of Magway Division USDA, Secretary U Thuang Wai of Mandalay District USDA, Secretary U Myint Oo of Bilin Township USDA, Secretary U San Naing of Thandwe Township USDA, Executive Daw Aye Aye Maw of Hmawby Township USDA and Executive U Sai Thiha of Shan State (South) USDA.

The first-day session of the annual general meeting came to an end in the evening.

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In the report on organizational sector, it stated that there were over 21.2 million of members in 17 associations at state and division levels in the time of holding Annual General Meeting for 2004. There were over 22.8 million of members on 30 September 2005.

USDA CEC members' team to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for 2005.

The report included organizational matters, management, economic, social affairs and culture as well as performance of education department.

The organizing matters, seeking advice from the patron and panel of patrons, field trips and

and division levels in the time of holding Annual General Meeting for 2004. There were over 22.8 million of members on 30 September 2005.

Patron of USDA Senior General Than Shwe attended the Annual General Meeting for 2004 and gave guidance on the occasion. In reporting period, he also gave guidance at the opening cer-

courses conducted by USDA from 2004 October to 2005 September. A report stated that over 690,000 of members could be brought up from 1994 to 2005 September.

The report stated that a Youth Meeting of USDA was held at Bagan Archaeological Region on 7 May in 2005. During the ceremony, all youth members of USDA unani-



Kawkareik Township USDA Executive Daw Naw Yin Yin Su acts as master of ceremonies. — MNA

In the time of Tatmadaw Government, mutual trust has been set up



Lashio
Township
USDA
Organizer Daw
Nan Win
Nanda
Tun.
MNA

YANGON, 9 Nov — Delegates of State and Division USDAs reported on progress in implementing the future plans to the Annual General Meeting 2005 of USDA at the USDA Central Training School in Hmawby Township on 4 November.

First, Lashio Township USDA Organizer Daw Nan Win Nanda Tun submitted reports that at present, peace that national races and local people long for is prevail-

ing in Shan State (North).

In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, mutual trust has been set up due to making concerted efforts and realizing the national reconsolidation. Nowadays, 17 armed groups and 10 small armed groups returned to the legal fold and are participating in regional development tasks.

It is known to all that armed groups become a burden to the local people. Armed struggle cannot bring regional developments. Due to the armed struggle, the region lagged behind in development in education, health, economic and social sectors.

During 2005, U Kan Na and group of SSNA Brigade-11 from Hsenwi-SeU region, PSLA U Aik Mone and group of Manton region, SSNA Brigade-19 U Gon Khe and groups of Lashio-Nampaung region, and SSNA Brigade-6 U Sai Ku and SSA (Breakaway) U Sai Yi of Mongyin-Mongpa region unconditionally handed over their arms and weapons to the Government.

As a result of restoring peace in Hsenwi-SeU region, Lashio-Nampaung region, Manton region and Mongyin-Mongpa region along Union Highway, the tasks of education, health, social and regional development could be undertaken. In these regions, K 100 million for the education trust-fund and K 60 million for the health fund were set up to contribute towards development of health

and education sectors.

In the past, the region possessed only Kunlong suspension bridge crossing Thanlwin Bridge. Now, the region was facilitated with one more bridge — Tarpa Bridge measuring 600 feet long. Therefore, local people can travel from Tarshwehtan and Tarmoeyne to Laukkai and Kongyan regions in a short time. Moreover, Dokhtawady Bridge (Nawngkhio) was opened to link Shan State (South) and (North).

The Head of State gave guidance with farsightedness that concerted efforts are to be made for local food sufficiency in all States and Divisions. Hence, research farms and highland farmlands can be seen in various regions of Shan State. In Shan State (North), USDA members, social organization members and departments concerned are taking part in the cultivation tasks.

Nowadays, not only the region along Union Highway but also 192 remote villages of Palaung national races have been facilitated with power supply, thanks to concerted efforts and contributions of the Government, national organizations, wellwishers and USDA members. In addition, Shweli hydel power project is being implemented in Namhkam to be able to supply electricity to Shan State (North).

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Participation of USDA in development tasks of Shan State (East)



Mongpyin
Township
USDA
Executive
Daw Nan
Hwam
Nwan.
MNA

YANGON, 9 Nov — The Annual General Meeting 2005 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the USDA Central Training School in Hmawby Township from 3 to 7 November.

On 4 November, state/division USDA delegates submitted the reports on the progress in implementation of the tasks of the USDA within a year.

Among them, Shan State (East) Mongpyin Township USDA Executive Daw Nan Hwam Nwan gave a report saying that including tar road, gravel and earth roads, totalling 14 roads were constructed in five townships of Shan State (East) through the cooperation of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and USDA members.

For providing pure water and irrigation water in the region, Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs facilitated 14 tube wells and, the USDA members and people participated in laying pipe for nine villages and in construction tasks of Wane Wine Letyike Dam in Monghsat Township.

Priority has been giving for power supply in the region, so far, the USDA members and people could manage and organize to get 970.5 kilowatts of power

for 4,719 households in the 94 villages in Shan State (East) round the clock.

The USDA members participated in striving for the development of agricultural sector by helping in Kengtung highland farming after reclaiming the agricultural lands to develop the rural economy.

The USDA members also took part in making field trips to treat 2,586 patients in this open season together with specialists and other social organizations. Besides, the members provided an assistance and contributed to promoting the providing rural health care in the six rural dispensaries at a cost of K 15.2 millions.

Similarly, the USDA members participated in the enrollment of 14,627 school-age children and assisted teaching aids worth K 10.775 million for the students. Under the aegis of the USDA, the self-reliant affiliated BEPS could be opened in Wanelait village in Monghsat Township.

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Without analyzing national development, Vaclav Harvel and Desmond Tutu submitted report with call on UN Security Council to act in Myanmar



Ayeyawady
Division
USDA
Executive
Dr Htay
Win.
MNA

YANGON, 9 Nov — The Union Solidarity and Development Association held its Central Annual General Meeting (2005) at its Training School in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, from 3 to 7 November.

On the first day, 4 November, members of State/Division USDAs reported on progress in implementing the future plans in the past year.

Ayeyawady Division USDA Executive Dr Htay Win in his report said that medical teams led by 12 doctors provided health care plus medicines for 25,498 patients in 155 places in the division.

The Division USDA constructed, renovated or provided with furniture 142 basic education primary schools, and built or renovated 39 health care centres. And USDAs at different levels in collaboration with development affairs committees, members, social organizations, and people built or reconstructed 209 village-to-village roads stretching over 100 miles, built 59 bridges, sunk 353 tube-wells and dug 26 lakes, at a cost of over K 702.5 million. Moreover, in cooperation with congenial organizations and local, the members are lending themselves to the agricultural, livestock breeding and electric power sectors for regional development. Myanmar has a tradition that national people contribute voluntary services to religious and social services. But, some Western nations whose culture is much different from Myanmar's are accusing Myanmar of forced labour to mislead the international community. So, local people of Ayeyawady Division cannot accept such unjust accusations.

At a time when the government has been taking steps for national development in various sectors, certain Western powers are imposing economic sanctions, and

dissuading the world nations from making investments, providing assistance and loans, and visiting the nation. The entire people do not accept such destructive acts.

Some internal destructive elements are making demands constantly to extend economic sanctions on the nation. So, it is time the elements stopped making such brutal demands, or face punitive punishments inflicted by the people.

He said that regional people denounced interference of a handful of fugitives and some nations in the internal affairs under the pretext of human rights and democracy, and detonation of bombs in public areas. So, the Division protests against such brutal acts.

Without analyzing the development of Myanmar, Vaclav Harvel and Desmond Tutu submitted a report with a call on the UN Security Council to act in the nation. However, some internal political parties and groups are voicing their support of the report.

He said that he would like to ask the two men if they have ever been to Myanmar and have not heard that the people are pleased with stability, peace and development across the nation.

It is common knowledge that Myanmar is now expanding the scope of cooperation in the economic and

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USDA representing the people will ward off external and internal danger



Executive of Bhamo Township
USDA U Bo Bo Kyaw.
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YANGON, 9 Nov —The annual general meeting of USDA 2005 was held at USDA central training school in Hmawby Township from 3 to 7 November. The delegates reported on the tasks implemented by State and Division USDAs in one year on 4 November.

Executive U Bo Bo Kyaw of Bhamo Township USDA said national solidarity plays a vital role in perpetuation of the Union. The Kachins, the Shans and the Bamars and others are unitedly living in Kachin State. The Tatmadaw government built 350-

mile Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road, 417-mile Putao-Manchanbaw-Nagmon Road, 228-mile Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai-Ledo Road, 39-mile Putao-Ziyadam-Phonkan Road to the snow-capped Ganlanrazi Mountain, 15 major bridges including 2,688 feet Bala Min Htin Bridge and other 226 bridges, Putao, Myitkyina and Bhamo airfields. As a result, transport in Kachin State has become smooth and easier and relations among the national races have become closer.

Achievements have been made in every sectors of the State. USDAs at different levels in Kachin State participated in the tasks for stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order and organized the organizational for national reconsolidation. As the constructive measures become successful, there are split and differences among the political organizations.

Vaccine was given to children under five and health educative talks were held and free treatment was also given to the public for uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation. Altogether K 15,979,790 were spent on digging of wells for pure drinking water. A total of 29,080 USDA members donated 1,014 bottles of blood to patients.

Children of school-going age were sent to school and cash was provided to them under the supervision

of member of the Secretariat Kachin State in-charge. Altogether K 4,549,250 were spent on tasks for uplift of education including high pass rate in matriculation examination in 17 townships.

USDAs at different levels in Kachin State took part in anti-narcotic drug campaign in special regions-1 and 2.

A new system for the country cannot be established over night and democratic system of other countries cannot be practised. It takes time to establish the system phase by phase. The people realize that discussions among the national races are to be made by holding the National Convention. Though the National Convention invited the NLD which walked out of it, the NLD did not accept it. The National Convention is a true convention representing all national races.

He said the USDA representing the people will ward off external and internal danger. USDAs at different levels in Kachin State took part in the third five-year plan and five rural development tasks. The number of schools and colleges increased compared to that of 1988.

He also spoke at length on participation of the association in health care services, power supply and environmental conservation tasks.

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Local people welcome and support the organizations that contribute to regional development



Dimawhso Township Reserved Executive
Daw Myat Hsu Mon.
MNA

YANGON, 9 Nov —Delegates of State and Division USDAs reported on progress in implementing the future plans to the Annual General Meeting 2005 of USDA at the USDA central training school in Hmawby Township on 4 November.

Reserved Executive Daw Myat Hsu Mon of Dimawhso Township USDA submitted her report. She said that rural development tasks were undertaken

for achieving success in organizational task. Likewise, cash and kind and labour of USDA members were provided to development of rural health sector, rural water and power supply tasks and transport sectors.

Loikaw Township of Kayah State is one of the 24 special development regions. In Loikaw, one science and arts university, one Government Technological College and one Government Computer College were opened. Furthermore, Kayah State Hospital was upgraded and schools were extended and facilitated with multimedia teaching aids. Kayah State USDA members took part in these tasks.

Kayah State USDA joins hands with Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Maternal and Child Welfare Association to organize educative talks on prevention against trafficking in girls and on HIV/AIDS. Furthermore, the association cooperates with Kayah State Red Cross Society to open the first aid courses.

UNDP and others are carrying out education, health and water supply tasks in the state. Local people welcome and support the organizations that contribute to regional development. Western media such as BBC, VOA, RFA turned a blind eye to contributions

of internal and external organizations to development of the nation. People can not accept their acts ignoring correct data of the development tasks and airing wrong and false works of a handful persons.

With regard to the social and cultural sectors, USDA at different levels in Kayah State participated in cash and kind donations amounted to K 27.5 million for religious activities and health care services.

The association together with local people participated in construction of a gravel road stretching 1,500 feet linking Dawpawkale, Htayhnyalya and Bardo villages in Loikaw Township. In addition, the association spent K 268,000 on the dredging of drains, planting of trees and construction of roads, bridges and school renovation.

In conclusion, she said that Government is joining hands with the national race armed groups in carrying out development tasks of the nation. Likewise, the seven-point Road Map has been laid down. Now, the tasks to reconvene the National Convention, the first and most important step, are being undertaken. Among the delegates, 36 delegates from Kayah State are attending the National Convention. — MNA

Without analyzing national development...

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trade sectors with ASEAN members, BIMSTEC members, and neighbours year after year. Myanmar is home to various national races who have been living since thousands of years drinking water from the same source through thick and thin. So far, 17 national race armed groups have returned to the legal folds and are putting enthusiastic efforts into regional development tasks hand in hand with the government.

In 1988, there were 27 primary schools and one middle schools in border areas. Now, there are 92

high schools, 90 middle schools and 852 primary schools, and 170,920 national race youths are pursuing education.

The government has established 27 nationality youths development training schools and 28 vocational training schools. Up to now, 15,713 national race young women have completed vocational education and 27,525 national race youths basic and higher education. A total of 418 national race youths have got degrees from the two Nationalities Youths Resources Development Degree Colleges in Yangon and Mandalay.

Destructive elements are fabricating that the health sector is poor in the nation. But, in reality, thanks to better health care services and new medicinal institutions, average life-expectancy of a man has increased to 60.8 years up from 56.2 years, and a woman to 63.3 years up from 60.4 years.

He said on behalf the members, he condemns such baseless accusations.

NLD walked out of the National Convention in 1996. Despite invitation of the government, NLD failed to attend the NC which resumed in 2004.

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INVITATION TO TENDER
(TENDER NO. 20(T) MPE/HSD (12)/ 2005-2006)

- 1. Sealed Tenders are invited by the Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of High Speed Diesel Oil (6,000 ± 10%) Metric Tons (Gas Oil Regular 0.5%).
2. Tender closing Date: (23-11-2005) at (12:00) noon.
3. Tender Documents and detail information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, No. (23), Min-Ye-Kyaw-Zwa Road, Yangon, during office hours commencing (10-11-2005) on payment of one hundred (100) FEC per set.
4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director, Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise

Vietnam's farm produce export to surge this year

HANOI, 8 Nov — Vietnam is estimated to reap over five billion US dollars from exporting agricultural and forest products this year, up 17 per cent against last year, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development said on Monday.

Regarding fruits and vegetables, the country is likely to post export turnovers of 260 million dollars in 2005, up 45 per cent against 2004, the ministry said, adding that it still faces export difficulties due to high freight, and poor preserving equipment.

Vietnam earned 196 million dollars from selling fruits and vegetables overseas, including China, Japan, Russia and France, in the first 10 months of this year, a year-on-year increase of 35.7 per cent.

Meanwhile, it exported 4.6 million tons of rice worth more than 1.2 billion dollars, 734,000 tons of coffee valued at 588 million dollars, and 437,000 tons of rubber totalling 574 million dollars, posting respective value rises of 49 per cent, 10.2 per cent, and 25.3 per cent.

Now, Vietnamese farm and forest products are available in more than 100 countries and regions, the ministry said, noting that their two biggest markets are Asia and Europe. — MNA/Xinhua

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Vietnam has new int'l border gate with Cambodia

HANOI, 8 Nov — The Vietnamese Government has just allowed the People's Committee of southern Tay Ninh Province, which borders Cambodia, to upgrade the Xa Mat national border gate into an international one.

The upgrading will help Tay Ninh, especially its Xa Mat border economic zone in the Tan Bien District, become a more attractive destination for both Vietnamese and foreign investors as well as traders, the provincial People's Committee said on Monday, adding that it will facilitate flows of goods and tourists between Vietnam and Cambodia.

Tay Ninh is likely to reap export turnovers of 268.2 million US dollars this year, up from 217.3

million dollars last year, the committee said, noting that key exports include cashew nuts, pepper, rubber, cassava starch and sport shoes. The province mainly imports rubber wood, beans and some other unprocessed farm products from Cambodia.

Since Vietnam and Cambodia established diplomatic relations in June 1967, the two countries have frequently exchanged visits both at high level and working level, and seen considerable improvements in trade and

economic ties. Their cooperative relations on training, electricity, healthcare, transport, security and defence have also improved.

MNA/Xinhua

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Indonesia's car sales predicted stagnant in 2006

JAKARTA, 8 Nov — Indonesia's car sales in 2006 was forecasted to be stagnant or lower than this year, a dealer said here on Monday.

"The car sales could be 500,000 units a year (in 2006) or lower than that, which is less than the target of 520,000 units this year," President Director of the biggest Indonesia's car dealers, Indomobil Group, Gunadi Sindhuwinata said.

He said the stagnancy was due to the rise of Indonesian Central Bank interest and the weakening of rupiah exchange rate against the US dollar.

"Automotive sector directly get the impact of the rise of the interest rate,"

Sindhuwinata who was quoted by the Antara news agency as saying. But, the rise of last month oil price did not significantly impact on the car sales, he added.

Despite the stagnancy next year, Gunadi is convinced that the sales would increase in 2007 as it would reach a new equilibrium in the economic sector in Indonesia. Indonesia's car sales from January to September reached 439,865 units, up 26.2 per cent from the same period last year. — MNA/Xinhua

Nigerian phone lines to hit 20 million by year end

LAGOS, 8 Nov — The number of telephone subscribers in Nigeria is to hit the 20 million mark by the end of December this year, the country's communications minister has said.

Cornelius Adebayo described at the weekend in Lagos the telecommunications sector as the most successful example of deregulation in the Africa's most populous country, according to the official News Agency of Nigeria on Monday.

This is compared to the 500,000 telephone lines prior to the deregulation exercise in 2001, Adebayo said, restating that "Nigeria has achieved a feat as the nation that has the fastest growing telecommunications sector."

He noted that the government was pushing ahead with its National Rural Telephony Project and that about 280

communities in parts of the country would soon enjoy telephone services.

According to him, the goal of government is to give universal telephone access to every rural community in the country to make the populace to enjoy the opportunities offered by information communication technology.

The minister also said that government expected multinationals like Nokia, Samsung, Alcatel, Motorola and others to build manufacturing plants in Nigeria to make sustainable contributions to the economic growth of the country. — MNA/Xinhua

Singapore to promote HIV/AIDS education in workplaces

SINGAPORE, 8 Nov — Singapore will launch an HIV/AIDS education and prevention programme in workplaces to "help destigmatize the illness", Channel News Asia reported on Monday.

A joint effort by the government, unions and the business community, the interactive programme includes a special video clip, question-and-answer, games and role playing. It is expected to bring

home to Singaporean employers and employees the right message about the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), and to help them "understand better

the plight of HIV/AIDS sufferers" in two to three years, the report said. There are some 2,500 Singaporeans infected with HIV/AIDS, and about 75 per cent of them are employed, according to the report. — MNA/Xinhua

Internal and external destructive elements and organizations attacking the country by applying various wicked and cunning ways and means



Kyain-Seikkyi Township USDA Joint-Secretary U Nay Myo Hset. MNA

YANGON, 9 Nov — Delegates of State and Division USDAs reported on progress in implementing the future plans to the Annual General Meeting 2005 of USDA at the USDA Central Training School in Hmawby Township on 4 November.

Joint-Secretary of Kyain-Seikkyi Township USDA U Nay Myo Hset submitted his report. He said that the association set up trust-funds for religious and education affairs in the respective townships under

the directives of the Minister for Religious Affairs (CEC member). Furthermore, members of the township associations donated blood and cash to the patients of the USDA members.

In the social sector, the association members participated in the tasks to give hepatitis B vaccines and others to children, to plant trees, to build fly-proof latrines and to prevent against dengue hemorrhagic fever, malaria and TB diseases. So also, they gave educative talks to youth who will illegally go to other countries. Furthermore, the association members cooperate with NGOs in relief tasks for storm and flood victims in Kyondo, Hpa-an, Hlaingbwe and Kawkareik. They donated rice, edible oil and salt worth K 800,000 to Hpa-an flood relief camp in Hpa-an from 16 to 22 August 2005; K 500,000 to 12 flood relief camps in Hlaingbwe from 6 to 10 August 2005; and K 300,000 to two flood relief camps in Kawkareik from 14 to 22 August. Similarly, 374 people of 76 flood-hit families in Kyain-Seikkyi Township were accommodated at their relative houses from 5 to 20 August.

In addition, USDA members took part in the HIV/AIDS educative talks, the nutrition week activities, the ceremony to mark World Red Cross Day, talks on dental and oral knowledge, Eighth National Sanitation

Activities, World Smoking Day, and activities in combating the drug illicit trafficking and other ceremonies.

NGOs actively took measures for the development of the State and so did Myanmar War Veterans Organization. The conferences of MWVO were also held. The meetings on Women's Affairs Organizations were approving that WAOs in Myanmar carried out the tasks in the fields of economic, social affairs and rural development work for the interest of the State.

Kayin State USDA held its mass meeting on guarding against the dangers posed by internal and external destructive elements through the united strength of the people. It won the people's trust and approval.

The main reason was that internal and external destructive elements and organizations were attacking the country by applying various wicked and cunning ways and means. Foreign media such as VOA, BBC and others broadcast misinformation that Myanmar violated human rights, forced labour, opium cases and minor recruitment to puzzle international communities.

The USDA cooperated with its reserved forces MWVO and MWAFF held mass meetings in the country and performed nation-building tasks. — MNA

There is a school in every ward and village in Chin State



Reserve Executive Daw Sone Kye Cin of Haka Township USDA. MNA

YANGON, 9 Nov — The annual general meeting of USDA 2005 was held at USDA central training school in Hmawby Township from 3 to 7 November. The delegates reported on the tasks implemented by State and Division USDAs in one year on 4 November.

Reserve Executive Daw Sone Kye Cin of Haka Township USDA said the Head of State gave guidance that Chin State must be a tea-producing state. In accord with his guidance USDAs at different levels are actively participating in the tasks for growing tea. A project to grow 10,000 acres of tea was laid down and now 4,400 acres have been grown. Measures on eradication of slash-and-burn cultivation method were undertaken. There are now over 2,600 acres of terrace farm lands, over 1,800 acres of highland, 1,200 acres of coffee and 380,000 acres of other crops.

She said the associations at different levels run passenger and commodity transport services. The government is making plans for equal development and narrowing the gap between urban and rural development. USDA in cooperation with the rural people is implementing self-reliant hydel power projects in Chin State according to the geographical conditions. USDA headquarters provided K 13 million for these projects. The 36-mile road linking 14 villages was constructed by 5,000 USDA members and rural people with the contribution of K 450,000. The pipeline

was laid for water supply to Falam with the contribution of K 3.5 million by USDA and the people.

The association participated in religious and cultural activities. In connection with health care services, there are hospitals in Haka and Tiddim and station hospitals, dispensaries and rural health care centres in five townships. The ratio of health staff to population is 1:380. Chin State USDA provided medicines and clothing worth over K 1 million to minor operations and general treatment.

Altogether 4,636 teachers are working in basic education schools and the ratio of teacher to student is 1:25. Schools are open in every ward and village in Chin State, and USDAs at different level participate in educational activities such as installation of multimedia classrooms, construction of classrooms, school enrollment campaign and literacy movement. The net KG school enrollment rate at primary level in 1988 was 67.97% and it increased up to 92.42% in 2005, she said.

MNA

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Russia says rise in drug users has tailed off

Moscow, 9 Nov—The sharp post-Soviet rise in the number of illegal drug users in Russia has ended, the head of the drugs agency said on Tuesday, crediting a new policy of targeting big traffickers for the success.

But Federal Drugs Service head Viktor Cherkosov told reporters Russia still faced huge challenges, especially from a rise in heroin smuggling through Central Asia caused by the withdrawal of Russian troops from the Afghanistan-Tajik border.

"As for the problem of drugs in Russia, we can responsibly announce that in the last one to one-and-a-half years, the rise in the number of drug users has

stopped," he said. "And we have saved millions of people that would have taken the poison that we seized."

Illegal drug use was minimal in Soviet times but took off with the collapse of law and order in 1991. The drugs agency was only founded in 2003, but Cherkosov reports directly President Vladimir Putin and has divisions in all Russian regions. Even with drugs use stabilizing, Russia still

faces a major problem. According to Interior Ministry figures, 4 million Russian teenagers use drugs — a quarter of them as addicts — along with millions more adults.

Cherkosov said reducing narcotics dependency would require a giant coordinated effort from all Russian state bodies, but that his agency had managed to take a serious chunk out of the illegal drugs market.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Paraguayan club hires

Argentina's Miguel Zazhu as coach

BUENOS AIRES, 9 Nov— Paraguayan league club Sportivo Luqeno hired Miguel Zazhu as coach on Monday, following the resignation of their previous coach Hugo Gonzalez on Sunday, local media said.

Gonzalez left after Cerro Porteno beat Luqeno 4-2.

Club's president Ramon Gonzalez Daher

said that the team was hoping their new coach would keep them in the same division of the league. Recent losses mean it is al-

ready too late to fight for the top spot.

He added that good results in this season would mean that the new coach could stay in charge in 2006.

Zazhu managed to lift Argentina's General Caballero to the First Division from the Second Division last season. However, poor results this season mean that General will probably return to division two.

MNA/Xinhua



Cuba's Odlanier Solis Fonte (L) will lead four reigning Olympic gold medallists from his country into the senior world championships in Mianyang, China from Saturday. Cuba will be looking to put Russia in their proper place and regain their place atop amateur boxing's pecking order.—INTERNET

Nolan fires Bolton up to third

LONDON, 8 Nov—A stunning strike by midfielder Kevin Nolan earned Bolton Wanderers a 1-0 win over Tottenham Hotspur in Monday's Premier League match.

Nolan crashed home a 25-metre shot in the 32nd minute to lift Bolton up to third in the table, eight points behind leaders Chelsea and two adrift of second-placed Wigan Athletic.

Spurs, who slipped to sixth following their first away defeat of the season, came closest to equalizing when defender Paul Stalteri's stoppage-time shot struck the crossbar.

Tottenham striker Jermain Defoe had an effort ruled out for offside before halftime and Nolan nearly doubled Bolton's lead after the interval when his angled shot cannoned back off the post.

Bolton manager Sam Allardyce said luck was on the side of his team.

"A little bit of good fortune is needed in every game and today, after a terrific goal (by Nolan), we had a couple of let offs," Allardyce told Sky Sports television.

"Defoe was definitely inside...and then at the end a hopeful cross (by Stalteri) could easily have gone in. When you are going well near the top of the league those sort of

things go for you."

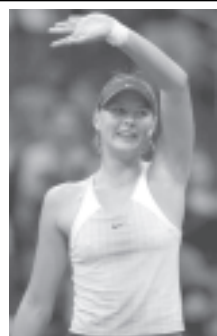
Spurs manager Martin Jol was unhappy his side failed to pick up a point.

"I appreciate it is a very difficult job to be a referee but for the linesman it should be easier," said Jol referring to Defoe's disallowed goal.

"I think we did everything right. In the second half we were a bit unlucky.

"We should have scored a goal and then it would have been a draw. I could have lived with a draw but not a defeat like this."

MNA/Reuters



Maria Sharapova of Russia waves to the crowd after defeating Patty Schnyder of Switzerland 6-1 3-6 6-3 during the WTA Tour Championships in Los Angeles on 8 November, 2005.—INTERNET

Kenya's New York Marathon winner to receive global award

NAIROBI, 8 Nov— Newly crowned New York marathon champion Paul Tergat will next week receive the Global Oneness Award in Washington DC, local athletics officials confirmed here Monday.

The award is given to people who have done extremely well in sports and promotion of peace around the globe and the world marathon record holder will be feted for his efforts as a World Food Programme (WFP) ambassador against hunger, said David Okeyo, Secretary General of the Athletics Kenya (AK).

Past winners of the award include former South African President Nelson Mandela and former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The 36-year-old Kenyan was named a WFP Ambassador Against Hunger in January 2004. In addition to efforts to support WFP programmes, he recently launched his own foundation to help develop underprivileged children into future athletes.

On Sunday, Tergat sprinted to victory ahead of defending champion Hendrick Ramaala of South Africa in the New York men's marathon and crossed the line in 2 hour 9 minutes and 30 seconds.

MNA/Xinhua

Nedved announces his return to national team

PRAGUE, 9 Nov— Former captain of the Czech national soccer team Pavel Nedved, who will play in the World Cup play-off qualifier with Norway, said Monday that he "will do his utmost to help the team win".

The 33-year-old said his decision to return to the team after almost one year and a half was influenced by his wish to play with the national team at least one more time.

He last appeared with the Czech national team at the European Championship in Portugal in July 2004.

However, Nedved, who plays for Juventus, did not disclose his future plans regarding his participation in the national side.

"I am now interested in these two games for the relegation and I firmly believe that we will celebrate after the match. I am not planning anything further for the time being," Nedved said at the Press conference in the Praha hotel where the national team gathered.

"I am glad that the coach gave me confidence again and I will be able to

play in the national team once more and this is the main reason why I returned," Nedved said.

The Czechs have not been among the world best soccer teams for the last 16 years and Nedved now is expected to be the key trump card of the national side.

"I am not thinking about any pressure since I have got used to it in Italy over ten years. Am I any saviour? I don't know, soccer is played by 11 people. It depends on what one thinks about this," Nedved said.

The mid-fielder last appeared in the national side in July, 2004, in the European Championship semifinal match. However, he did not finish the game with Greece due to his injured knee and he has been missing in the team since then.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazil Football Association launches museum project

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Nov— The Brazil Football Association (CBF) on Monday announced plans to set up a football museum, which would open in 2007. Attending the ceremony were officials of the CBF, the mayor of the

city, and Edson Arantes do Nascimento, Brazil's most famous football star, better known as Pele.

The museum will be in a 2,600-square-metre space attached to the Pacaembu Stadium, donated by the mayor of Sao Paulo.

The architect Mauro

Munhoz will design the museum, which will cost 11.3 million US dollars.

It will contain a collection of Brazilian football souvenirs, including footballs from the five World Cup finals won by Brazil: 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994 and 2002.

There will also be exhi-

bitions about Brazilian football fans; sports medicine; uniforms; and local football clubs, federations and champions.

The museum will make extensive use of audio and video recalling famous goals and barroom football debates.

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Carew wins Norway player of year award

OSLO, 8 Nov— Olympique Lyon striker John Carew has won Norway's player of the year award, edging out IK Start midfielder Kristofer Haestad and Blackburn Rovers' midfielder Morten Gamst Pedersen.

Carew, 26, has been a mainstay of Norway's attack in recent years and scored twice last week in Lyon's 4-1 Champions League victory over Olympiakos Piraeus.

Liverpool midfielder John Arne Riise was surprisingly omitted from the shortlist put together by NISO, a sporting body comprising leading figures in soccer, handball and ice hockey. Norway's hopes of

qualifying for the 2006 World Cup finals could hinge on Carew. They play the Czech Republic in a two-leg play-off starting on Saturday with the first leg in Oslo. "The Czech Republic are favourites," Carew

told the daily Verdens Gang. "The decisive thing will be not to let in any goals at home. If we win 1-0 at home...we'll have a good chance of reaching the World Cup."

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Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant falls as he makes a shot past the Atlanta Hawks during first half NBA action in Atlanta, Georgia on 8 November, 2005.—INTERNET

U Saing
(71 years)

Son of ((U Chan Bar Bar and Daw Thin), son-in-law of (Mr CA Turner and Mrs Mabel Than On), beloved husband of Mrs Regina Turner Saing of 25/A, Thukhawaddy Road (Soonirum Park), dearly beloved father of Natalie Saing-U Pan Oo (Immigration Officer, Coco Island), Saya Edwin Saing-Nan Rebecca Htun, and Crystal Saing-U Aung Mya Moe, loving grandfather of Alexander Pan Oo (Bo Bo), Sabrina Pan Oo (Nge Lay), Jonathan Edwin Saing (Ju Ju) and Yolanda Moe (Baby) was called to his Heavenly Home on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 5:40 am. Cremation at Yayway Cemetery after funeral service at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 10, 2005.

Bereaved family



CASH DONATED: In commemoration of the birthday of Ma Sandar Chan (currently in Macao) of No 15, 15th Street, Lanmadaw Township, family members donate K 150,000 to the medical trust funds of the Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi. - H

Shanghai to become world's largest cargo port this year

SHANGHAI, 9 Nov — East China's Shanghai Port will likely register a cargo turnover of 443 million tons this year, ready to outperform Singapore to become the top cargo port in the world.

The forecast was made recently by the Shanghai Harbour Administration on the basis of statistics about Shanghai Port's cargo turnover for the past 10 months, which amounted to 363 million tons.

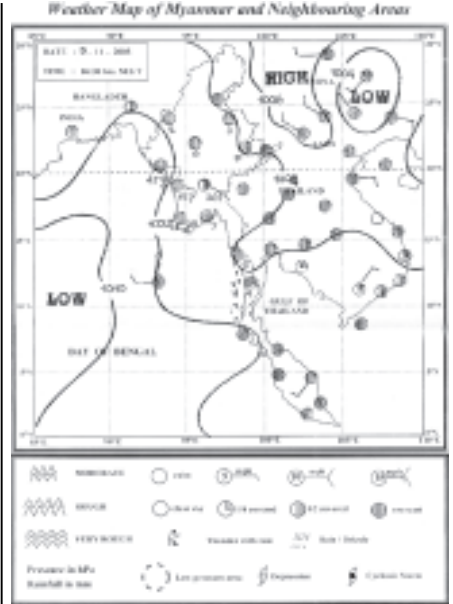
According to a local newspaper, Shanghai Port accumulated an annual cargo turnover of 379 million tons last year, second only to Singapore in the world. In the first half of this year, Singapore's cargo turnover increased by 11 per cent over the year-earlier level to 211 million tons. Experts said if the growth rate is kept, the cargo turnover of Singapore would stand at 420 million tons or so at the end of this year.

The Shanghai Harbour Administration noted in the first 10 months of this

year, Shanghai Port reported a container turnover of 14.89 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent unit), exceeding the all-time high level of 14.55 million TEUs for the whole of last year. The figure for the whole of this year is expected to reach 18 million TEUs, ranking third around the world.

In November, the first-phase project of the Yangshan deep-water harbour will be completed and start operation.

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WEATHER

Wednesday, 9 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Night temperatures were (5°C) below normal in Chin State and Magway Division, (3°C) below normal in Bago and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (5°C) above normal in Mon and Kayah, Shan and Kachin States and upper Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukpyu (5.43) inches, Gwa (2.60) inches, Ann (1.89) inches, Sittway (1.85) inches and Taunggyi (1.57) inches.

Maximum temperature on 8-11-2005 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 9-11-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 9-11-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 8-11-2005 was (1.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 9-11-2005 were (0.08 inch) at Mingaladon, (0.27 inch) at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (102.13) inches at Mingaladon, (101.69) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.38) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (15:20) hours MST on 8-11-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, the low pressure area over Southwest Bay persists. Weather is partly cloudy in Andaman Sea and cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 10-11-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Shan, Mon, Kayin, Kayah States and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in upper Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-11-2005:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-11-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Thursday, 10 November
Tune in today

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music:
- Say you'll be mine (Steps)
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music:
- With you (Lila Mccann)
- 8.50 am** National news & Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music:
- Sugar Rush (A Teen)
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music
- Smiling face (M2M)
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music
- I hear you now (Jon & Vangelis)
- I'm learning (Boy Zone)
- Love really hurts without you (Billy Ocean)
- The image (Richard Marx)
- 9.00 pm** Aspects of Myanmar
- 9.10 pm** Article
- 9.20 pm** Pourri
- 9.30 pm** Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- Careless whisper (George Michael)
- Reality (Richard Sandersor)
- Baby one more time (Britney Spears)
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL



Thursday, 10 November
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Partittas by missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 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. Dance of national races
- 8:00 am**
6. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
7. အကပေသဘ
- 8:20 am**
8. ပေါက်တံတား (ချေပြာ) နှင့် ပေါက်တံတား (အုန်းတော)
- 8:30 am**
9. International news.
- 8:45 am**
10. Let's Go.
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ညှာရေး ချစ်မြင်သကြာ သင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဇာ အထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဇာ)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm**
7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာကဏ္ဍ
- 5:45 pm**
8. "မနိင်သောအဖွဲ့" ယက်ကက်၊ စင်ရဲထက်၊ မိင်သင်ကြည် (ခါရိကတ အဝမ်း၊ မောင်လှမျိုး)

- 6:00 pm**
9. Musical programme
- 6:15 pm**
10. ရိုင်းငံအဝန်း သစ်တောစွမ်း၊ မြင့်စိမ်းလန်းအရမည်
- 6:30 pm**
11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
13. မိုင်းငံခြားစာတံလမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ဝက်ဝါ" (အပိုင်း-၃၂)
- 7:35 pm**
14. (၂၃)ကြိမ်မြောက်အရှေ့တောင် အာရှအားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲအတွက် မြင့်ဆင် ကြိုးစား လှေလှော် အားကစား
- 7:45 pm**
15. ကျေးလက်ဒေသဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး သဘာဝစွမ်းအင်အသုံးပြုမှု
- 8:00 pm**
16. News.
- 8:15 pm**
17. International news.
- 8:30 pm**
18. Weather report
- 8:45 pm**
19. မိုင်းငံခြားစာတံလမ်း "မခွဲအထွ" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)
- 9:00 pm**
20. The next day's programme.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects dams, monsoon paddy plantations and district to district road construction in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 9 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with Mandalay Division PDC Chairman Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and officials inspected the construction of district to district roads and progress in cultivation of monsoon paddy in Tatkon Township yesterday morning.

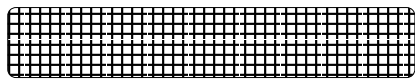
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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects progress in building of earth road on Tatkon-Kintha road section. —MNA



Cambodian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Hul Phany and wife welcome Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn on the occasion of the 52nd Anniversary of the Independence Day and Royal Cambodian Armed Forces Day of Kingdom of Cambodia on 9-11-2005. —MNA



Annual General Meeting of USDA for 2005 commences

YANGON, 9 Nov — The Union Solidarity and Development Association held its Annual General Meeting for 2005 for the first day at Pyidaungsu Hall of Central Training Centre of USDA, Hmawby Township on 4 November.

Present on the occasion were Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo, Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min, secretariat members and executives, secretaries from State and Division USDAs, delegates from State, Division, District and Township USDAs.

USDA secretariat member U Aung Thaug presided over the meeting together with CEC members U Ohn Myint and U Maung Maung Thein. Executive of Kawkaireik Township in (See page 9)



USDA Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min reads out the report of CEC at Annual General Meeting of USDA for 2005. — MNA