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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

Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends 10th Kathina robes offering ceremony of Sasana Zeya Mingala Pariyatti Monastery



Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, and congregation sharing merits gained at the Kathina robes offering ceremony. — MNA

YANGON, 12 Nov — The 10th Kathina robes offering ceremony of Sasana Zeya Mingala Pariyatti Monastery took place at the monastery in Natchaung Ward, Tamwe Township here this morning.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, offered Kathina robes and provisions to the Saydaws.

Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of Prime Minister General Soe Win, Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, wives of Members of State Peace and Development Council, Daw Khin Thet Htay, wife of Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and wife Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, Deputy Mayor Col Maung Pa and wife Daw Khin Nyunt Myaing, secretary of YCDC and officials, the chairman of

Yangon East District PDC and wellwishers are also present at the ceremony.

First, the ceremony was opened with three-time recitations of *Namottasa*.

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Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family members offering Kathina robes to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Manita.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Categorically reject unjust allegations of religious freedom

In the Union of Myanmar, the national brethren have been living in unity and amity in the course of history while preserving own traditions, customs and lineage and sharing mutual understanding and respect.

It is a national prestige of Myanmar to stand as a society in harmony and equity among the people with high civilization. All citizens can profess and practise own belief. It is a significant characteristic that all national races of Myanmar have freedom of faith and equal right to preserve their own culture and traditions. Everyone can enjoy equal rights irrespective of race, religion and sex. However, some western nations and pessimist elements are making false and fabricated allegations that there is discrimination on religion, sex and race in Myanmar.

In the Seventh Annual International Religious Freedom Report (2005) released by the US Department of State on 8 November 2005, it was wrongly criticized that there have been violations of religious freedom and human rights in Myanmar.

In reality, every citizen of Myanmar has the right to profess and practise their belief. The country is significantly characterized by the fact that all national races have enjoyed freedom of faith and equal right to preserve their own culture and traditions.

Although Theravada Buddhism is the religion of the majority in the country, the government is assisting the work of other religions and also take all necessary steps to encourage and maintain the harmony.

Myanmar is one of the very few countries in the world where all the major religions live together harmoniously and peacefully and where freedom of religion is actually practised.

The report does not in any way reflect the true situations in Myanmar. The allegations contained in the report are baseless and considered as being politically motivated. These allegations are all same old tunes based on groundless facts and figures which came from unscrupulous persons with the aim of tarnishing the image of the country.

The internal and external destructive elements in the name of races and religions are making attempts with every intention of disintegrating the Union. Realizing this, the entire national people of Myanmar categorically have turned down these unfounded facts concerning religions.

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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

F&R Ministry offers Kathina robes

YANGON, 12 Nov— Under the aegis of Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win, family members of the ministry offered Kathina robes to members of the Sangha this morning at the Dhammayon of the ministry.

Sayadaw U Nanissara of Thingangyun Township Maha Suvanna Monastery invested the congregation with the Five Precepts and delivered a sermon.

The minister and wife, the deputy minister



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win offer Kathina robes to a Sayadaw. — FINANCE AND REVENUE

and wife and heads of department offered Kathina robes to members of the Sangha. After sharing merits gained soon was offered to the members of the Sangha. MNA

55th Kathina robe-offering ceremony of Ministers' Office held

YANGON, 12 Nov— The 55th Kathina Robe-offering ceremony of Buddhists Association

of the Ministers' Office was held at the Dhammayon of the Ministers' Office this morning.

The ceremony was attended by Principal of Yangon Division Abbots

Training School Aggha Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kovida and members of the Sangha, President of Buddhists Association of the Ministers' Office Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Muang Thein, departmental heads and wellwishers.

After receiving the Five Precepts from the Principal Sayadaw, the minister and heads of department offered Kathina robes and alms to the Sayadaws.

The Principal Sayadaw delivered a sermon followed by sharing of merits gained. —MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein offers Kathina robes to a Sayadaw. — MNA

232 drug-related cases exposed in October

YANGON, 12 Nov— In the month of October, 2005, the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Customs Department exposed 232 drug-related cases. They exposed and seized 1.7345 kilos of opium in 29 cases, 10.0412 kilos of heroin in 82 cases, 1.2301 kilos of opium oil in 3 cases, 3.9908 kilos of low-grade opium in 9 cases, 2.0257 kilos of marijuana in 12 cases, 132,680 stimulant tablets in 70 cases, 2.3661 kilos of speciosa in 3 cases, 0.2009 kilo of ICE in 2 cases, 143,360 diazipen tablets in 2 cases, 415 liters of liquid chemicals in 2 cases, 8 kilos of chemical powder, 12 case for failing registration and 6 other cases.

In connection with the cases, action was taken against 342 people — 271 men and 71 women. — MNA

Communicative English Language Course for Women on 19 November

YANGON, 12 Nov — Communicative English Language Course for Women, organized by the working group of social affairs and culture of the Information Department under Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, is to be opened at Sangyoung Township No 2 Basic Education High School on 19 November.

Those who have passed matriculation examination can apply for the nine-week course. It is from 9 am to 11 am at every weekend.

Application forms are available starting 16 November and to be sent to Sangyoung Township No 1 BEHS by 19 November. For further information, dial 535497 or 251575. — MNA

China to be largest economy in 21st Century

HONG KONG, 11 Nov — Former Governor of Hong Kong Christopher Patten said here Thursday that China will be the largest economy in the 21st Century.

"In 18 of the past 20 centuries, China has been the largest economy in the world, and I believe it will be in this one," Patten said at a luncheon hosted by Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce.

Europe and America should recognize the world that they took for granted for 50 years have changed tremendously and rapidly because of the extraordinary rise of Asia, particularly China and India, said Patten who was back to Hong Kong to promote his new book "Not Quite the Diplomat".

Patten, also former European Commissioner for External Relations, said it is absurd for the Europe and America to regard the rise of China as

a threat. There is no single global problems, such as nuclear proliferation in the Korean Peninsular, global warming, avian flu, war against terrorism and drugs trade, that can be solved without China's active involvement.

"I hope that we will learn to cooperate more

successfully and will try to draw China into the network of institutions which provide global leadership," Patten said.

While talking about the WTO ministerial conference to be held in Hong Kong this December, Patten wished it a success which is

defined as closing the Doha round by reaching an agreement leaning in favour of developing countries.

61-year-old Patten was appointed the last governor of Hong Kong in 1992 and witnessed the return of Hong Kong to China in 1997. — MNA/Xinhua

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This photo provided by Sprint Nextel Corp, shows the Sprint Power Vision phone MM-9000 by Sanyo at a Sprint retail location on 10 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Car bomb hits police patrol in central Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 Nov — A car bomb hit a police patrol in a central Baghdad District on Thursday, wounding three policemen, police said.

"A car parked in Camp Sarah industrial district detonated at about 2:00 pm (1100 GMT) as a police patrol passed nearby," Captain Ahmed Abdullah from Baghdad police told Xinhua. The blast damaged two police vehicles, he said.

Meanwhile, guerillas blew up two roadside bombs at a crowded area in Baghdad's al-Jadida District, wounding six civilians, Abdullah said.

Guerillas frequently attack Iraqi security forces in bid to topple the Shiite- and-Kurdish-dominated government installed in April. — MNA/Xinhua

Developing countries to fight cybercrime

GENEVA, 11 Nov — Developing countries must take steps to fight cybercrime to benefit from the boom in e-business, according to a United Nations report published on Thursday.

Cybercrime and poor information security could deter the application of information technologies — especially business use of the Internet — that may help developing countries increase commerce, investment, innovation, productivity and efficiency, says the Information Economy Report 2005, released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

The report argues that the world's poorer nations have to do more than upgrade technology to protect against cybercrime and to meet international standards for the security of computerized information.

They also have to establish laws that criminalize cyber attacks and enable police to adequately investigate and prosecute such activities, it says.

The report further recommends that governments set up risk-management policies, regularly review security regulations for information and communication technology, and expand training to ensure that their economies have the human resources needed to establish and maintain effective security programmes.

MNA/Xinhua

Accused US soldiers in rape case still under custody

MANILA, 11 Nov — The five American servicemen accused of raping a 22-year-old Filipina will remain under the custody of the United States Embassy even if they will be ordered arrested and undergo trial, government officials said.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita told a Press conference that even though the Philippines automatically gets the jurisdiction over the case where the death penalty can also apply to them, the government cannot compel the United States to surrender the soldiers without any conviction yet.

He explained that under the Visiting Forces Agreement between the two countries justifying the US stationing of its troops in the Philippines, it is very explicit that the soldiers could continue to be under the custody of the US officials if they asked for it and would only be presented to the

Philippine authorities as needed.

"Unless there are strong reasons for them to be requested by Philippine authorities to be placed under Philippine custody, then the provisions states that they will stay under US custody," Ermita said.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez, for his part, told

reporters that the Philippines would have to waive custody in favour of the Americans should they request for it.

"While jurisdiction could not be waived, custody could be," he said. "In this particular case, they have asked for that custody."

The Philippines could

only seek custody over American soldiers if the case would be of particular importance to the Philippines, but "unfortunately there is no definition of terms as to what cases are of particular importance to the Philippines", Gonzalez added.

MNA/Xinhua

Deaths bring US toll in Iraq to 2,061

BAGHDAD, 11 Nov — Five American troops were killed in Iraq, including one along the Syrian border during a major push to take control of the frontier from guerillas, the US military said on Friday.

A roadside bomb killed the US Marine on Thursday along the Syrian border in Karabilah, about 200 miles west of Baghdad, during Operation Steel Curtain, the military said.

Two US soldiers died after being hit by small arms fire on Thursday during combat operations in Khaldiayah, 55 miles west of Baghdad, the military said.

On Friday, two US soldiers from the 3rd Corps Support Command died in a traffic accident while on a combat logistical patrol northwest of Kirkuk, the military said. Two oil tankers were destroyed in what was earlier believed to be an guerillas' ambush.

The deaths brought the

number of US service members killed in Iraq since the war began to 2,061, according to an Associated Press count.

Three Iraqi police officers were killed on Friday when their vehicle was ambushed near Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, officers at a regional command center said. Guerillas ambushed a US

convoy north of Baghdad, destroying two oil tankers, witnesses said.

In the capital, gunmen opened fire on the compound of the Embassy of Oman, killing two people and wounding two others the second fatal shooting involving employees of Arab embassies in Baghdad this week, authorities said.

Internet



US Air Force personnel inventory wounded American soldiers lying in a bus before loading them onto a cargo plane in Balad, 80 kilometres (50 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 9 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Tornado injures 18 in Canada

OTTAWA, 11 Nov — Eighteen people, many of them children, were injured in southern Canada's Hamilton after a tornado struck an elementary school Wednesday.

Local media reported that Lawfield Elementary School sustained extensive damage, with the second floor of the structure partially collapsed and the gymnasium's roof torn off.

A nearby arena also sustained extensive damage to its roof. — MNA/Xinhua



In this photo provided by Greenpeace, a harpoon shooter is seen above the whaling ship Nisshin-maru, right, departing a port in Shimonoseki, Japan's once-thriving whaling capital, southern Japan, together with a fleet of four catcher ships bound for the seas of Antarctica amid protests on 8 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

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China, Thailand carry forward close ties

BEIJING, 11 Nov — China and Thailand have carried forward their close relations and further enhanced their cooperation, said Chinese top adviser Jia Qinglin here on Wednesday.

Jia, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), made the remarks while meeting with Thai Senate Speaker Suchon Chaleekure.

Jia said this year marks

the 30th anniversary of forging diplomatic ties between China and Thailand, and Suchon's current China visit is an important part of the celebrations of the two nations.

During the past 30 years, China and Thailand have enjoyed smooth development of bilateral ties, maintained frequent high-level visits, increased political mutual trust, and expanded strategic cooperation with each other, Jia noted.

Jia said China is ready to work with Thailand to push forward bilateral strategic cooperation in a bid to benefit the two peoples and contribute to regional peace, stability and prosperity.

Jia expressed appre-

ciation for Thailand's adherence to the one-China policy and for Thailand's support on the Taiwan issue. Jia hoped that the CPPCC and Thai Senate would further expand exchanges and cooperation in various levels, in an effort to promote bilateral relations.

Suchon said Thailand-China relations set a good example for good-neighbourly friendship between nations. China has achieved remarkable progress in economic development in recent years, which not only improves the living level of domestic peoples but also boosts the development of Asia, Suchon said.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippine police begin DNA tests in rape case of US Marines

MANILA, 11 Nov — Philippine police forensic experts have begun conducting DNA tests on the underwear and a used condom recovered from the scene of the alleged rape of a Filipina by six American Marine soldiers, officials said on Thursday.

"We will check the evidence for whatever bodily fluids... may it be semen or perspiration," said Chief Superintendent Ernesto Belen, chief of the Philippine National Police Crime Laboratory in Camp Crame, the headquarters of Philippine National Police in Metro Manila.

Results of the DNA tests would be forwarded to government prosecutors, Belen said, adding that results could be out in two to three weeks.

"They (prosecutors) can then ask for DNA samples from the victims and the accused for matching," he said.

Reports said the 22-year-old college student was raped while inside a van cruising inside the Subic Bay Metropolitan

Authority complex in Olongapo City on 1 November.

A formal complaint has since been filed against

the six Americans who were prevented from leaving for Okinawa and are remaining in US custody.

The soldiers were participants in a recently-concluded military exercise with Filipino counterparts.

MNA/Xinhua

Suicide bombers involved in hotels attacks

AMMAN, 11 Nov — Three suicide bombers that hit three hotels in the Jordanian capital Amman Wednesday night could be involved in chain blasts, the Jordanian News Agency Petra reported.

A police spokesman was quoted as saying that suicide bombers were possibly involved in the chain blasts which have killed at least 18 people and wounded over 100 others.

The attacks bore the trademarks of the al-Qaeda

terror network, which has waged similar attack against high-profile targets in the past, police said, adding investigation is underway.

MNA/Xinhua

Car bomb hits US military convoy in northern Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 Nov — A car bomb blast struck a US military convoy in northern Baghdad on Thursday, police said.

"A roadside car bomb

went off in Kasrah District as a US military convoy passed, destroying a US Humvee and inflicting casualties on the soldiers aboard," Captain Ahmed

Abdullah from Baghdad police told Xinhua.

One civilian was wounded by the blast that took place at about 12:50 am (09:50 GMT), he said.

Earlier, a suicide bomber blew himself up inside a restaurant in central Baghdad, killing 35 people and wounding 25 others. The popular Qaddouri Restaurant was crowded with breakfast customers, including security forces members, when the attack took place at about 9:30 am (6:30 GMT)

MNA/Xinhua

42 die in Iraq suicide bombing

BAGHDAD, 12 Nov — Bombers killed 42 people at a Baghdad restaurant favoured by police and an army recruiting centre to the north, while Iraqi troops along the Iranian border found 27 decomposing bodies, unidentified victims of the grisly violence plaguing the country.

In the deadliest bombing in Baghdad since 19 September, a suicide bomber blew himself up in a restaurant on Thursday morning when officers usually stop in for breakfast. Police Major Falah al-Mohammedawi said 35 officers and civilians died and 25 were wounded.

The blast was the most deadly since a car bomb ripped through a market in a poor Shiite Muslim neighbourhood on the eastern outskirts of Baghdad, killing at least 30 people and wounding 38 on 19 September.

Witnesses heard two blasts and initial reports said two bombers struck the restaurant, but al-Mohammedawi later said the suicide attacker carried a bomb in a satchel and also wore an explo-

sives belt and the two detonated independently.

Thursday's other big attack came in Tikrit, 80 miles north of the capital, where a car bomb blew up in the

middle of a group of men outside an Iraqi army recruiting centre. Seven were killed and 13 wounded, police Capt Hakim al-Azawi said.—Internet

Cars set ablaze in Belgium in new copycat attacks

BRUSSELS, 11 Nov — Youths set fire to 15 vehicles across Belgium in a fourth night of attacks that authorities said looked like imitations of violence in France, leading to the far right to call for expulsion of the perpetrators. Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt told Reuters in Singapore the burning of cars in Belgian cities were "isolated incidents" and said they were not comparable to the riots in France, which he described as a "very serious, serious situation".

The arson attacks late on Wednesday have not sparked worse violence across Belgium, which like France has big Muslim and African immigrant populations. "Burnt-out cars are rare in Belgium," a spokesman for a government crisis centre said on Thursday. "This seems to be an attempt to imitate what is happening in France."

Ten cars were set ablaze in Brussels, with the others in Antwerp and the smaller towns of Lokeren, Mechelen and Ledeborg, the centre said in a statement. There were a number of arrests.—MNA/Reuters



Ukrainian soldiers man a check-point in a Ukrainian military camp near Kut, 170km (106 miles) southeast of Baghdad on 8 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

First EuroAsia Economic Forum opens in Xi'an

XI'AN, 11 Nov—The First Euro-Asia Economic Forum opened on Thursday morning in Xi'an, capital city of northwest China's Shaanxi Province.

Delegates from Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, Pakistan, India, Iran, Japan, South Korea as well as China started to discuss topics concerning energy, tourism and finance cooperation in this region during the forum.

The forum is co-hosted by the Shanghai

Cooperation Organization (SCO), the State Development Bank and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).

This is the first time for the SCO to cooperate with other international organization in holding large-scale economic seminar in China.

During the forum, parallel sessions on tourism cooperation, energy cooperation, financial

cooperation and a roundtable meeting of governors and mayors will be held.

The organizers have announced that Xi'an is the permanent venue for the Euro-Asia Economic Forum. *MNA/Xinhua*

Four civilians killed in Peruvian arms explosion

LIMA, 11 Nov—A military device exploded on Wednesday, leaving four civilians killed, including two children, and one injured in the settlement of Marco Jara, a poor area in Peru's northeastern department of Piura, the Peruvian National Po-

lice (PNP) said.

The police said the victims of the explosion hit or manhandled the device before it exploded, destroying their home and mutilating their bodies.

The PNP believed the victims found the device and took it home, where it went off. The PNP explosives unit and criminal investigation division are jointly carrying out an investigation into the incident. *MNA/Xinhua*



A worker dismantles scaffolding outside a construction site in Beijing on 10 Nov, 2005.

INTERNET

Bomb at Iraqi recruiting office kills ten

BAGHDAD, 11 Nov—A car bomb killed 10 people and wounded 20 more at an army recruiting centre on Thursday in the city of Tikrit, north of Baghdad, hospital sources and police said.

MNA/Reuters

Two killed in bomb attack in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 11 Nov—One person, who was seriously injured in clashes which erupted following a bomb attack in eastern Turkey on Wednesday, died, bringing the death toll to two.

The bomb went off in a shopping area in Semdinli Town of Hakkari Province at 12:00 (1000 GMT) on Wednesday, killing a person and injuring six others and damaging several shops, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

Security forces shot in the air to disperse a group of people who attempted to lynch a person suspected of planting the bomb.

Meanwhile, Semdinli Mayor Hursit Tekin was injured in the head during the clash, said the report. Security forces detained the suspect person and found three rifles in his automobile. *MNA/Xinhua*

Suspected gas explosion kills two children in Spain

MADRID, 12 Nov—A suspected gas explosion destroyed a building in the northeastern Spanish city of Tarragona, killing two children, officials said on Friday. The explosion, soon after 11 pm (2200 GMT) on Thursday, brought the upper floors of the building in the centre of the Catalan city crashing down.—*MNA/Reuters*

Three Chinese killed in triple Jordanian blasts

BEIJING, 11 Nov—Three Chinese were killed and one wounded Wednesday evening in bomb attacks against three hotels in the Jordanian capital Amman, said a Press release carried on the website of the Chinese Foreign Ministry Thursday.

The dead and wounded were members of a delegation from China's University of National Defence, which happened to stay at one of the three hotels, the Press release said. Chinese President Hu Jintao, who is in London for a state visit, has asked China's Foreign Ministry and relevant departments to take immediate measures and spare no efforts to save the injured and properly handle relevant consequences.

Hu has also sent a message of condolence to Jordanian King Abdullah II, in which he said the Chinese Government condemns all forms of terrorism and is ready to strengthen cooperation with the international community, including Jordan, on fighting terrorism. Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing, who was accompanying President Hu in London, also sent a letter of condolence to his Jordanian counterpart, Faruq Kassrawi.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry has advised

Chinese citizens avoid making trips to Jordan given the current situation there.

The ministry quoted the local police as saying

that they pointed the finger at al-Qaeda, though the immediate reason for the bombings remains to be clarified. *MNA/Xinhua*

Food poisoning kills one, injures 57 others in Danfeng County

XI'AN, 11 Nov—One girl was confirmed dead and 57 other people were hospitalized in a food poisoning case that occurred on Tuesday at a village in Danfeng County, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, local government sources said on Thursday.

Seventeen of the 57 hospitalized were slightly injured and under further observation, the sources added. On Tuesday afternoon, 17 of the people having attended a village feast in Dihua Town of Danfeng County suffered ailment, and of them, three children had serious symptoms of being poisoned.

All of them were sent to the county hospital, with more injured joining them later.

At around 9:00 Tuesday night, a poisoned girl surnamed Chen died in hospital.—*MNA/Xinhua*

US Airways' third-quarter loss widens on merger, fuel costs

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov—US Airways Group Inc announced on Wednesday that its loss surged in the third quarter because of merger-related expenses and fuel costs.

The loss of the nation's seventh-largest carrier increased to 87 million dollars, or 5.04 dollars per share, in the third quarter from 29 million dollars, or 1.92 dollars per share, in the same period last year.

Excluding special items, however, the loss would have been 23 million dollars, or 1.33 dollars per share, lower than the quarterly deficit of 1.85 dollars per share that

analysts had estimated.

During the July-September period, US Airways' revenue totalled 926 million dollars, showing a rise of 36 per cent from 679 million dollars in the previous year. Its operating costs surged 45 per cent, driven by merger expenses and a sharp increase in fuel costs.

On 27 September, US Airways formally emerged from bankruptcy

protection for the second time and closed its merger with low-cost carrier America West Airlines, creating the fifth largest US airline.

America West Airlines' loss also widened to 71 million dollars in the third quarter from 28 million dollars last quarter. Its operating revenue advanced 25 per cent to 846 million dollars.

The merged group operates under the US Airways name, with headquarters in Tempe, Arizona. Doug Parker, previous head of America West Airlines, is the chairman and chief executive of the merged company. But America West Airlines and US Airways will maintain separate operating certificates for the next two to three years.

US Airways filed for bankruptcy protection for the second time in September 2004. Its first filing took place in August 2002 after a proposed merger with UAL Corp's United Airlines was rejected by federal regulators. *MNA/Xinhua*



Iraqi firemen hose a burnt bus after a car bomb exploded in eastern Baghdad on 10 November, 2005. — INTERNET

World Diabetes Day

Dr Tint Swe Latt

As usual, World Diabetes Day for this year 2005 is going to be celebrated on November 14. With this article I would like to welcome this year World Diabetes Day.

World Diabetes Day is the Primary global campaign for raising public awareness of diabetes. It aims to inform the public of the causes, symptoms, complications and treatment associated with the condition. World Diabetes Day serves as an important reminder that the incidence and prevalence of diabetes is increasing all over the world and will continue to do so unless action is taken immediately.

World Diabetes Day was introduced in 1991 in response to concern over the escalating incidence of diabetes around the world. Since then, it has grown in popularity every year and now brings together more than 350 million people worldwide children and adults with and without diabetes, healthcare professionals, decision makers and the media.

World Diabetes Day is celebrated every year on 14 November. The date was chosen as it is the birthday of **Frederick Banting** who, along with Charles Best, first conceived the idea which led to the discovery of insulin in October 1921. Insulin is a hormone produced from pancreas and it plays an important role in the pathogenesis of diabetes mellitus. It is also important medication for the treatment of diabetes mellitus.

Each year World Diabetes Day is centered on a unifying idea, a theme which is the focus of special attention. Topics covered in the past have included diabetes and human rights, diabetes and lifestyle, and the costs of diabetes. Since 2001 particular attention has been paid to diabetes complications. Recent and future themes include:

2002 Your Eyes and Diabetes: Don't lose sight of the risks

2003 Diabetes could cost you your kidneys: Act now!

2004 Fight Obesity Prevent Diabetes

For this year 2005 the main focus is on one of the common diabetic complications: Diabetes Feet and its consequence, i.e., amputations. The theme for this year is **Diabetes and Foot Care: Put Feet First Prevent Amputations**

The activities carried out on World Diabetes Day vary from country to country and they are aimed to inform, educate but also provide enjoyment. The objective of this year's campaigns are to:

- * inform people of the extent of diabetic foot problems worldwide take action
- * persuade healthcare decision maker that action is both possible and affordable
- * warn healthcare decision makers of the consequences of not taking action

* inform people with diabetes of the measures they can take to prevent foot complications.

Lower extremity amputations are usually preceded by a foot ulcer in people with diabetes. The most important factors related to the development of these ulcers are peripheral neuropathy, foot deformities, minor foot trauma and peripheral vascular disease. The spectrum of the lesions varies in different regions of the world due to differences in socioeconomic conditions, standards of foot care and quality of footwear.

Foot problems are common in diabetes patients. The importance of foot problems in diabetes is highlighted by the following data and facts.

- * Every 30 seconds a leg is lost to diabetes somewhere in the world.
- * Up to 70% of all leg amputations happen to people with diabetes.
- * In developed countries, up to five per cent of people with diabetes have a foot problem.
- * Foot problems are the most common cause of admission to hospital for people with diabetes.
- * In developing countries, it is estimated that foot problems may account for as much as 40% of available healthcare resources.
- * The direct cost of an amputation associated with the diabetic foot is estimated to be between US\$30,000 and US\$ 60,000.
- * Most amputations begin with a foot ulcer.
- * One in every six people with diabetes will have a foot ulcer during their lifetime. Each year 4 million people worldwide get a foot ulcer.
- * In most cases diabetic foot ulcers and amputations can be prevented. It is estimated that up to 85% of amputations could be avoided.
- * Significant reductions in amputations can be achieved by well-organized diabetic foot care teams, good diabetes control and well-informed self care.

Foot complications are one of the most serious and costly complications of diabetes. However, through a care strategy that combines: prevention; the multi-disciplinary treatment of foot ulcers; appropriate organization; close monitoring, and the education of people with diabetes and healthcare professionals, it is possible to reduce amputation rates by between 49% and 85%. It is this objective that should motivate the advocacy work of those fighting to make a difference for those living with diabetes around the world.

I would like to take the opportunity to disseminate health education on diabetes foot to the diabetes patients, their families and relatives and also to the public, by mentioning things to do and things to avoid to prevent foot complications in diabetes patients, in this article.

Things To Do

- * Check your feet daily for cuts, blisters, bruises or colour changes, swelling and open sores. Report

them to your healthcare team without delay, Use a mirror to see the soles of your feet or, if this is difficult, seek help from someone else.

- * Always protect your feet. Wear suitable footwear inside and outside your home to avoid injuring your feet.
- * Check inside your shoes for stones, sharp objects and rough places before putting your shoes on.
- * Buy new shoes late in the day. This is because feet become more swollen towards the end of the day and you can be more sure that your shoes are not too tight and fit well.
- * Wearing socks can help to prevent injury. Make sure they are not too tight and wash them daily. Make sure they have no holes.
- * Always wash your feet with soap water. Take care to wash between your toes. Dry your feet carefully, especially between the toes. Use oil or lotion to keep your skin soft.
- * Cut toe nails straight across and file any sharp edges.
- * Have your feet checked periodically by a healthcare professional.
- * Keep any wounds covered with clean dressings.

Things to avoid

- * Avoid pointy-toe shoes, high heels, stilettos and strapless and backless shoes.
- * Don't wear tight socks.
- * When washing your feet be careful that the water is not hot enough to burn them.
- * Don't use a heater or hot water bottle to warm your feet.
- * Avoid Walking barefoot whenever possible. If this cannot be avoided because of cultural or religious reasons, you must be extremely careful and avoid the risk of burns from hot surfaces in hot climates.
- * Never try to treat your own feet with corn medicines or razor blades. Always seek help from a professional if you have a problems.
- * Avoid becoming overweight.
- * Don't smoke-smoking damages the supply of blood to the feet.
- * Don't wear jewellery on your feet.

Remember that even if foot problems are painless they can still be serious.

Warning Signs

Everybody would accept the fact that prevention is better than cure. Accordingly, it is important to know the warning signs in order to identify the foot at risk. These include:

- * Swelling of the foot or ankle
- * Very cold feet or legs
- * Colour changes; red, blue or black discoloration
- * Pain in legs at rest or while walking
- * Open sores, no matter how small
- * Non healing wounds
- * In-growing toe nails
- * Corns and calluses
- * Lack of hair growth on the foot

Management of the diabetic foot

Needles to mention that the proper management of diabetes foot are equally important

The ideal management for the prevention and treatment of diabetic foot problems includes:

- * Regular inspection of the diabetic foot
- * Identification of the foot at risk
- * Education of people with diabetes and healthcare professionals
- * Appropriate footwear
- * Rapid treatment of all foot problems

It is imperative that we increase awareness among carers at all levels of healthcare services worldwide. It is imperative that we reduce the unnecessary suffering that foot complications can bring. It is imperative that we act now!

World Diabetes Day was introduced in 1991 in response to concern over the escalating incidence of diabetes around the world. Since then, it has grown in popularity every year and now brings together more than 350 million people worldwide children and adults with and without diabetes, healthcare professionals, decision makers and the media.

Education sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of higher education in the time of Tatmadaw Government

Courses conducted and increasing number of trainees for human resource development

In building the Union of Myanmar to be a peaceful modern and developed nation, human resource development programmes have been implemented throughout the country.

Now is the time of knowledge age and thus the government is placing emphasis on human resource development to be able to face the present day's challenges.

In implementing human resource development programmes, Myanmar was able to implement e-learning programmes starting from 1 January 2001. It can be said that the implementation of e-learning programmes opens the door of future higher education system.

Applying network system in the higher education system shows the fact that the standard of Myanmar's education system becomes high. These programmes contribute not only to formal education but also to non-formal education and inclusive education. These programmes were implemented under the collaboration between the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Information.

In the past, there was no human resource development programme, but in the time of the Tatmadaw government, these programmes have come



Students learning courses of international standard for human resource development.

into existence. The tasks to implement the programmes cover opening of e-education learning centres in universities and colleges in states and divisions, conducting courses covering a wide range of subjects with international standard and initiating department for human resource development.

Thanks to these endeavours, altogether 138,147 trainees have been attending the courses. Department for Human Resource Development in the higher education sector has been conducting Masters courses, degree courses, diploma courses and certificate courses and these courses benefit intellectual and intelligentsia who will build the country.

The table shows the number of courses and trainees for human resource development emerged in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Courses conducted and increasing number of trainees for human resource development

Sr	Courses	1988	2005 Courses	2005 Trainees
1	Masters courses	-	4	176
2	Degree courses	-	13	2647
3	Diploma	-	40	26819
4	Certificate	-	127	108505
	Total	-	184	138147



Education system of Myanmar has improved with the application of network system in higher education sector.

Third leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour at Ayethayar Golf Resort



YANGON, 12 Nov—The opening of the third leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd took place at Ayethayar Golf Resort in Taunggyi this morning.

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Ye Myint and President of MPGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) teed off to open the first day matches.

After the first day match, Zaw Zaw Latt of Srixon led the Professional Golfers with 72 strokes.

Myint Thaung of KM Golf Centre stood second with 75 strokes and Min Lwin Oo of Wilson

and Aung Win of YCDC-Srixon third with 76 strokes each. Nay Lin Tun led took the lead with 72 strokes in Amateur Golfers, Naing Naing Lin was the runner-up with 77 strokes and Nay Bala Win Myint the third with 78 strokes.

The main sponsor of the Golf Tour was Air Bagan Ltd and the official bank was KBZ Bank Ltd. The Co-sponsors were Myanmar Brewery Ltd,

Myanmar Treasure Resort, Aden Group Co.Ltd, Aureum Palace Hotel Resort, Jade Land Myanmar Co.Ltd, Kachin Golfers Group, Srixon, Max Myanmar Co.Ltd, London, Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water, Taunggyin Gem Master Enterprise (Hole-in-One sponsor) and Han Event Management organized the tour. The golf tour continues tomorrow.

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Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint tees off to open the third leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour. —MGF

**Daw Kyaing Kyaing
attends 10th
Kathina robes
offering ceremony
of Sasana
Zeya Mingala
Pariyatti Monastery**



Family of Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offers 'soon' to the Sayadaws.
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Daw Mya Mya San offers provisions to a Sayadaw.—MNA



Daw Than Than Nwe offers provisions to a Sayadaw.—MNA



Daw Khin Khin Win donates offertories to a Sayadaw.—MNA

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Next, Chief Presiding Sayadaw Baddanta Paññinda of the monastery administered the Five Precepts to the congregation.
Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe,

vithudayon Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Baddanta Marnitasiribhivamsa of Mandalay.
Daw Mya Mya San, Daw Khin Than Nwe, Daw Than Than Nwe, Daw Khin Khin Win, Mayor Brig-Gen

Sangha.
Next, Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party shared merits gained and rituals of golden and silver showers were performed for the success of the ceremony.
After that, family of Senior General Than



Daw Khin Than Nwe offers provisions to a Sayadaw.—MNA

and family offered Kathina robe and provisions to Member of State Sangha Nayaka Committee Maha-

Aung Thein Lin and wife Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe offered provisions to the Sayadaws and members of the

Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered 'soon' to the Sayadaws.

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**SPDC Office, Pyithu Hluttaw
Office and President Office offer
Kathina robes**

YANGON, 12 Nov — The State Peace and Development Council Office, Pyithu Hluttaw and President Office held the 15th Kathina robes and provisions offering ceremony at Aletawya Sanpya Monastery on Dhamma Zedi Road in Bahan Township this morning, attended by Director-General of SPDC Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of President Office U Myint Thein and staff families.

The State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Vice-Chairman Thayet Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Sadhammajotikadaja AggaMaha Kammathanaciriya Bhaddanta Kesaya delivered a sermon. Next, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win and wife donated Kathina robes and provisions to Aletawya Sanpya Monastery Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ganda Malabhivamsa.
Afterwards, direc-

tors-general, departmental heads and staff families donated the offertories to members of the Sangha.
Later, the congregations heard the sermon and shared the merits gained.
Before the ceremony of offering robes and provisions, Soon was offered to members of the Sangha by the director-general of SPDC Office, departmental heads and staff families.
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Work together to organize...

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The observance of Independence Day will include the hoisting of State Flag and reading the message from SPDC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, organizing central level competitions, Independence Day commemorative dinner to be hosted by the SPDC Chairman, and staging of Independence Day commemorative exhibition in Yangon, and State Flag hoisting ceremonies, reading the message of the SPDC Chairman, and Independence Day commemorative activities.

In respect of compiling the message, he called for reflection of the objectives especially for upholding and safeguarding the independence and sovereignty in unison, and participation of the entire national people in

translating the State's seven-point Road Map with Union Spirit and patriotic fervour.

He said that the 58th anniversary Independence Day commemorative exhibition is to be staged with firm historic evidences and documents to depict development processes of the State after the independence and during the period of the Tatmadaw government so as to enable the new generation youths to realize the value of independence learning the historic events.

He instructed the officials to organize State Flag hoisting and saluting ceremonies in Yangon, states and divisions, districts and townships on a grand scale mobilizing social organizations such as the Union Solidarity and Devel-

opment Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association. He underlined the importance of systematic security measures in carrying out commemorative activities at central, state and division, district and township levels.

The chairman also gave instructions on cleanliness, hygiene, and health care at Independence Day dinner and all celebrations in connection with Independence Day.

Commemorative postcards, radio and TV plays and songs are to indicate the essence and value of independence, he said, calling for organizing commemorative activities in Yangon City on a grand scale, organizing the people to take part in the activities, and presenting handsome prizes.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 called on all responsible officials to work together to organize Independence Day celebrations in Yangon City and states and divisions on a grand scale with full political essence in accordance with the

Objectives of the 58th Anniversary Independence Day

- All the national people to collectively safeguard the national independence and sovereignty of the State and ensure non-disintegration of the Union and national unity
- All the national people to unitedly strive with might and main for emergence of an enduring State Constitution and for building a new modern and developed nation
- All the national people to work in concert for success of the seven-point Road Map of the State with Union Spirit and nationalist spirit
- All the national people to make concerted efforts for building of a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation

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Secretary of the Central Committee Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin reported on assigning duties to the subcommittees; and Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, chairmen of subcommittees deputy min-

isters, and officials, on measures for observing State Flag hoisting and saluting ceremony, dinner, security, information, organizing essay, poem, TV quiz and computer drawing competitions, compiling the message of the SPDC chairman, and concluding commemorative exhibition, entertainment programmes, health, and sports games.

The ministers, deputy ministers and officials gave supplementary reports.

The Central Committee Chairman assessed the reports and delivered concluding remarks.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than...

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military officers, Tatmadawmen and their families at the local battalion in Yedashe and Yeni townships.

On 10 November, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials, inspected the durability and extension of Taungoo-Leiktho-Loikaw road section and gave neces-

sary instructions. Taungoo-Leiktho road section is being constructed by the Public Works and efforts are being made for timely completion. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with military officers, Tatmadawmen and their families at Leiktho local battalion.

On arrival at Leiktho Station Hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than looked into the hospital

and attended to the needs.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with departmental personnel, social organizations and townelders at Leiktho BEHS and gave instructions on joining hands with the State in the interest of own communities.

Next, those present reported on the respective sectors and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than fulfilled the requirements.

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Harmonious development of...

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and presented K 200,000 for all-round development of the school through the township education officer and the headmistress.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo also viewed learning of students at the school.

After inspecting Krump Rubber factory run by Myanmar Shweyin International Co Ltd in Thanbyuzayat Township, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party went to the Central Farm of Myanma Agriculture Service in Mudon. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party visited the exhibition of

using of quality strain paddy to grow advanced paddy growing system.

At the exhibition, booths on preserving quality strain, growing of the strains, pilot project to use Shwemyinta organic fertilizer and other matters relating to agriculture services were displayed.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party met with local farmers at Kyawzeya Hall at the farm. Officials reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party on producing quality strains, extended cultivation of new paddy strains and future plans.

The commander urged local farmers to seek advice and assistance from local authorities.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech saying that 70 per cent of the over 54 million people of the country's population are engaged in agriculture services and thus farmers are to strive for national development through agriculture.

He urged farmers to put their energies into agriculture service because Mon State is favourable conditions for agriculture. He spoke of the needs of farmers to grow paddy as plans have been made to grow monsoon paddy on 1 million acres of land.

He also said that harmonious development of the industrial and the agriculture sectors will surely bring about national development. He urged farmers to apply advanced growing method using quality strains. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially greeted farmers.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo delivers an address in meeting with local farmers at Central Farm of Myanma Agriculture Service in Mudon Township. —MNA



Resolutions and future work programmes laid down by the AGM are for regional development

Annual general meeting of USDA (2005) winds up successfully

YANGON, 12 Nov — The annual general meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (2005) successfully concluded at 11.10 am at the Pyidaungsu Hall of USDA central training school in Hmawby Township on 7 November.

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

The meeting was presided over by Secretary-General U Htay Oo together with CEC members U Thein Aung and U Aung Thein Lin as mem-

He sought the approval of the nine tasks included in the report of CEC submitted to the annual general meeting of USDA and the meeting decided that the nine tasks were the future tasks of USDAs at different levels.

The meeting chairman announced that the seven objectives of the annual general meeting of USDA (2005) were put on record.

He also announced that the progress in implementation of the tasks of the State and Division USDAs within a year was put on record.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo announced that the findings of sector-wise discussions on organizational, management, economic, social, cultural and

conditions. They were able to lay down plans for the present and the future after reviewing all the strengths and weaknesses to shape a better future.

The overall view of the discussions shows the accomplishments in increasing the membership strength and consolidating the organizational set up, raising the qualifications of the members through training programmes, systematic formation of the USDAs at different levels, explaining its lofty aims, basic principles and work programmes, work implementations and organization, the Association's international relations, and carrying out the task of ensuring national devel-



Secretary-General U Htay Oo presides over the meeting together with CEC members U Thein Aung and U Aung Thein Lin as members of the Panel of Chairmen.—MNA

seven-point Road Map and the plans to ward off dangers lashed out by internal and external vermin. Together with like-minded local people and organizations, the USDA

ferent levels are honoured.

Emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state is the goal and responsibility of the entire nation.

The Association will play its part together with the people in realizing the goal. And it is the national duty of all. Thus, all need to accept the duty and (See page 11)



Secretary-General U Htay Oo delivers a concluding address in annual general meeting of USDA (2005).—MNA

bers of the Panel of Chairmen.

Reserve executive Daw Myat Hsu Mon of Dimawhso Township USDA acted as master of ceremonies and Executive Daw Moe Moe Khaing of Bago Township USDA as joint master of ceremonies.

Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo announced that USDAs at different levels are to accept the address delivered by Patron of the USDA Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the annual general meeting of USDA (2005) as work guideline.

Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo sought the approval of the report of CEC submitted to the annual general meeting of USDA.

educational affairs and prevention against external and internal danger through people's strength were put on record.

Next, the master of ceremonies reported on passing two resolutions, approved one matter and putting three matters on record.

Next, Secretary-General U Htay Oo delivered an concluding address. He said the AGM completed successfully in accord with the seven objectives, after the participants made discussions based on the practical implementations of the future work programmes laid down in 2004 to widen and enhance national development undertakings. At the plenary meeting and group meetings, delegates from all states and divisions made utmost efforts in presenting discussions based on the objective

opment and stability with the government's leadership, rural development programmes and educational, health and economic progress of all regions including villages. The delegates also explained the USDA's cooperation in successfully implementation of the

members were able to realize the minutes of the 2004 AGM and future work programmes. As the USDA has been winning greater love, recognition and support of the locals, its membership strength has increased to 22.8 million. The accomplishments of USDAs at dif-



Reserve executive Daw Myat Hsu Mon acts as master of ceremonies together with Executive Daw Moe Moe Khaing.—MNA

If Might is shown off without Right

— Today, in this world
Powers, who hew their path
All those who do not tread
The inequalities of the human world
Only the bad are spoken of
Repeatedly being said
Always even if you don't want to hear
You have to bear it, hear it.

— Is Might Right ?
Or Right Might ?
Because of his word
You don't have to be swayed

— If you pride in Might without Right
You will surely fall out the precipice

— Only if Might is exercised with Right
Will you be able to do good
To the human world for long
In multiples
Will you be do it, correctly
There showing aside Right, priding in Might
In various ways and means
For that reason
Our place inside the Myanmar nation
Will never ever be shaken.

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Resolutions and future work...

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 discharge it without fail. The Association has firm goal, correct policy and practical work programmes. The members should consolidate the Association's unity with their firm belief and conviction, and should harmoniously take part in regional development task in accord with its future work programmes. They must try to win greater public love and reliance by participating in the regional development endeavours with practical plans.

The three main forces — the government, the Tatmadaw and the people — are building a new nation. The Association on its part must join hands with the people to ensure national peace and stability and progress. The members while carrying out the tasks benefiting the people should try to gain more public cooperation. They with the warm and cordial cooperation of the locals

should strive to carry out five rural development tasks covering the project to provide power to villages.

The morning session of the AGM saw the USDA Patron Senior General Than Shwe giving guidance for the USDAs at different levels. In his guidance, the Patron said, "As much as you youth members have been equipped with the conceptions on political, economic, organizational and management outlook, preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character you have possessed a sense of national duty all the more. Such a fine sense of national duty is indeed the noble spirit that each and every citizen is to be imbued with. Only the citizens possessing a fine sense of national duty and physical and mental qualities can defend and safeguard the State. And they will be able to contribute to the emergence of a discipline-flourish-

ing peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation." Concerning education development, he said, "The entire Myanmar society should be a constant learning one. For rural development, the Senior General said, "It is necessary to nurture rural leaders equipped with good leadership for development of rural regions. Therefore, you the members of the association are required to go down to the grass-root level for rural progress." The Patron also said, "True patriotism means national people are to have Union Spirit no matter which part of the country they are living in. The Union Spirit, the fundamental of Our Three Main National Causes, is the all-important thing to be maintained perpetually by all national races." His guidances are clear guidelines for the Association to accept and exercise. USDAs at all levels should accept the guidances as work guidelines.



Members of panel of chairmen chanting slogans at the close of USDA AGM-2005. —MNA

In his speech delivered at the second day of the meeting, Vice-Chairman of the Association General Soe Win said that a modern and developed nation must be built, with sound mental qualifications including knowledge, skill and thoughts and sound physical foundations of the nation; and that only inter-relations between mental and physical sectors will lead to rapid development of the nation. The general also said that the nation has been implementing the seven-point Road Map for transition to a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state, urging the Association to actively cooperate with the people for successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map. He continued to say that the Association should strive to provide electricity to the villages, while carrying out the rural development task with goodwill. The members will have to realize his

directives in their practical field work.

The government has been shaping the nation in accord with the people's wish. It is fulfilling the main requirements of the people including peace and stability, robust economy and national education promotion. It is implementing the 24 special regions development project and border areas development plan. It is a common knowledge that all national developments are the results of correct policy and goodwill and the collective efforts of the government, the Tatmadaw and the people.

On the other hand, there will also be persons wishing to destroy the national developments. Thus, the members should ward off the destructive acts with constant awareness, while taking part in the national development endeavours. Every member should have the ability to explain the nation's objective

conditions. The members in cooperation with the people will have to guard the nation against all destructive acts.

The decisions and future work programmes laid down by the AGM are for regional development. With their united force, the members must develop the respective regions. Their main force is their organizational strength. They will have to extend their organizational tasks in their respective regions. They should try to know and help fulfill the locals' requirements to win their friendship.

The association members need to work with patience, tolerance, politeness and goodwill. The delegates should explain the minutes and work programmes laid down by the Association and try to become persons reliable for regional progress.

Next, the meeting ended with the chanting of slogans.

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USDA members chanting slogans at the closing of USDA AGM-2005. — MNA

USDA AGM-2005 passes two resolutions, approves one matter, puts three matters on record

YANGON, 12 Nov — The USDA Annual General Meeting-2005, held from 3 to 7 November at the USDA Central Training School in Hmawby Township passed two resolutions, approved one matter and put three matters on record.

The first resolution was that the meeting decided to follow the guidance of USDA Patron Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe given on the fourth day session on 7-11-2005 as a work guideline. The second includes the laying down of nine future work programmes of the USDA submitted on the first day session on 4-11-05. The nine future work programmes are as follows:

- The USDA is to work together to safeguard the peace and stability of the State and to build a developed country by upholding Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.
- The USDA is to follow the 12 political, economic

and social objectives laid down for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation as the policy of the association.

- The USDA is to organize all national people to actively participate in their respective roles with Union Spirit for the success of State's seven-point Road Map.
- The USDA is to guard against the dangers of internal and external destructive elements through united strength of the people.
- The USDA is to actively participate in successful implementation of the tasks for ensuring peace and stability of the State, strong national economy and uplift of national education that are basic infrastructures for shaping a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.
- The USDA is to participate by doing their bit in successful implementation of the third five-year short-term project being undertaken by the State.
- The USDA is to consolidate the association and mobilize more members from all regions

of the country.

- The USDA is to firmly consolidate the association while promoting developments tasks in rural areas through Five Rural Development Tasks.
- The USDA is to follow the guidance of the Patron of the association as a work guideline.

One matter on approval is that the meeting approved the report of USDA Central Executive Committee submitted on the first day session on 4-11-05.

Three matters on record include the objectives of the USDA AGM-2005 mentioned in the report of the CEC submitted on the first day session; the implementation of work programmes by states and divisions throughout the year; and the findings in respective sectors such as organizational tasks, management, economic and social and cultural affairs and guarding against the dangers of internal and external destructive elements through united strength of the people.

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Cyprus, Pakistan agree to boost maritime cooperation

NICOSIA, 11 Nov—Cyprus and Pakistan signed here Thursday their first ever maritime agreement to boost bilateral cooperation on commercial shipping.

The agreement, signed by Minister of Communications and Works Haris Thrasou and Pakistan's High Commissioner to Cyprus Asma Anisa, is aimed at developing and improving cooperation between the two countries in the field of commercial shipping, said an official statement.

It will promote participation of ships from the two countries in transporting goods between them, cooperation to prevent problems that affect the development of sea commerce and employment and improve conditions at work as well as the welfare of seafarers, the statement added.

The agreement also provides granting facilities to ships from both countries and mutual recognition of certificates, avoiding delays at ports as well as granting assistance in case of maritime accidents, according to the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Train accident kills two in Finland

HELSINKI, 11 Nov—A train accident occurred at a level-crossing about 480 kilometres northwest of the capital where a passenger train hit a cattle truck on Thursday, killing two in the truck, a railway spokesman said.

Nobody was hurt in the train which was travelling between Oulu in northern Finland and Helsinki. Passengers were transferred to buses to get to their destinations. However, two people on the truck were killed. The railway line has been shut down and cleared after the accident, and rail services would resume later on the day, the spokesman said.—MNA/Xinhua

YANGON GOLF CLUB

"ANNUAL-AT-HOME & PRIZE DISTRIBUTION"
Members, their families & guests are cordially invited.
Day & Date - SUNDAY, 20th November, 2005
Time - 12:00 Noon
Place - Yangon Golf Club

CLUB COUNCIL
YANGON GOLF CLUB

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 15th November (Tuesday) 2005, being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.
Central Bank of Myanmar

US Govt hires Filipino lawyers to defend Marines accused of rape

MANILA, 11 Nov—The US Government has already hired two Filipino lawyers and is planning to hire more to defend the six US Marines accused of raping a 22-year-old Filipino woman, a government official said on Thursday.

Undersecretary Zosimo Paredes, Executive Director of the Presidential Commission on the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFACOM), said there are already two Filipino lawyers who will represent the suspects.

"They (the lawyers) were presented to me in a conference at the US embassy. They were given 10 days to answer the summons by the Department of Justice," said Paredes.

He said the US authorities plan to hire at least one lawyer for each

suspect. He said when he met with the US Marines, who are now under the custody of US embassy in Manila, the latter assured him that they would appear in court proceedings.

There was no indication to transfer them to

another facility except in the Philippines," he said.

Meanwhile, the US embassy in Manila denied reports that US officials have requested the transfer of the US Marines to their base in Okinawa, Japan.

MNA/Xinhua

E-tourism can help developing countries keep tourism profits at home

GENEVA, 11 Nov—E-tourism can help developing countries keep tourism profits at home, but setting up Internet systems that allow planning, booking and payments is a stiff challenge for many poorer nations, according to a United Nations report published on Thursday.

Tourism profits often drain out of the world's poorer nations and back to the large travel firms, hotel chains, and booking and transportation providers based in the United States and Europe that are responsible for arranging most foreign vacations, says the Information Economy Report 2005, released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

The Internet offers a chance to change that pattern, it adds.

The challenge, the report notes, is to reorganize tourism services and set up well-linked websites that allow domestically owned hotels, banks and travel firms to provide the entire package of services necessary

for tourists to arrange their trips—reservations, plane flights, currency exchange and payments.

In that way the profits can stay at home and contribute to job growth and economic development, according to the report.

Developing countries now attract some 35 per cent of international travellers each year, the report says, but most have been unable to increase tourism profits because most trips are planned, booked and financed through firms based in richer nations.

Already, travel is the Internet's largest source of business-to-consumer revenues — it generated 52.4 billion dollars in 2004 and is predicted to produce some 119 billion dollars by 2010, accord-

ing to Forrester Research.

The UNCTAD report notes that developing countries also need to learn how to capitalize on unique and distinct tourism activities that give them an advantage over overseas tourism providers.—MNA/Xinhua

Argentina mulls lowering textile tariffs

BUENOS AIRES, 11 Nov—Argentina is planning to bring down textile tariffs in a bid to control the rising prices of clothing in the country, a senior official said on Wednesday.

Related government departments are studying measures to reduce tariffs to control the soaring prices of textile products, said Patricia Vaca Narvaja, Argentine Government under-secretary in charge of consumer protection.

The surge in prices of

textile materials and products has been a major cause in consumer price increases, she said. Clothing prices in October rose by 3.8 per cent from September, making the cost of garments 11.1 per cent higher than at the beginning of the year.

MNA/Xinhua

UNSG condemns terrorist bombing in Jordan

UNITED NATIONS, 11 Nov—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan strongly condemned the terrorist bombings in Amman of Jordan, and called on states to adopt comprehensive convention to fight against terrorism, UN spokeswoman Marie Okabe said on Wednesday.

In a statement issued by the spokeswoman, Annan sent his condolences to the families of the bereaved and to the people and government of Jordan.

According to the spokeswoman, Annan has taken every opportunity, during his current tour of the Middle East, to underscore the need for collective action against terrorism.

"The Secretary-General stressed the need for member states to adopt a comprehensive convention against terrorism as soon as possible," Okabe said.

Three major hotels in the Jordanian capital of Amman were hit by explosions Wednesday night, killing at least 53 people and wounding over 100 others.

MNA/Xinhua

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Wal-Mart, Metro to buy more from China

SHENZHEN, 11 Nov — Wal-Mart, Metro and other international retailers will purchase more goods from China, a national procurement fair in south China's Guangdong Province was told Wednesday.

Wal-Mart will spend 22 billion US dollars on Chinese goods this year, an increase of 20 per cent over last year, said Wang Tieming, a senior consultant with Wal-Mart China Investment Co. Ltd. at the Fourth China Consumer Goods Procurement Fair (CCGPF) in Shenzhen.

It has been in business contact with 20,000 providers in the Chinese Mainland, added Wang.

Metro group, Germany's retailing giant, purchases about 64 per cent of its overseas outsourcing goods from the Chinese market, said Lu Guoman, vice-president with Shanghai Jinjiang Metro Shopping Centre.

Besides Wal-Mart, some other multinational retailers like Carrefour, TESCO, B&Q and IKEA have also set up sourcing offices in Shenzhen,

bringing their products standards and sales concepts to China.

The four-day CCGPF has attracted 18 purchasing teams from abroad and 8,500 agents and distributors from home. It will end Friday, according to the fair organizer. —MNA/Xinhua

Russia keeps its nuclear deterrence potential

Moscow, 11 Nov— Russian strategic nuclear forces still maintain their deterrence potential, Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov said on Wednesday at a meeting of commanders of Armed Forces, which was attended by President Vladimir Putin.

Russia's nuclear forces "are still able not only to secure deterrence of an aggression against our country and its allies, but also guarantee an adequate answer to any aggressor", Ivanov was

cited by the ITAR-TASS news agency as saying.

"The level of preparedness at the present time has allowed making several successful launches from positional areas, air and sea missile carriers. Early warning

systems have timely detected all launches of Russian and foreign inter-continental ballistic missiles and carrier rockets," Ivanov said.

According to the Defence Minister, the 2006-2010 programme of building the Armed Forces envisages the "preservation and development of a minimally sufficient potential of the strategic deterrence forces" and "qualitative enhancement of possibilities of the Armed Forces to a level securing the guaranteed rebuffing of military threats of the present day and possible in the future".

Ivanov continued that the Russian Army and Navy at present has 1,134,800 officers and men and will be cut to 1,100,000 men by 2011.

MNA/Xinhua



A file photo released on 9 Nov, 2005 of a Boeing 777-200LR Worldliner which is to take off from Hong Kong on Wednesday evening flying eastbound to London, attempting to set a world distance record.

INTERNET

Colombian police seize 3.14 tons of cocaine

BOGOTA, 11 Nov— Colombian police seized more than three tons of cocaine and arrested a suspected drug trafficker in the western coastal city of Buenaventura on Wednesday.

The 3.14 tons of cocaine was bound for Manzanillo, Mexico, before being shipped to the United States, said the anti-drug police. The drugs, packed in plastic bags, were hidden in a container to be loaded to a ship at a dock in the Pacific port of Buenaventura.

The suspect was charged with attempted smuggling.

Drug trafficking along Colombia's Pacific coastal regions has been increasing in the past several months, said the police. Colombian President Alvaro Uribe has ordered the forming

of a special force to fight against the crime.

Colombia is a major producer and exporter of cocaine. Last year, over 100 tons of cocaine was seized in Colombia.

MNA/Xinhua

Boeing sets flight endurance record

LONDON, 11 Nov— A Boeing Co 777 aircraft set a new endurance record for a non-stop commercial flight on Thursday, travelling more than 22 hours flying eastwards from Hong Kong to London.

The aircraft, with 35 passengers and crew aboard, flew more than half way around the world, covering 11,664 nautical miles, or 21,601 kilometres, Boeing said.

MNA/Reuters

Justice Dept proposes tougher copyright laws

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov— People who attempt to copy music or movies without permission could face jail time under legislation proposed by the US Justice Department on Thursday.

The bill, outlined by US Attorney General Alberto Gonzales at an anti-piracy summit, would widen intellectual-property protections to cover those who try but fail to make illicit copies of music, movies, software or other copyrighted material. It would also enable investigators to seize assets purchased with profits from the sale of illicit copies, as well as property such as blank CDs that might be used for future copying.

Those found guilty of a copyright violation could be forced to pay restitution to the owner of the material in question, and repeat offenders would face stiffer sentences.

"This legislation is a reflection of the sustained

commitment on the part of the Bush Administration, including the Department of Justice, to ensure that we are doing everything we can to combat this problem," Gonzales said in a Press release. A recording-industry trade group praised the bill, but a public-interest group, Public Knowledge, said the Justice Department should consider measures that would protect

consumers' fair-use rights as well. The bill has not yet been introduced in Congress.

Congress in recent years has strengthened copyright laws to help media companies battling the widespread copying of their works, and law enforcers have increasingly targeted groups that release movies on the Internet hours after they appear in theatres.

MNA/Reuters

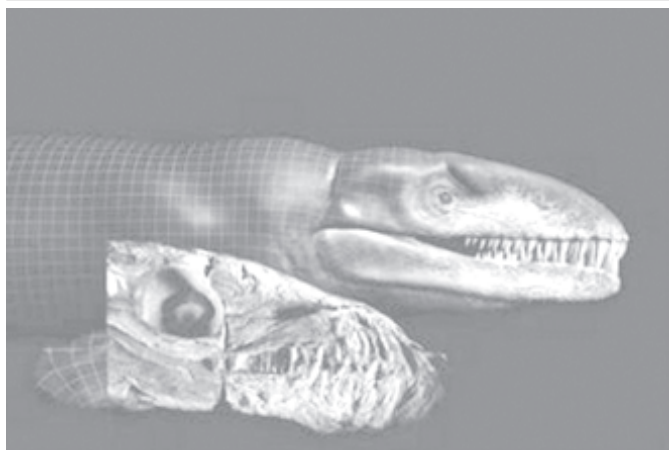
Statistics show Norway faces shortage of labour

STOCKHOLM, 11 Nov — The Norwegian Employers' Confederation (NHO) said in a report that the positive development for Norwegian economy will continue for some time, and that the need for more labour will increase. Norwegian Broadcasting reported on

Wednesday.

"The labour market now clearly shows a positive development. In addition NHO statistics show a definite need for more labour both in 2005 and 2006," the organization said in its half-year report.

MNA/Xinhua



The fossil of a marine crocodile (bottom), found in Argentina's Neuquen Basin, acquires 'flesh' as a digitized model (top) as shown in this composite image released by the National Geographic Society.

INTERNET

SPORTS



Hondurans Rafaela Argueta, centre, celebrates with her teammate after scoring during a qualifying match for CONCACAF U20 female world cup in Russia 2006 on 11 Nov, 2005 at Rommel Fernandez in Panama City, Panama. Honduras won 2-1. —INTERNET

Super Dan out of men's singles at China Open badminton

GUANGZHOU, 12 Nov— Current world No. 1 Lin Dan of China was ousted from the men's singles competition at the China Open badminton here on Friday.

Lin Dan lost to his teammate Chen Hong, another China top player, in straight sets 15-5, 15-8.

Both of them were not amazed to see the result, "Today Lin Dan is out of order," Chen said, "That's why I won the game."

"We know each other very much, and his style is not secret to me, which is another reason I beat him," Chen said.

Although losing the match surprised the spectators, Lin seemed still relaxed

after the match.

"Actually winning or losing is not very important for me, now I focus on adapting to new 21-point rule settled by International Badminton which will change the traditional 15-point set."

Chen Hong next will clash with sixth-seeded Peter Gade of Denmark in the semifinals, and China's 19-year-old young player Chen Jin will face his teammate, third-seeded Bao Chunlai.

MNA/Xinhua

Sharapova edges Davenport to reach WTA semifinals

LOS ANGELES, 12 Nov— Defending champion Maria Sharapova beat Lindsay Davenport 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 to reach the semifinals of the WTA Championships late on Thursday.

While the loss was disappointing for Davenport, it did not matter in the larger scheme of things. She had already qualified for the semis out of the Green group in the elite eight-woman round robin competition.

"I knew before the match started that I was in," said Davenport. "It was a bizarre feeling walking out. It was hard. There are no ranking points, no extra money, nothing like that. That's a shame. But

when I started losing, pride hit me."

France's Amelie Mauresmo and Mary Pierce have qualified from the Black group.

Mauresmo scored a 6-2, 6-3 win over Russia's Elena Dementieva and has a 2-0 record after an earlier victory over world number two Kim Clijsters. Pierce also stands 2-0 after defeating Clijsters and Dementieva.

Clijsters, who came into the week hoping to

seize the number one ranking from Davenport, cannot reach the semis, handing the year-end top spot to Davenport.

Davenport finished the round robin with a 2-1 record, while Switzerland's Patty Schnyder and Russia's Nadia Petrova, who Davenport beat earlier, were knocked out of the competition.

Schnyder defeated Petrova 6-0, 5-7, 6-4 on Thursday, but finished with a 1-2 record, falling to Sharapova and Davenport. Petrova holds a 0-2 record going into her Friday match against Sharapova, who has a 2-0 record, so the contest will be a formality.

MNA/Reuters

Serie A strugglers Treviso name Cavasin as new coach

ROME, 12 Nov— Serie A strugglers Treviso have appointed Alberto Cavasin as their new coach.

The 49-year-old replaced Ezio Rossi, who was sacked following a 0-0 draw with Cagliari at the weekend. The result left Treviso 18th in the 20-team division with six points from 11 matches.

Cavasin, whose previous Serie A experience includes stints with Lecce and Brescia, began his managerial career at Treviso in the 1990-91 season, when the club was competing in Serie C2, Italy's Fourth Division.

He insisted they could hold on to their place in the top flight.

"The squad is competitive. There are at least 10 teams at our level. We've got everything we need to avoid relegation," he was quoted as saying in La Gazzetta dello Sport on Friday. —MNA/Reuters

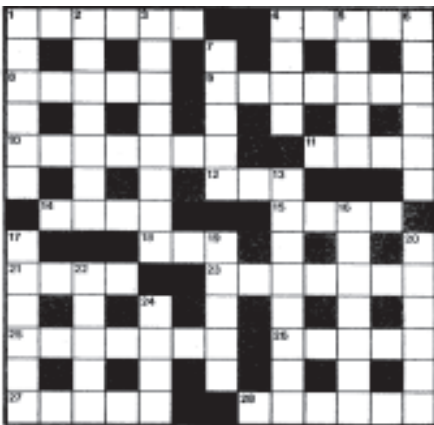
Totti rules out of Netherlands friendly

ROME, 12 Nov— Italy forward Francesco Totti will miss Saturday's friendly against the Netherlands in Amsterdam after failing to recover from a pulled adductor muscle in his right leg, the Italian Football Federation said on its website on Friday.

The injury, which the AS Roma player suffered during a 2-0 Serie A win over Messina last Sunday, is also expected to keep him out of Italy's friendly against the Ivory Coast on 16 November.

Totti has been a key member of the Italy team since they reached the Euro 2000 final. In his absence Alessandro del Piero is expected to step into a three-man attack alongside Alberto Gilardino and Luca Toni. —MNA/Reuters

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Worn by rubbing
- 4 On the move
- 8 Leisurely gait
- 9 Censure
- 10 Pharmacist
- 11 Mimics
- 12 In what manner
- 14 American state
- 15 Orient
- 18 Gratuity
- 21 Thread in candle
- 23 Maigret (anag.)
- 25 Stretching
- 26 Abnormally fat
- 27 Joint allowing door to open
- 28 US inventor

DOWN

- 1 European country
- 2 Surrounding
- 3 Power of seeing
- 4 Mountain range
- 5 Body of boy scouts
- 6 Rubbish
- 7 Veracity
- 13 English pottery
- 16 Trembles with cold
- 17 Spasmodic jerk
- 19 Practical joke
- 20 English river
- 22 Clergyman
- 24 Common grain food

US hurdler Wade banned two years for doping

LONDON, 12 Nov— US sprint hurdler Larry Wade has been suspended for two years after testing positive for a banned substance, the United States Anti-Doping Agency website said.

The 30-year-old Wade tested positive for 19-norandrosterone, a banned steroid, in an out-of-competition test carried out on May 11, 2004 by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).

Wade, who finished fourth in the 110 metres hurdles at the 2003 world championships, was suspended for two years from May 12, 2004 and forfeits all competitive results and earnings since.

MNA/Reuters

Seething Woods trails Britons in China

SHANGHAI, 12 Nov— Britain's Nick Dougherty and David Howell shared the halfway lead at the Champions Tournament on Friday, two shots clear of a seething Tiger Woods.

Joint overnight leader Dougherty fired a four-under-par 68 and Howell carded a blemish-free 67 in the rain to go to 12-under 132 at the 5-million-US-dollar event in Shanghai.

Woods stayed within striking distance at 10-under but was frustrated after an error-strewn 69 that left him tied for third with Australia's Nick O'Hern, who shot a 67.

"It was a long and frustrating day," said Woods after scrambling a par on the 18th. "My mind is a little frustrated. I didn't really get anything going today until the ninth."

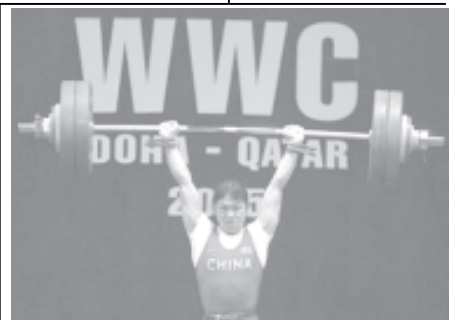
Woods birdied the ninth and made three straight from 13 but struggled mightily with his short game in the drizzly gloom at Sheshan International Golf Club.

The American fluffed a bunker shot on the seventh hole, slipped as he climbed out of the sand, then smashed his golf bag with his club in fury.

He bogeyed 16 after failing to clear a greenside bunker from the rough and

had to hole a 20-foot putt for a miraculous save at the par-five 18th after finding the water with his second shot.

MNA/Reuters



China's Wei Gu lifts to break the clean and jerk world record during the women's 69 kg category at the World Weightlifting Championships in Doha, Qatar on 11 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Philippine residents warned against tropical storm "Ondoy"

MANILA, 11 Nov — Philippine disaster officials said on Thursday that tropical storm "Ondoy" could bring landslides and floods to Quezon Province southeast of Manila when it arrives Thursday night.

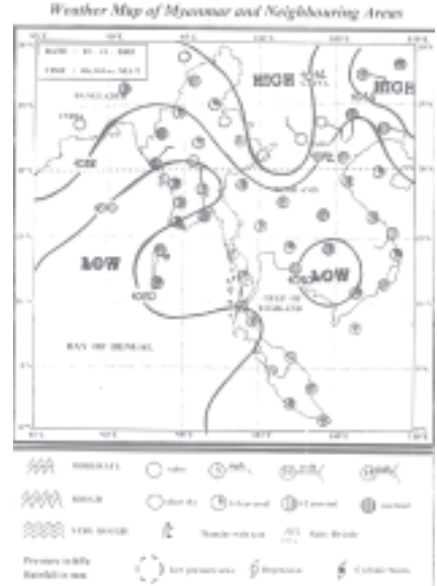
Rescue and relief equipment has been set in the towns of Real, Infanta, and General Nakar, which were hit by massive landslides when a strong tropical storm hit the area in December 2004, leaving some 1,000 people dead or missing, said Office of Civil

Defence (OCD) Administrator Glen Rabonza. Local officials in these towns were also given discretion to order evacuations in low-lying areas when necessary, Rabonza told a news conference in Camp Aguinaldo, the headquarters of the Armed Forces

of the Philippines. "Contingency plans are in place. We are asking them to take preventive measures so we can achieve zero casualty," he said. "Don't wait for the rains to worsen, especially at night, when it is hard to evacuate." Tropical storm "Ondoy", which packs maximum sustained winds of 75 kilometres per hour,

and gustiness of up to 90 kilometres per hour is forecast to make landfall in the easternmost province of Catanduanes from late Thursday evening to midnight, said Nathaniel Cruz, weather forecaster at the state-run Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Astronomical Services Administration.

MNA/Xinhua



U San Myint and Daw Khin Khin Mya family of No 22, 13 Street, Lanmadaw Township, hand over K 100,000 for the three-storey hospital for the aged to Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board member U Chit Myaing, recently. —H

ASLEEP IN JESUS Saw Gibson Shaw Age (64) years

Eldest son of the late (Saw Baw Shaw-Naw Jessie), of No (484) Lower Kyimyindine Road, Kayin National Quarter, Kyimyindine Township, beloved husband of Naw Selda Maung (PAPRD-Retired), loving father of Naw Pa Saw Htee and Naw Pa Saw Wah, elder brother of (Saw Nelson Shaw)-Naw Alvina, Saw Tennyson Shaw-Naw Jewel, was called to his Heavenly Home in Ghana (Africa) on 4th November, 2005 at 9:00 pm (Ghana Time).

Funeral Service will be held at Judson Church on Pyay Road, at 1:00 pm on 13th November, 2005 (Sunday), and thence the cortege will leave for Yayway Christian Cemetery for interment.

Bereaved family

WEATHER

Saturday, 12 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mon State and Yangon Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Rakhine and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Co Co Island (0.43) inch and Ye (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 11-11-2005 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 12-11-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 12-11-2005 was 80%. Total sunshine hours on 11-11-2005 was (6.9) hours approx. Rainfalls on 12-11-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (102.60) inches at Mingaladon, (101.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.46) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from North at (11:20) hours MST on 11-11-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 13-11-2005: Isolated light rain or thundershowers are possible in Kachin State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-11-2005: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-11-2005: Fair weather.



Sunday, 13 November
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အစည်းတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေး အဘိဓမ္မာပာဏ္ဍိတတော်တို့၏ ဝိပဿနာ ဓမ္မာပညာဂါရိတ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိညာသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am**
5. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:55 am**
6. ယဉ်ကျေးလှပ (၃၀) ပြာဇာတိ
- 8:00 am**
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am**
8. လယ်ယာစီးပွား ဖြင့်စားရေးစနစ် ဝေဒါရေလှောင်တံ
- 8:20 am**
9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am**
10. International news
- 8:45 am**
11. Say it in English
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song

- 11:10 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am**
3. Roundup of the week's international news
- 11:40 am**
4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "နေပြည်နေ့နေ့" (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 12:20 pm**
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 1:25 pm**
6. သာကြောင်းစာကြောင်း စာအကြောင်း ပြောလိုက်ပုံက
- 12:35 pm**
7. Myanmar video feature "ရင်နှစ်သည့်ရာ" (ကျော်သူ၊ နေမျိုးအောင်၊ ယခင်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စန္ဒရီထွန်းသက်လှိုင်)
- 2:15 pm**
8. Musical programme
- 2:30 pm**
9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:40 pm**
10. (၂၃) ကြိမ်မြောက်အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် ပြန်မာ အားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ဂျူနီ)
- 2:50 pm**
11. International news
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. အစားသင့်တတ္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (စာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (စာတုဗေဒ)

- 5:00 pm**
5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm**
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:20 pm**
7. Musical programme
- 5:30 pm**
8. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:35 pm**
9. Agricultural source of Myanmar development
- 5:45 pm**
10. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:50 pm**
11. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:30 pm**
12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "စိမ်းလှစေတော့ ကန်သာယာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
- 7:35 pm**
15. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:45 pm**
16. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm**
17. News
- 8:15 pm**
18. International news
- 8:30 pm**
19. Weather report
- 8:45 pm**
20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ထဝရရုစံသူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၃) (စာတိုလမ်း-ဖိုင်း)
- 9:00 pm**
21. The next day's programme



Sunday, 13 November
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: -Any way you want me
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: -Spanish eyes
- 8:50 am** National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:05 am** Cultural images of Myanmar
- 9:20 am** Music: -Dance on
- 1:30 pm** News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Children's delight -Story for children "The old man & 500 monkeys" -Songs for children
- 9:00 pm** Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Music: -Simple man, simple dream -Love me over again
- 9:45 pm** News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

Work together to organize Independence Day celebrations in Yangon, states and divisions on grand scale with full political essence

Central Committee for Observance of 58th Anniversary Independence Day (2006) meets



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addressing the meeting of the Central Committee for Observance of the 58th Anniversary Independence Day (2006). — MNA

YANGON, 12 Nov—The Central Committee for Observance of the 58th Anniversary Independence Day (2006) held a meeting at Konmyinthathazi here this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Central Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The Central Committee chairman in his speech said that the purpose of the preliminary meeting was to observe Independence Day celebrations throughout the nation with full political essence, calling for thorough coordination to take measures sector-wise, observe celebrations on a grand scale with security

measures, and reflect the objectives.

To meet the goal, the Secretary-1 gave instructions on forming the respective subcommittees apart from the Central Committee to share duties and responsibilities.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspect monsoon paddy plantations in Bago Division

YANGON, 12 Nov — Members of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, of the Ministry of Defence and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, accompanied by departmental officials, arrived at Wanbawdat Bridge between Yangon and Bago Division on 8 November.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe together with Bago Division PDC Chairman Southern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials inspected thriving of monsoon paddy plantations and progress of harvesting monsoon paddy on either side of the roads in Bago, DaikU, Nyaunglebin, Pyu, and Ottwin townships. In 2005-2006, over 1.6 million acres were put under monsoon paddy out of 2.8 million acres put under monsoon paddy in Bago Division (East). Among



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than holds a meeting with heads of department, members of social organizations, and townsenders. — MNA

them, the harvest of 135,574 acres has been completed and arrangements have been made to harvest the rest.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe met with officers and other ranks and their families at the local battalion in Ottwin Station.

Similarly, on 9 November, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe met with

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Harmonious development of industrial and agriculture sectors will surely bring about national development

Lt-Gen Maung Bo tours Mon State

YANGON, 12 Nov— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-east Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, on 10 November, met with officers and other ranks in Thanbyuzayat Township and urged them to take part in regional development undertakings hand in hand with local peo-

ple.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and the commander presented provided cash for the Tatmadawmen through officers and cordially greeted the Tatmadawmen.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo, next, proceeded to Basic Education High School (Branch) in Wekali Village

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