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## Senior General Than Shwe receives Member of Chinese Communist Party Central Committee Politburo Vice-Chairman of NPC Standing Committee

YANGON, 16 Nov — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received Member of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee Politburo and Vice-Chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee of the People's Republic of China Mr Wang Zhaoguo and party at the Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road, here, at 10 am today.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development



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Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association

U Htay Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, USDA CEC member Thura U Aung Ko,

Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, and Di-

rector-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Chinese goodwill delegation was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu.—MNA



*Senior General Than Shwe poses for documentary photo with Member of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee Politburo and Vice-Chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee of the People's Republic of China Mr Wang Zhaoguo and party at the Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building.—MNA*

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Continue taking part in implementation of seven-point Road Map

The common goal of the entire people of the Union of Myanmar is emergence of a peaceful, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy. To realize this goal, the development plan for border areas, the development plan for 24 special regions and rural development projects are being implemented. At the same time, efforts are being made for development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well.

To ensure sufficient water supply for the agriculture sector, 179 dams, 771 village dams and 293 river water pumping projects have been built since the State Peace and Development Council assumed responsibilities of the State.

In the electric power sector, a total of 687 megawatts can be produced now and, when the power stations under construction has been completed, up to 5,863 megawatts will be generated and this will surely contribute to higher living standard of the people. In addition, sufficient supply of electricity will pave the way for industrial development. In 1988, there were 624 State-owned factories and more than 35,000 private factories and mills but now there are 792 State-owned factories and some 80,000 private factories and mills.

In the transport sector, a sine qua non for socio-economic development, more than 36,500 miles of new motor roads and over 1,100 miles of new railroads have been built. In addition, 208 bridges have been constructed by local engineers. In the past, there were only 21 airports with runways more than 5,000 feet long but now there is a total of 38 airports have been upgraded so that 25 of them can handle jet aircraft.

In the education sector, as more than 6,778 new basic education schools have been built, there are now 40,525 basic education schools. Moreover, 5,545 primary schools have been upgraded to post-primary schools. And in the past, there were only 32 universities and colleges, but now there is a total of 156. In the health sector, as 189 new hospitals have been built, there are now 820 hospitals all over the nation. Furthermore, 149 hospitals have been upgraded.

Success thus achieved has been mainly due to concerted efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw. We believe that the entire national people, hand in hand with the government and the Tatmadaw, will continue taking part in the implementation of the seven-point Road Map.

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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

## Transport Minister to attend 11th ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting in LPDR



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe being seen off at the airport.—MNA

YANGON, 16 Nov— Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe left here by air this morning for Vientiane, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, to attend the 11th ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting to be held on 17 to 18 November. The minister was seen off at the airport by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than, heads of department and family members.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe was accompanied by Deputy Director U Kyaw Myo of Department of Civil Aviation.—MNA

## U Tin Htun presents credentials to King of Brunei

YANGON, 17 Nov— U Tin Htun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to Brunei Darussalam, presented his Credentials to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, on 1 November 2005, in Bandar Seri Begawan.—MNA

## U Tin Oo Lwin presents credentials to President of Sri Lanka

YANGON, 17 Nov— U Tin Oo Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, presented his Credentials to Her Excellency Madame Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, on 31 October 2005, in Colombo.—MNA

## Minister inspects wheat donated by Indian government



Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein inspects wheat donated by the Government of the Republic of India.—COMMERCE

YANGON, 16 Nov— Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, on 14 November, inspected 10,000 tons of wheat donated by the government of the Republic of India at the warehouses of the Direct Freight Handling Section-2 on Upper Pazaungdaung Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township and gave necessary instructions to officials.—MNA

## New waterway under Chindwin river bridge (Monywa)

YANGON, 15 Nov — A new waterway has been marked under Monywa Bridge on Chindwin River between piers No 7 and No 8 with effect from 15 November.

The clearance of the new waterway is 300 feet in width and 40 feet in height. A triangle sign in green colour illuminated with green at night is fixed at the entrance to the waterway. The no-entry sign is a red coloured cross lighted with red bulbs at night.

The waterway can be used only by a single boat at a time and priority must be given to the vessels sailing downstream in river.—MNA

## Low grade utility jade sales in December

YANGON, 15 Nov—The Myanma Gems Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines is making preparations to organize low grade utility jade sales in December 2005 in the interests of the State and national entrepreneurs.

Jade lots at floor prices will be sold through tender system.

The MGE will coordinate with the departments concerned for ensuring prompt acquisition of earnings, swift export of jade lots and fixation of the earnings of national gems merchants as export earnings and other requirements. Respective departments and organizations at home and abroad are working together to gain attention of greater number of local and foreign gems merchants.

Scrutiny, acceptance and price fixation of the jade lots that the national entrepreneurs want to sell at the sales will take place soon. Those who wish to sell their precious stones are to contact the MGE (Head Office).—MNA

## All this needs to be known

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



# US atomic expert doubts report of Iran weapons work

VIENNA, 15 Nov — A prominent American nuclear security expert on Monday challenged as misleading a report of new US intelligence purportedly suggesting Iran was planning to build a nuclear warhead.

Iran, which hid a uranium enrichment programme from the UN nuclear watchdog agency for 18 years until 2003, denies Western accusations it is trying to build nuclear arms under cover of an atomic power project, saying it only seeks to make electricity. The *New York Times* reported on Saturday that senior US intelligence officials informed the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in July about the contents of what they said was a stolen Iranian laptop computer.

It quoted officials who attended the meeting as saying the laptop contained more than 1,000 pages of Iranian computer simulations and accounts of experiments indicating a long effort to design a nuclear warhead. IAEA sources told *Reuters* the evidence presented was not clear-cut.

David Albright, head of the US-based Institute for Science and International Security think-tank and a former UN arms inspector, said the report was off the mark on one key issue and glossed over two others.

In a statement, Albright

said the article repeatedly characterized the laptop's contents as information about a nuclear warhead design when the information actually describes are-entry vehicle for a missile. "This distinction is not minor. The

information does not contain any words such as nuclear or nuclear warhead. The 'black box' carried by the re-entry vehicle may appear to be a nuclear warhead, but the documents do not state what the warhead is."

MNA/Reuters



A view of the bed of the River Teesta at Gangachra in Rangpur District, 345 km (214 miles) north of Dhaka on 15 Oct, 2005. At the end of the monsoon season, the river that brings misery to thousands of Bangladeshis looks more like a big canal, with people and cattle walking across through knee-deep water. —INTERNET

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## Russia, Ukraine to talk on price of gas from Russia

KIEV, 15 Nov — Russia's Energy and Industry Minister Viktor Khristenko will meet his Ukrainian counterpart, Ivan Plachkov, on Monday for a new round of talks on Russian gas supplies as Moscow calls to raise the price to European levels.

The Russian Energy Minister was also expected to meet Oleksiy Ivchenko, head of Ukraine's national gas company Naftogaz, the Ukrainian Government said.

Ukraine currently buys Russian gas at a heavily discounted rate of 50 US dollars for 1,000 cubic metres, but Moscow wants to raise the price to what its European customers pay, about 150 US dollars.

However, Ukraine insists that the lower price is justified because the country stands as a main transit point for Russian gas headed westward.

According to reports of Russia's *ITAR-TASS* news agency, Khristenko has insisted that future agreements on gas supplies with Ukraine will not be signed unless Ukraine agrees to pay more gradually. —MNA/Xinhua

## Six dead, 30 wounded in Iraq bus blast

BAGHDAD, 15 Nov — Six people were killed and 30 wounded on Monday when a roadside bomb exploded near two coaches in the western

Iraqi city of Ramadi, hospital officials said.

Dr Hamdi al-Rawi of Ramadi hospital said 10 of the injured were in serious condition after the blast tore through one of the coaches.

The buses were carrying passengers to Ramadi, (70 miles) west of Baghdad, from Ta'mim, a small town nearby.

Ramadi is the capital of the western province of Anbar.

Attacks on civilians are rare in Anbar, but the province has been one of the focal points of an insurgency by Iraq's Sunni Arab minority and foreign fighters against the Shiite and Kurdish-led government and the US forces that back it.

MNA/Reuters

## Three Americans killed in bomb blast in central Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 15 Nov — Three Americans were killed and two others wounded in a large explosion near a convoy of Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV) near the heavily fortified Green Zone in central Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source said.

"A roadside bomb went off near an SUV convoy at about 9:20 am (0620 GMT), killing three American nationals and wounding two others," the source told *Xinhua*.

The SUV convoy is usually used by foreign security contractors, who provide security for senior US and Iraqi officials. The source also said the US troops had evacuated the casualties of the blast into the Green Zone, which houses the US Embassy and the Iraqi Government.

US troops cordoned off the area, preventing Iraqi police from approaching the scene, the source added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Democrats urge Bush Administration to change policy in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 16 Nov — The Democrats at the US Senate urged the Bush Administration to change its policy in Iraq and state to the Iraqis that the United States will not stay in Iraq indefinitely.

"First, 2006 should be a significant year of transition to full Iraqi sovereignty, with Iraqis taking more and more responsibility for their own security," said Harry Reid (D-NV), Senate minority leader, at a Press conference.

"Second, the Bush Administration must advise the Iraqi people that United States military forces will not stay indefinitely in Iraq and that it is their responsibility to achieve the broad-based and sustainable political environment essential for defeating the insurgency," Reid said.

Thirdly, President Bush needs to submit on a quarterly basis a plan for success to Congress and to the American people and "this plan must specify

the challenges and progress being made in Iraq, timetables for achieving our goals, and estimated dates for redeployment from Iraq as these goals are met," Reid added. With more than 2,050 Americans killed in Iraq and the US costs in Iraq having passed 250 billion US dollars, calls have been mounting for the US troops to withdraw from Iraq and President Bush's approval rating has fallen to new lows.

MNA/Xinhua

## US military deaths rise to 2,071

WASHINGTON, 15 Nov — As of Tuesday, 15 Nov, 2005, at least 2,071 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,614 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is nine higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EST Tuesday.

The British military has reported 97 deaths; Italy, 27; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,932 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,505 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 15,704 US service members have been wounded, according to a Defence Department tally on Tuesday. —Internet



A car bomb exploded outside an outlet of a US fast food chain in Pakistan's largest city Karachi on 15 Nov, 2005, killing at least six people and wounding several others. —INTERNET



Indian soldiers arrive at the scene of an explosion in Srinagar on 16 Nov, 2005. A powerful explosion near a bank in Srinagar wounded several people on Wednesday, police and witnesses said. —INTERNET

## Suspected car bomb explodes in India

SRINAGAR, India, 16 Nov— A suspected car bomb exploded Wednesday in the main business district of Srinagar, the summer capital of India's Jammu-Kashmir state, injuring scores of people, witnesses said.

Heavy firing was heard soon after the explosion, though it was not clear who was firing at whom, or whether there were any fatalities.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blast.

Many cars, motorcycles and bicycles were damaged in the powerful blast near the four-story corporate headquarters of the state-owned Jammu-Kashmir Bank Ltd. "The explosion was massive and there are a large number of casualties. I saw a lot of injured people on the road crying. I don't know about fatalities," Nazir Ahmed, a bank manager, told *The Associated Press* by telephone.

Large metallic chunks of a destroyed car were strewn at the front gate of the bank. —Internet

## Anarchists attack car showrooms with firebombs in Greece

ATHENS, 15 Nov— A group of Greece's local anarchists attacked two car dealerships in central Athens early Sunday, destroying more than 30 automobiles, police said.

About 50 youths rampaged through central Athens firebombing Citroen and Mercedes showrooms, which were severely damaged, but no injuries were reported, police said. Firefighters extinguished the blaze in two hours.

Police say more than 30 automobiles were destroyed or damaged in the early morning attack, in-

cluding vehicles parked nearby.

Thirty youths taken in for questioning later in the day were released due to lack of evidence.

Police say the youths may have been acting in solidarity with race rioters in France.

Anarchist groups in Athens and Thessaloniki frequently carry out fire bombings, often targeting

banks and the offices of government agencies.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cleaners polish off Italy's Trevi Fountain

ROME, 15 Nov— Italian police arrested four street cleaners on Monday as they tried to pocket hundreds of euros scooped from Rome's famed Fountain of Trevi.

Each day, thousands of tourists stand with their backs to the Renaissance masterpiece and throw coins over their shoulders into its shallow basin in a tradition which is supposed to ensure they return to Rome.

The money, which adds up to several hundred euros a day or more, is regularly swept out by a cleaning firm with half of the proceeds handed over to Roman Catholic charity Caritas.

MNA/Reuters

## Fight over Somali cinemas kills at least 12

MOGADISHU, 15 Nov— Heavy fighting in the Somali capital has killed at least 12 people and wounded more than 21, residents said on Sunday.

Clashes between gunmen loyal to Mogadishu's Islamic courts and local militia defending the densely populated Yaqshid District began on Saturday and flared again on Sunday. The violence has apparently been sparked by attempts to close cinemas and video stores.

"The Islamic courts' militia are trying to close all entertainment centres of the district," one local resident Ahmed Dhuhulow told *Reuters*.

Three people died on Saturday, and another nine on Sunday, in clashes

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## Bulgaria informs allies over Iraq withdrawal plans

SOFIA, 15 Nov— The Bulgarian battalion in Iraq will begin its withdrawal right after Iraqi parliamentary elections planned for 15 December, the Press office of the Bulgarian Defence Ministry has announced.

The office released a piece of news that the country's Defence Minister Vesselin Bliznakov had sent a letter to the allies in "Central-South" Iraq under Polish command thus officially informing them of Sofia's plans for withdrawal.

In the letter Minister Bliznakov also informed the partners that the Bulgarian Parliament has authorized Council of Ministers to negotiate the "appropriate forms" in future participation in the coalition under the UN solutions and EU and US

position on Iraq. The biggest local newspaper *TRUD* revealed earlier that the Bulgarian Government is planning to resend to Iraq a team of 300 soldiers for non-military task.

The National Assembly (Parliament) of Bulgaria approved in May a government plan to withdraw the country's 400 troops in Diwaniya, Iraq by the end of the year after a long mandate of more than two years. Thirteen Bulgarian soldiers have already died there by now.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers inspect a mine shell, right, the remains of a roadside bomb, which exploded in Al-Baladyat District, targeting a patrol of the Iraqi Army in Baghdad, on 15 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

## US budget, tax fights reveal Republican snarl

WASHINGTON, 15 Nov— President George W Bush's political woes are rattling the Republican-led Congress where his majority party is starting to lose control of its conservative agenda, congressional officials and political analysts say.

Republican strains could be seen and heard last week when a proposed 50 billion US dollars spending-reduction plan that targeted some programmes for the poor suddenly unraveled.

With little time before the US Congress broke for a three-day holiday weekend, an apparently weary House of Representatives Majority Leader Roy Blunt announced he was cancelling a budget vote. "We had not quite gotten there yet," said Blunt, a Missouri Republican.

Simultaneously, tax

cuts, which Republicans have used for years to ride to power, started to lose their political appeal.

While Bush's approval ratings sink and questions mount about whether Republicans will retain control of Congress in next year's elections, the spending-cut bill has become their high priority. "I think they have to do something prior to November 2006, to show they understand they have over-spent and are determined to do something about it," said Larry Sabato of the University of Virginia's Centre for Politics.

As a result, Republicans are engaged in a high-stakes fight largely among themselves.

They are attempting to determine if they can finance the increasingly unpopular Iraq war, secure US borders, repair cities devastated by hurricanes and prepare for a possible flu pandemic — while upholding two pillars of conservatism: cutting taxes and government spending. The Republican majority's problems in Congress have been on a slow boil for months, and have ranged from fiscal to political to legal matters.

Representative Tom DeLay of Texas had to step down as House Republican leader after being indicted on felony charges in September, and Senate Republican leader Bill Frist of Tennessee found himself the subject of a stock insider-trading probe.

On the fiscal front, given all the demands on the government, coupled with four consecutive years of huge budget deficits, Republicans "do not have much room to manoeuvre," Sabato said.

MNA/Reuters



## Asian Investment Forum kicks off in Thailand

**BANGKOK, 15 Nov—** The Asian Investment Forum opened here Monday with the primary focus to provide a platform for the European Union (EU) and Asian private sector representative organizations to reinforce economic cooperation.

Somkid Jatusripitak, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce, said in a delivered speech that Europe and Asia are about to embark upon the new era of path-breaking cooperation and co-prosperity as a rising Asia should be Europe's top choice in the age of globalization.

As one of the most active participants of Southeast Asia's progress, Thailand's geographic location and strategic advantages enable it an attractive destination for international businesses.

Also plays a role in the course is the country's pro-active international trade and investment policy which is set to create more growth opportunities. "For the future, Thailand not only aims to attract Asian countries to come to Thailand, it is ready to invite Euro-

pean companies to visit Thailand," Somkid told the Press at a retreated session. No single country can stay at home in the era of globalization, he added.

According to Board of Investment in Thailand (BOI), EU's investment in Thailand is projected to grow 25 per cent in 2006.

"We should not set our sights beyond just numbers. We must strike for a board-based partnership that capitalizes on the growing dynamism in trade and investment as well as other value creating activities like the exchange of technology," Somid stressed.

MNA/Xinhua



South Korean protestors hold a rally against US President George W Bush and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Busan, South Korea on 14 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

## France appeals to Tunisia over stabbed journalist

**PARIS, 15 Nov—** France appealed to Tunisia on Sunday to shed more light on an attack on a French journalist who was beaten and stabbed in Tunis.

Christophe Boltanski, a correspondent for the French newspaper *Liberation*, is recovering after being beaten, kicked and stabbed in the back by unidentified attackers on Friday.

"We have made it known to the Tunisian authorities, in Paris and in Tunis, that we are counting on them to shed all light possible on the at-

tack on Christophe Boltanski," the Foreign Ministry said in a written statement.

"We have asked them to keep us informed about the investigation."

The ministry urged Tunisia to guarantee the safety of journalists attending the World Summit on the Information Society, a conference en-

dorsed by the United Nations which starts in Tunis on Wednesday.

The Paris-based Press watchdog Reporters Without Borders condemned the attack. It said a "repressive climate" in Tunis offered no guarantee of safety during the summit and urged it to be held elsewhere.

MNA/Reuters

## Turkey charges two in bookstore bombing probe

**DIYARBAKIR, (Turkey), 15 Nov—** A Turkish court has charged a military sergeant and a former Kurdish rebel with involvement in last week's bombing of a bookstore in southeast Turkey, officials said on Sunday.

Turkey's Government, rattled by suspicions that members of the security forces may have acted outside the law, pledged a full probe into Wednesday's bombing which killed one person in the town of Semdinli

near the Iraqi and Iranian borders.

Turkish media said the bombing recalled a 1996 scandal which erupted after a car carrying a senior policeman, a wanted gang leader and a parliamentarian crashed in western Turkey.

Ensnuing probes revealed shady links between politicians, police, the military and criminal gangs. Officials said a local court had charged a civilian and a gendarmerie sergeant on Saturday, but released two other suspects detained after the incident.

The civilian was charged with carrying out the bombing. He was identified by the media as a former member of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) who had benefited from a reprieve law.

MNA/Reuters

## Cambodia to destroy more anti-aircraft missiles

**PHNOM PENH, 15 Nov—** Cambodia is destroying 36 surface-to-air missiles discovered recently at a military base to prevent them from falling into the hands of international militants, officials said on Monday. Chao Pirun, Director General of the Defence Ministry's technical and materials department, said the cache of Soviet-era missiles would all be destroyed within a month.

"Not only do we have difficulties keeping them in safe storage, but we are also afraid they could fall into the hands of terrorists," he said.

The war-scarred Southeast Asian nation, which has for years been a source of illegal small arms to the region, destroyed 233 similar shoulder-launched anti-aircraft missiles last year.—MNA/Reuters

## Bomb kills two Bangladeshi judges

**DHAKA, 15 Nov—** Two Bangladeshi judges were killed in a bomb attack on Monday when a man threw a device at the car they were travelling in, police said.

The judges were on their way to the Jhalakathi district court, 155 miles south of Dhaka, when the attack took place, a police officer said.

One of them was killed on the spot, while the other died on way to hospital. A young man who was wounded had been arrested, police said without providing more details. Bangladesh has been hit by

a series of bombings this year blamed on Islamist militants who have threatened judges in the past in their campaign for introduction of sharia-based Islamic law in the mainly

Muslim democracy.

Bombs exploded in three district courts outside Dhaka last month killing two people and wounding more than a dozen. —MNA/Reuters

## Road accident kills 10 in southern Egypt

**CAIRO, 16 Nov—** A collision between a minibus, a bus and a truck killed 10 people near a city in southern Egypt, police sources said on Wednesday.

The sources said eight people died at the scene of the accident, which took place late on Tuesday night near the city of Minya, around 250 km (160 miles) south of Cairo, and two more people died in hospital from their injuries.

Egyptian state-run television showed footage from the local hospital of children injured in the collision. Traffic safety regulations are notoriously lax in Egypt and no reliable statistics exist for the number of deaths and

injuries every year on the roads of the Arab world's most populous nation.

MNA/Reuters

## Nearly 3% of Vietnamese population have diabetes

**HANOI, 15 Nov—** About 2-2.5 million Vietnamese people, or 2.4-3.0 per cent of Vietnam's population now suffer from diabetes, according to an official of the Central Endocrinology Hospital on Monday.

It is difficult to give the exact number of diabetes patients as the disease does not exhibit clear symptoms at early stages, the official from the hospital in Hanoi said on condition of anonymity.

He predicted that some five million local people will have diabetes by 2025. The infection rates are currently very high in major urban areas, such as over 4.3 per cent in southern Ho Chi Minh City, and 3.7 per cent in Hanoi, much higher than the rates one decade ago. To reduce the rates, Vietnam should focus on raising public awareness about the danger of diabetes and ways of preventing it such as using appropriate diet, increasing physical activities and reducing weight consequently, said the official.—MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi policeman inspects the scene of an attack on a police vehicle in Kirkuk on 15 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

## Wellwishers invited for water supply projects

Ashin Adiccavamsa (Salingyi)

Newspapers are the eyes and ears of the public. Man could not live without news and information. Newspapers effectively fulfil the wishes of the people who want to read news stories. By reading newspapers, people can know what is going on at home and abroad.

Newspapers also carry news photos. Newspaper readers can know true voices of the public. These days, newspapers are featuring the public opinion voiced at mass rallies to protect and safeguard the nation through the strength of the people from the dangers posed by internal and external destructive elements.

It can be said that newspapers could intellectually nourish the people. People naturally want to read a newspaper as soon as it is delivered at the door. Newspapers cover news stories of various aspects including economic and social sections such as marriages and obituaries.

Carrying articles of various fields, a newspaper can expand the horizon of knowledge of the people.

For me, newspapers also carry news stories of meritorious deeds, for which I say "Sadhu!" (Well done!).

As water is the lifeblood of man, the learned left a saying "Man can survive seven days without food, but only one morning without water". Today, people come to realize the value and benefits of water more than in the past. Man can

suffer diseases if he drinks unclean water, and clean water is essential for health.

Villages in the arid zones do not have an easy access to water. However, thanks to the leadership of the government, today there have emerged many wellwishers who contribute cash to the sinking of tube-wells, and local people can enjoy sufficient clean water. I am glad to read the news stories of the opening of new tube-wells in rural areas.

After reading the list of the donations for rural water supply project in the article "Regular maintenance services to rural tube-wells for their durability" by Maung Ba Pe (Oktha) in Myanmar Alin on 4th August 2005, I praised the generosity of the wellwishers.

It was the 10th ceremony to present cash donations for sinking tube-wells in rural areas. A total of 180 wellwishers donated over K 120.8 million and 4,000 US dollars. The donations 1,515 wellwishers made from the first time to the tenth time amounted to K 117.39229 million, 74,252 US dollars, 770 Euros and 10,012 FECs. How generous they are!

I wonder how encouraging it would be if water supply project covered not just rural villages but townships with the assistance of cash donations. Salingyi in Monywa District, Sagaing Division, is a region where water is scarce with a little rainfall. In 1972-73, wells were dug on self-reliant basis in Kywekyang, not far from the town to supply water for local people. The work was handed over to the

Township Development Affairs Committee on 1 April 1979. Three or four years later, the wells were completely dry due to severe drought. The entire town was in difficulty owing to scarcity of water.

So, I sought ways to solve the problem. Then, I got in touch with Phukan Company in Yangon. A tube-well was sunk near Ywathitgon Village, four miles and five furlongs southwest of Salingyi, in 1998. The tube-well produced clean water, but the project for water supply was not completed due to various reasons. Phukan Company conducted a feasibility study for the completion of the water supply project in the region.

With 56,246 US dollars donated by Japanese people, a 20,000-gallon tank was built at Taungkonlay village, 5,080 feet far from the tube-well. Water was pumped from the tube-well to the tank. Then the water was piped to the 60,000-gallon tank in Salingyi, four miles from the first tank. The donations of the Japanese wellwishers covered the construction of a waterwork, main water tank, a power cable, and water pipelines. On 1 December 2000, a ceremony was held to hand over the facilities to the Township Development Affairs Committee.

Now in Salingyi, the water pipelines laid over 30 years ago to supply water for the town are no longer serviceable. Recently, I have heard a number of complaints about shortage of water due to the worn-out pipelines. If wellwishers know that, I think they will contribute cash donations to the repair or replacement of the damaged pipelines.

Therefore, some townships need to constantly maintain the water supply facilities for their durability. About K 3 million or 4 million will be enough to replace the old pipelines with new ones. Water shortage problems will be no more if the pipelines have been replaced. Wellwishers are urged to make cash donations individually or in groups to be able to complete the water supply project.

Translation: MS

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## Pro-golfer Zaw Zaw Latt, amateur Naing Naing Lin secure champions in Air Bagan Myanmar Gold Tour



YANGON, 16 Nov — Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon) stood first in professional division and Naing Naing Lin in amateur division of the Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour yesterday.

After the fourth and final round, Myanmar PGA and MGF Executive U Ko Ko Lay presented first prize to Than Zaw Ko in the Tiger Putting Challenge contest.

Managing Director U Zaw Win Naing of

Kanbawza Bank Ltd awarded prizes to daily best scorers in the amateur golfers division and Director of Air Bagan Ltd and Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour Director U Min Thein, prizes to daily best scorers in the professional golfers division.

President of Myanmar PGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) gave away the prize worth K 1 million to Naing Naing Lin who stood first in the amateur division by firing 301, the prize worth K 600,000 to Nay Lin Tun, second in similar division by shooting 303, and the prize worth K 500,000 to Nay

Bala Win Myint, third with 312.

Next, Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council and Commander of Eastern Command, awarded first, second and third prizes to Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon) who fired 290 strokes in total in the professional golfers division, Myint Thaug (KM Golf Centre) with 301 and Min Naing (Srixon) with 303 respectively.

Brand Manager U Aung Tun of Srixon section of Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd presented US\$ 300 and U Tu Aung handed over K 500,000 awarded by Kachin

Golfer Group to Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon).

Kanbawza Bank Ltd Chairman U Aung Ko Win gave away K 1.2 million and Vice-Chairman of Air Bagan Ltd U Zaw Min presented K 1.2 million cheque to first prize winner Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon).

Tournament Director U Min Thein of Air Bagan Ltd presented a gift to Ayethaya Golf Resort through U Soe Myint.

The Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour was mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd together with co-sponsors KBZ Bank Ltd, Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Myanmar Treasure

Resort, Eden 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 and Taunggyi Gems

Master Enterprise Ltd. It was organized by Han Event Management.

Interested persons may visit [www.golfing-myanmar.com](http://www.golfing-myanmar.com) to enjoy highlight news of the Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tours. — MNA



Maj-Gen Ye Myint awards prize to a winner of professional golfers division. — MGF



# Education sector witnesses sustained progress

## Development of science and technology in the time of the Tatmadaw Government

### International cooperation in the science and technology fields

The government is constantly raising the standard of science and technology in order to help promote the economic, social, education and health sectors of the nation to be in conformity with development and changing situations of the world.

Only when science and technology are applied fully will the nation be able to be on a par with international community. In Myanmar, constant learning society has been established in order to apply ever advancing science and technology.

Nowadays, Myanmar is actively cooperating with international development agencies and other organizations related to technology to promote technological programmes which are in line with changing international situation.

Making contact with ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology -ASEAN COST, Myanmar is joining hands with the 8 sub-committees under the committee to enhance research works in the science and technology sector.

Moreover, under the science and technology collaboration programmes, Myanmar signed an agreement on bilateral collaboration in technologies with India in 1999. She also signed Memoranda of Understanding on nurturing human resources with China and Pakistan.

In carrying out international relation programmes in the time of the Tatmadaw government, scholarships, training and conferences were conducted in collaboration with 31 countries. Under these programmes, 154 scholarships were provided, 609 training conducted and 664 conferences held.

Myanmar also attended Asia-Pacific Symposia on Science and Technology and submitted 175 papers. International conferences play a vital role in research



*Asia-Pacific Symposium on Science and Technology in progress at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline University Campus on 11-11-2005.*

### Asia-Pacific Symposia on Science and Technology

Date	Papers submitted by foreign countries	Papers submitted by Myanmar	Professors/ Scientists/ Researchers from foreign countries	Participating countries
15-1-2003	17	12	15	China,ROK, Japan, China (Taipei), Singapore, Canada, Thailand, India, Australia, Malaysia, Iran, Mongolia, Denmark
8-1-2004	26	64	16	
9-3-2005	19	73	17	
9-11-2005	52	26	150	
Total	114	175	198	

and development of the technology sector. It also promotes new creativity in information and communication sector for the future of the nation. As a result, fruitful results have been achieved.

The table shows Myanmar activities in international scholarship, trainings, conferences and research paper reading sessions in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

### International cooperation in the science and technology fields

Sr	Subject	Quantity
1	Countries	31
2	Scholarship	154
3	Training	609
4	Conference	664

## USDA Secretary-General receives Chinese goodwill delegation

YANGON, 16 Nov — The visiting Chinese goodwill delegation led by Member of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee Politburo and Vice-Chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee of the People's Republic of China Mr Wang Zhaoguo called on Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo at the hall of USDA Headquarters on New University Avenue in Bahan Township yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the

call were USDA Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min, CEC members U Tin Naing Thein, U Aung Thein Linn and Thura U Aung Ko, Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu and officials.

USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo explained aims and tasks of USDA, basic principles, tasks being carried out in cooperation with international NGOs, participation of USDA in tasks of regional development, five rural development tasks, rural power supply tasks, education, health and social sectors and

development of the nation, and enhancement of friendly relationship and cooperation between youths of the People's Republic of China and Myanmar.

Mr Wang Zhaoguo also discussed promotion of friendly relations.

Next, they exchanged souvenirs and posed for a group photo.

In the evening, USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo hosted a dinner in honour of the Chinese goodwill delegation led by Mr Wang Zhaoguo at Sedona Hotel.

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Senior General Than Shwe greets Member of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee Politburo and Vice-Chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee of the People's Republic of China Mr Wang Zhaoguo. (News on page 1)  
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USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo and CEC members meet with Chinese goodwill delegation. — MNA

## Chinese goodwill delegation visits downtown Yangon

YANGON, 16 Nov — The Chinese goodwill delegation led by Member of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee Politburo and Vice-Chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee

of the People's Republic of China Mr Wang Zhaoguo today visited National Museum, Myanma Gem Emporium and Shwedagon Pagoda.

They arrived at Shwedagon Pagoda this afternoon and paid hom-

age to Buddha Image at the southern prayer hall. The delegation made cash donation at the pagoda.

Ambassador of the PRC to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and officials accompanied the delegation at the visit. — MNA



Member of Chinese Communist Party Central Committee Politburo and Vice-Chairman of National People's Congress Standing Committee of China Mr Wang Zhaoguo and party visit National Museum. — MNA

## Myanmar cultural delegation arrives back from PRC

YANGON, 16 Nov — Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung arrived back here this afternoon after attending the Asia Cultural Forum-2005 held in Guangdong Province, the People's Republic of China.

Members of the delegation Director-General of the Fine Arts Department U Ngwe Tun and Director of the Department of Cultural Institute Daw Nandar Hmun also arrived back on the same flight.

The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn, Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and departmental heads. — MNA



Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung being welcomed back at the airport after attending Asia Cultural Forum-2005 in China. — MNA

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.**



### Japanese Counsellor meets MMCWA executives

YANGON, 16 Nov — Counsellor of Japanese Embassy in Myanmar Mr Ichiro Maruyama and officials on 14 November met with executives of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association-MMCWA at the building of the association here.

At the meeting, they discussed the tasks of the association and Grassroot Grant Assistance (GGA) Programme of Japan. After the meeting, they viewed the documentary photos of the association displayed at the building and visited the clinic established by MMCWA.—MNA

### Polio has been eradicated in Myanmar...

(from page 16)

In an effort to root out the infectious disease in the nation, Myanmar holds immunization days every year and has been making efforts to eradicate polio in Myanmar. Polio has been eradicated in Myanmar since 2003.

At the meeting, Chairperson of Supervisory Committee of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Thet Htay presented prizes to officials of Taikkyi, Hlinethaya, Kayan and Kyauktan townships health departments for their contributions to polio eradication in Yangon Division.

Deputy Director Dr Soe Lwin Nyein of Health Department explained implementation of polio eradication project in Myanmar. — MNA



Yangon Division MCW Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay presents prize to Taikkyi Township.—MNA

### Langkho detour (Dahseik) inaugurated,...

(from page 16)

tasks in 2001-2002. Public Works is carrying out construction tasks not only for Union Highway through Langkho but also for the roads in the urban region. The Government has spent K 5.7 million on construction of Langkho-Mongpan-Mongtung gravel road as a detour road. In the past, vehicles one by one were allowed to pass through the Dahseik suspension bridge crossing Namhting Creek on Langkho-Mongpan Road. Now, the bridge has been upgraded to 290 feet long reinforced concrete one and it can withstand 60-ton loads.

He added that Public Works has built Union Highway stretching 5,005

miles as well as 188 bridges with 180 feet and above in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. The Ministry of Rail Transportation built seven bridges, the Ministry of Electric Power two bridges, and Langkho Station 11 bridges, totalling 208.

He continued to say that the Government implemented Dahseik river water pumping project near Dahseik Model Village, spending K 596.3 million. The river water pumping station irrigated 136 acres of monsoon paddy in 2005-06. Arrangements are being made for supplying water to 3,400 acres of paddy in 2006-07. Due to the better transportation and supply

## Reproductive Course No 4/2005 concludes



MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win delivers a speech at the conclusion of the course. — MNA

YANGON, 16 Nov — Reproductive Course (Central Level) No 4/2005 organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association concluded on 11 November at the building of MMCWA here.

President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win made a concluding address.

Executives of MMCWA and trainees of Magway, Thayetchaung, Maubin, Zigon, Kyauktaw, Kyaikmaraw and Thanbyuzayet attended the training.

In an effort to disseminate knowledge on reproduction to people, MMCWA organized the course.—MNA

of water, the local people in Dahseik Village will meet development of social and economic affairs. In conclusion, the district chairman urged members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, social organizations and local people to participate in the tasks for sector-wise development of the district.

Township Engineer U Kan Tin of Public Works reported on matters relating to construction of six-mile gravel Langkho detour road.

Col Myint Wai of Langkho Station and officials formally opened the road. On behalf of the local people, U Sai Chit Oo of Dahseik Village expressed gratitude.

The prize presentation ceremony followed at Basic Education High School in the village. Township Education Officer Daw Nan Ohn Kyi gave a speech. Officials presented prizes to 12 outstanding students. Shan State and Township Women's Affairs Organizations gave away 10 dozens of exercise books, cash assistance and drawing books, and Shan State USDA provided stipend, and the Chairman of District PDC K 10,000 to fourth standard student Maung Sai Aung Myo.

There are 225 basic education schools, 15,191 students and 355 teachers in Langkho District. Ratio of teacher to student is 1:43. A total of 920 students are learning education under 34 teachers at Langkho BEHS facilitated with multimedia classrooms.

At Thuta Pyokhin Library of the village, the books donation ceremony followed. Shan State USDA Executive U Sai Lon Kyaw handed over 100 books, Shan State WAO 100 books and District MCWA 50 books to Village PDC Chairman U Nanda.

At the same time, the specialists team led by Head of Shan State Health Department U Sai Kham Hlaing was providing health care services to the local people.

At the talks organized by Shan State WAO, Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Khin Nwe Yi gave lectures on health knowledge. Next, the roundtable discussion on facts about Women's Affairs Organization was held. Afterwards, they presented refreshments and cash assistance to 15 older persons and served refreshments to 20 primary students.

In the agriculture sector, the district has 61,743 acres of paddy, and local food sufficiency

is 153.69 per cent. Langkho Township puts 13,249 acres of land under groundnut, sesame, sunflower, niger and other crops. Hence, local edible oil sufficiency is 277.77 per cent. Furthermore, 4,730 acres of pigeon pea, 142 acres of cotton, and 1,470 acres of sugarcane are being cultivated near Dahseik river water pumping project and Namgting Creek.

Local breeders are carrying out pig, cow and poultry farming tasks to contribute to nutrition development of the local people.

As part of greening and environmental conservation, 19 acres of village fuel-wood plantation and 100 acres of teak plantations can be seen in the township. In addition, local people took part in the growing of 55,000 saplings

of various species of trees and 2,000 Thitseint (Belleric myrobalan) in the rainy season tree planting ceremony. Moreover, local people established Thanatka (Limonia acidissima) plantations on a commercial scale in the township.

At present, Dahseik Model Village, Namgting Village and Namgting Village have been facilitated with power supply from generating the self-reliant hydel power turbine. Especially, all the houses in Dahseik Model Village enjoy TV programmes through satellite receiver. Langkho District has the narrow gap between rural and urban areas as well as development in all aspects. At present, prevailing peace and stability reflects progress of the district. — MNA

**Local breeders are carrying out pig, cow and poultry farming tasks to contribute to nutrition development of the local people.**



The opening of Langkho Detour (Dahseik) in progress. — MNA

## Information Minister goes on an inspection tour of Waw Township IPRD in Bago Division

YANGON, 16 Nov — Accompanied by officials concerned, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan went on an inspection tour of Waw Township Information and Public Relations Department in Bago Division yesterday morning.

First, the Assistant Director of Bago Division IPRD, the Head of Bago District IPRD and the Head of Waw Township IPRD briefed the

minister on media functions.

In connection with the reports, the minister gave instructions on measures to be taken for construction of IPRD office on the chosen site and ensuring establishment of self-reliant libraries, organizing wellwishers to donate more books for the libraries, spending the funds of libraries with effect, supervising the libraries for durability,

coordination with local authorities for speedy establishment of libraries in the entire division and co-operation with departments concerned in carrying out rural development tasks.

After viewing wall newspapers, collection of articles, poems, cartoons, etc and varieties of books on display at IPRD's office, he made arrangements to fulfil the requirements.— MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meets officials of Bago District and Waw Township IPRDs.— MNA

## Upgrading tasks of Yangon City in progress

YANGON, 16 Nov — On inspection tour, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander of Yangon Command, this morning said that employees and workers are to make concerted efforts for timely completion of road construction tasks in Yangon City meeting the set standard, adding that

tasks are to be supervised for minimizing loss and wastage.

The commander, also Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, accompanied by Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, made an inspection tour of keeping Yangon City clean and pleasant.

They oversaw upgrading of Myanmar Gonyi Road and repaving of Kanpat (Ring) Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, extension of Thumgala Road in South Okkalapa Township, and upgrading of Pinlon Road in Dagon Myothit Township.

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## Egypt draws emergency plan against possible bird flu outbreak

CAIRO, 16 Nov — An Egyptian official said on Monday that Egypt has drawn a national emergency plan to deal with possible bird flu outbreak.

"We have worked out a national emergency plan and the government is ready for any emergencies," Undersecretary of Ministry of Health Nasr El-Sayyed told Egyptian TV.

"The precautionary measures taken by the government have been ef-

fective," he said, adding "there has been no report of the H5N1 bird flu infection in Egypt up to now". The official also said the Health Ministry has kept a close eye on migrant birds and poultry as well as people who are in direct contact with birds. — MNA/Xinhua

## NZ Red Cross team departs for Pakistan

WELLINGTON, 16 Nov — A contingent of New Zealand medical staff is going to provide relief in the earthquake-affected northern region of Pakistan, Foreign Minister Winston Peters said on Tuesday.

"Reports coming out of Pakistan suggest the situation is still very serious. It is important that victims of the quake can get medical treatment before the severe winter season sets in," said Peters.

Up to ten delegates have left for or will travel to Pakistan in the next few days. The group range from experienced delegates to first-timers, and they will spend up to six months in Pakistan.

The medical staff will be stationed at Abbottabad, where a multinational Red Cross hospital is treating earthquake victims and helping prevent the spread of infection and disease.

The large earthquake which struck the Kashmir region on October 8 is estimated to have killed more than 74,000 and an estimated three million people were left homeless.

Peters said the funding for this work will come from New Zealand's 1.5 million NZ dollars (one million US dollars) contribution to the earthquake relief effort.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia to include Army in eradicating bird flu

JAKARTA, 16 Nov — Indonesia will include troops and volunteers in efforts to eliminate bird flu outbreak in the country, following the increasing of the deaths caused by the virus, a local media reported here on Tuesday.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said on Monday that troops and volunteers would help to search to find fowls infected with bird flu virus. He said that the search would first be concentrated in Jakarta and areas deemed difficult for officials to detect the H5N1 virus.

Four of the five people who had died of bird flu in Indonesia, had lived in Jakarta. "We have to address this problem quickly. There should be a door-to-door inspection by volunteers, university students and military personnel to ensure they are clear from bird flu," said Susilo.

"We should not underestimate this problem. There must be an intensive campaign to make the public aware of the virus," he said.

The virus has killed at least 64 people in Asia since the end of 2003 and was detected in Eastern Europe last month. In Indonesia, nine people are confirmed to have contracted the virus and five of them dying.

Susilo dismissed criticism for the government's slow response in containing the outbreak. The international community had praised Indonesia's efforts to address the problem, considering its limited financial resources, said Susilo, who was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Indonesian Health Minister Siti Fadilah Sufari said that the government planned to vaccinate 40 million children against the virus in order to reduce their risk of infection.

MNA/Xinhua

## "IT" technology fair opens on sidelines of APEC forum

BUSAN (South Korea), 16 Nov — A technology trade fair opened on Tuesday on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum here on Tuesday, aiming to publicize South Korea's latest technological developments.

The exhibition, held at Busan Exhibition and Convention Centre, the central venue for the APEC forum, was hosted by South Korea's Ministry of Information and Communication. The exhibition comprises of eight thematic and four enterprise sections including the Robotics Section, e-Government Section and U-Port Section. The organizers estimate more than 6,000 participants from the 21 APEC member economies will attend the exhibition.

"Aside from the commercial aspect, I hope this exhibition boosts the developing world's access to modern technology," Information and Communication Minister Chin

Dae-je said at the opening ceremony. The exhibition features four corporate pavilions by Samsung Electronics Co, LG Electronics Inc, KT Corp and SK Telecom, the ministry said. One of the highlights of the exhibition is a demonstration of high-speed wireless Internet services by KT, South Korea's biggest fixed-line telecommunications company.

MNA/Xinhua



OFFICIAL LEAVES: CSSTB member U Hla Myint Oo left here by air on 16-11-2005 to attend the Workshop on Training for Instructors of State Service Personnel in Singapore. CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun and officials see off U Hla Myint Oo at the airport.— MNA



## Chinese FM meets S Korean, Singapore, New Zealand FMs

BUSAN (South Korea), 16 Nov—Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing, who is attending the APEC 2005 forum here, met on separate occasions with South Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Ban Ki-Moon, Singapore Minister of Foreign Affairs George Yong-Boon Yeo, and New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs Winston Peters on Tuesday.

During the meeting between Li and Ban, they spoke highly of the good progress of the bilateral relations between China and South Korea.

Li stressed that the upcoming state visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao to South Korea will strategically further define the development goals for the two countries' ties. The visit will also increase mutual understanding and trust and promote sustained growth of the two countries' partnership of comprehensive cooperation, Li added.

Ban said China is South Korea's important partner of strategic cooperation. The South Korean Government and people are looking forward to Chinese President Hu's visit, believing that the visit will up-

grade the two countries' mutually beneficial cooperation.

The two sides also stressed they should continue to join efforts to push forward the six-party talks, so as to reach the objective of the Korean Peninsula

being nuclear free and safeguard the lasting peace and stability of the peninsula.

During the meeting between Li and Yong-Boon Yeo, Li said China appreciated the Singapore Government's reiteration of its adherence to the "one China"

policy and its opposition to "Taiwan independence". He said China and Singapore should further expand cooperation in the trade, security, cultural and educational areas and in international and regional affairs.—MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese merchandise fair held in Chile

SANTIAGO, 16 Nov—Some 60 Chinese companies on Monday began exhibiting their products at a Chinese fair of merchandise in Iquique, a city in Northern Chile.

The event "opens up China to South America, and also opens up China to the United States and Europe, because from now on business is going to be ever easier," Iquique mayor Jorge Soria said.

Soria also said the fair is an important event in the region and a great opportunity for businessmen

and consumers to see the state of the art in Chinese technology.

Businessmen from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile and Paraguay have already registered to

attend the exposition, which will run through Sunday. The fair exhibits Chinese products of telecommunication, electronic, transportation and textiles.—MNA/Xinhua



A South Korean woman looks at the traditional 'Hanbok' costume, which will be worn by leaders during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, in Pusan, South Korea on 16 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

## Australian wheat marketer says US ban "unjustified"

CANBERRA, 16 Nov—Australia's monopoly wheat exporter, AWB on Tuesday described as an "unjustified" sanction on it by US Government over an Iraqi oil-for-food scandal. A UN inquiry has found AWB involved in funneling 200 million US dollars in kickbacks to Saddam Hussein's Government under the UN oil-for-food programmes.

In a punitive move, US Department of Agriculture has suspended AWB, which is the biggest single trader of wheat on the US futures market, from a US-funded credit programme, which guarantees export sales of

grain out of the United States.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio quoted AWB Limited spokesman Peter McBride as saying that "we believe that the United States Department

of Agriculture has had pressure from US wheat lobby groups. So we believe that it's unjustified and we'll be making a submission to that effect".

He added that the company is not currently using the programme and

there will not be any effect on Australian wheat farmers, adding "we believe it's probably more a reputation issue".

A spokesman for Trade Minister Mark Vaile says the Federal Government is seeking urgent clarification about the ban against AWB.

The Australian, a leading daily in Australia, said on Tuesday "the US action is highly embarrassing for the (John) Howard Government as one of President George W. Bush's staunchest supporters on the invasion of Iraq."

MNA/Xinhua

## Cambodian police seize 10,000 pills of drugs

PHNOM PENH, 16 Nov—Cambodian Banteay Meanchey authorities seized more than 10,000 amphetamine pills and arrested five, local media reported on Monday.

Five men were arrested by police officials in Banteay Meanchey Province on Friday for trafficking the illegal amphetamine pills, The Cambodian Press Review said.

Following a careful investigation, police first stopped and arrested Banteay Meanchey Province residents Phum Sothun, 32, and Teab Saham, 19, while the pair were driving in a car, said Roth Sreng, chief of the province's military police.

Roth Sreng said police went on to arrest three other men in Serei

Sophorn District on suspicion of illegal trafficking, based on confessions made by Phum Sothun and Teab Saham, according to the newspaper.

Police seized another 8,000 amphetamine pills from Phum Sothun's house after he admitted to hiding the drugs there.

Roth Sreng said the suspects were attempting to sell the drugs for distribution in Thailand through the Poipet International Gateway, according to The Cambodian Press Review.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam's cashew nut export to rise this year

HANOI, 16 Nov—Vietnam is estimated to reap 495 million US dollars from exporting cashew nuts this year, up 13.5 per cent from last year, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on Monday.

Vietnam, the world's second biggest cashew exporter after India, is intensifying trade promotion in traditional markets such as the United States, China, Australia, the Netherlands, England, Canada, Russia, Italy and Japan. Up to 41 per cent and 25 per cent of its total cashew export volume last year

went to the United States and China, respectively.

The country is renewing technologies to increase quality of cashew nuts for export, and employing other technologies to process other parts of the trees, including their fruits, rinds and trunks. It plans to increase cashew acreage to 450,000-500,000 hectares by 2010, and reap nut export turnovers of at least 700 million US dollars in the year.

Vietnam, with 350,000 hectares of cashew under cultivation, will grow more cashew trees in the southern and central regions, as well as replace old strains with high-productivity ones so that it can turn out 700,000 tons of nuts in 2010, the ministry said.

The country shipped abroad 86,000 tons of cashew nuts worth 408 million US dollars in the first 10 months of this year, posting respective year-

on-year increases of 0.4 per cent and 18.1 per cent. The value hike was attributed mainly to higher world prices, the ministry noted.—MNA/Xinhua

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## Latin America's banana producers seek "total access" to EU market

PANAMA CITY, 16 Nov—Latin America's banana-producing countries want to gain "total access" to the European Union (EU) market after the WTO rejected a new EU proposal to impose banana tariffs, Panamanian Trade Minister Alejandro Ferrer said on Monday.

"We are going to analyze scenarios and a common position to meet a new offer the European Union should make," Ferrer told the Press after a meeting of regional trade ministers. Ministers from Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama, all main banana producers in the world, were attending the meeting in the Panamanian capital.

Latin American grow-

ers' hopes have been boosted by a recent WTO verdict which ruled that the EU tariffs failed to comply with world trade rules. Last Month, the World Trade Organization (WTO), which sets rules for international trade, struck down an EU proposal for a tariff of 187 euros (about 218 US dollars) per ton of exported bananas from Latin America, which would have started on January 1, 2006.—MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi Army soldier inspects the wreckage of a car bomb exploded near a restaurant in eastern Baghdad, Iraq, on 15 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

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# World Diabetes Day 2005 focuses on foot care

**GENEVA, 15 Nov—** The theme of this year's World Diabetes Day, which is celebrated on Monday, is "Diabetes and Foot Care," and the emphasis falls on foot problems caused by diabetes, one of the most serious and costly complications of the disease.

"Many serious complications, such as kidney failure or blindness can affect individuals with diabetes, but it is the complications of the foot that are one of the most serious and costly complications of diabetes.

Of all lower extremity amputations, 40 to 70 per cent are related to diabetes," the World Health Organization

(WHO) said in a statement.

However, it is possible to reduce amputation rates by 49 per cent to 85 per cent, through a care strategy that combines prevention, treatment of foot ulcers, close monitoring, and education of people with diabetes and healthcare professionals, the United Nations agency added.

World Diabetes Day, celebrated every year on 14 November, was established by WHO and the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) in 1991, aiming at coordinating diabetes advocacy worldwide.

The slogan for the 2005 campaign is "Put Feet First: Prevent Amputations".

"Somewhere in the world, a leg is lost to diabetes every thirty seconds. Given the high incidence of diabetic foot

ulcers and the frequency with which, though often treatable, they lead to amputation, the choice of theme is highly appropriate," said IDF.

"This will enable IDF to promote forcefully the message that, with relatively low investment, governments can advance education and prevention that will result in lower rates of amputation than the unacceptable figures we see today," it added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Threat stops buses and trains in Australian city

**CANBERRA, 15 Nov—** Bus and train services in the Australian city of Brisbane will be suspended for half an hour on Monday evening after a series of telephone threats were made against the city's transport system, authorities said.

Policetold Reuters the transport system had already been shut down for an hour from 11:45 am (0045 GMT) after a threat was received and that buses and trains would again be stopped for 30 minutes from 4:45 pm after another threat was made.

No further details were given on the nature of the threat against the east coast city.

"We're being over-cautious because we're not sure if they (the phone calls) are hoaxes or if they are real," Queensland Premier Peter Beattie told a news conference.

"In light of what happened last week in Sydney and Melbourne, I think Queenslanders would want us to be over-cautious. We haven't made this decision lightly." Last week, 18 men were arrested in Melbourne and

Sydney and charged with offences including acts in preparation of a terrorist attack, being a member of a terrorist group and conspiracy to commit a terrorist act.

Brisbane Mayor Campbell Newman said buses would be ordered to pull over to the side of the road at 4:45 pm and drivers instructed to move passengers away from their vehicles.

"They will wait for half an hour and then they will hopefully continue on their way and we won't have any problems at all," Campbell told a news conference. He said plans for the rail system were being worked out, but that train stations could also have to be evacuated.

MNA/Reuters

## Zimbabwe builds dams to tackle water problems in Harare

**HARARE, 15 Nov—** Construction of the Kunzvi Dam is the panacea to the water problems plaguing Harare and its dormitory towns, Zimbabwean Water Resources and Infrastructure Development Minister Munacho Mutezo said on Monday.

"Harare has been facing a major water shortage and implementation of Kunzvi Dam is the solution," he said this while addressing a Chinese delegation from Jiangxi Province which is on a five-day visit to the country to explore areas of possible cooperation.

"We hope the project will be able to work shortly so that the people in Harare and surrounding areas do not have to suffer."

Mutezo said time was ripe for implementation of the project, which had been on the cards for the past eight years.

Suburbs in Harare have been going for weeks without water supplies

with satellite towns such as Chitungwiza going for more than two months without supplies.

While aging water infrastructure has been singled out as a major contributor to the woes, declining water levels in major supply dams have been cited as contributory to the problem.

According to Mutezo, the contractors had completed projects such as the Valley Dam and Irrigation scheme in Kezi District, Masvingo Rural, Runde and Mawere water schemes. And the Marowa Nyathi Dam in Manicaland was being implemented, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Collective efforts needed to develop pre-school education

**KATHMANDU, 15 Nov—** There is a need of collective efforts among different components of education field to develop pre-school education for children, an educational expert said here on Sunday.

"There should be collective efforts from educational policy makers, master trainers, headmaster and teachers of schools for development of pre-school children," said Janette Hirschmann, a member of the Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Center (MCTC)

of Israel, told reporters.

"Pre-school education is important for the mental and intellectual development of children," Hirschmann noted. Hirschmann is currently in Nepal to conduct master trainers training to this end, which is jointly organized by the Ministry of Education and Sports,

the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization and the Israeli Government. Altogether 30 master trainers or supervisors from 25 districts are taking part in the training on what pre-school children need to develop in the best possible way.

MNA/Xinhua



Singers Elton John (L) and Dolly Parton perform at the 39th Annual Country Music Awards in New York on 15 Nov, 2005.— INTERNET



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# Renault Clio wins European Car of the Year Award

PARIS, 15 Nov— The new version of the Renault Clio has won the coveted European Car of the Year Award for 2006, in a neck-on-neck race with the Volkswagen Passat, the Car of the Year organization said on Monday.

The compact model was selected out of a second round of seven cars by a jury of 58 international automotive journalists, and garnered 256 votes against 251 for the Passat.

"Jury members have praised the new Clio especially for its quality, safety, comfort and space," the organization said, adding that the Clio was the first car to win the prize twice.

The Clio III was launched late 2005,

while the first Clio won the award in 1991. Renault has already won five times in the prize's 43-year history, the last was the Megane, three years ago, which went on to become Europe's best selling car.

The Clio won over the Alfa Romeo 159, BMW 3-series, the joint-platform model Citroen C1/Peugeot 107/Toyota Aygo, the Mazda 5, Toyota Yarus and the Volkswagen Passat.

Last year's winner

was the Toyota Prius hybrid car. The European car market is very sluggish, with French October car sales down 5.8 per cent in the biggest decline for six years. Renault hopes the Clio will boost fourth quarter sales after a disappointing third quarter.

The Clio III is made in France while the Clio II, renamed Campus, will continue to be produced in Slovenia.

MNA/Reuters



Specimens are shown at an exhibition marking the work of renowned naturalist Charles Darwin at the American Museum of Natural History in New York on 15 Nov, 2005. It is considered the most in-depth exhibition ever mounted on Darwin and his theory of evolution by natural selection, and opens to the public on 19 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

## Unaddressed psychiatric disorders common with cancer

NEW YORK, 15 Nov— A study shows that about one of every ten adults with advanced cancer are plagued by major psychiatric disorders, yet many cancer patients with mental health problems are not getting help from a mental health professional, according to the study.

This finding speaks to the need for cancer doctors and patients to discuss psychological concerns during cancer care.

"Willingness on the part of the patient did not seem to be a barrier to mental health service use," Dr Nina S Kadan-Lottick from Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut told Reuters Health, noting that "93 per cent of the patients in the study who met criteria for a psychiatric disorder stated that they would pursue mental health services if they were aware that they had a problem."

In the study, the researchers determined

the rate of psychiatric disorders and the use of mental health services in some 250 adults with advanced cancer participating in the "Coping with Cancer Study," an ongoing NIH-funded multicenter study of advanced cancer patients and caregivers.

Trained interviewers used established diagnostic tools to spot various psychiatric disorders including depression, anxiety disorder, panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder or PTSD.

Overall, 12 per cent of the cancer patients met criteria for a major psychiatric illness—5 per cent suffered panic attacks

—yet only 45 per cent of affected patients accessed mental health services, according to a report in the journal Cancer. "In our study of advanced cancer patients undergoing cancer therapy, fewer than

half of the patients with active major psychiatric complaints received care from a mental health provider," Kadan-Lottick noted in comments to Reuters Health.

MNA/Reuters

## Chilly feet can prompt common cold symptoms

LONDON, 15 Nov — Getting chilly can bring on a cold, British scientists said on Monday, overturning medical orthodoxy that says there is no connection between developing the viral

infection and a drop in body temperature.

Researchers at Cardiff University's Common Cold Centre paid 90 students to sit for 20 minutes with their bare feet in buckets of cold water.

A few days later the study found that 13 of the students reported cold symptoms, such as a runny nose or sore throat, compared to five in a control group of 90 students who kept their feet dry in socks and shoes.

"When you dip your feet into cold water, you cause a pronounced constriction to the blood vessels in the nose," said the centre's director Professor Ron Eccles.

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## Chinese scientists move to protect relics from industrial vibration

BEIJING, 15 Nov— Chinese scientists are taking measures to protect the country's cultural heritage from as many threatening factors as possible, including vibrations.

Monday's China Daily quotes Pan Fulan, an official in charge of the research on vulnerable sites protection, as saying that a standard to rate the threat industrial vibration poses to cultural and historic

sites has been drawn up by Chinese scientists and is expected to be adopted as a national standard.

"The standard will be put into operation later this year, to contribute to the better protection of cultural and historical sites," said Gu Yucui, deputy director of the cultural heritage pro-

tection department of the State Administration of Cultural Heritage.

Industrial vibration has become a serious threat to cultural relics and historical sites around the world, said Pan, who heads research at China's major cultural sites.

MNA/Xinhua

## 3G TV service launched in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 15 Nov— Singapore Telecommunications (SingTel), the leading telecom operator in the city state, launched a third generation (3G) mobile phone service named "3G TV", according to Channel NewsAsia report on Monday night.

The first-ever initiative, with access to a video portal on a 3G platform instead of using the normal Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) access, allows users to enjoy video on their handsets in an easy and visual way.

Users may view all the 3G TV contents for free till the end of this year before a charge ranging from 0.5 to 3 Singapore dollars

(about 0.3 to 1.8 US dollars) per channel applies in the future. Currently serving some 40,000 3G subscribers, SingTel plans to launch two more 3G initiatives, Video Call on Broadband and 3G Live Cam, by the end of 2005, said the report. Attempting to spur the market demand for 3G services, SingTel claimed that it is lowering

the margins for the initial period, expecting the 3G penetration to leap over time.

Singapore commercially rolled out the 3G services on 17 February this year and as many as 744,800 Singaporeans are expected to use 3G mobiles by 2009, accounting for about 20 per cent of the country's population.

MNA/Xinhua



This undated handout photo from the US Fish and Wildlife Service shows two Grizzly bears. The US government said that the Yellowstone Park Grizzly bear was no longer under threat and would be taken off a list of protected species.

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# SPORTS

## Malaysia launches nat'l jerseys for athletes

**KUALA LUMPUR, 16 Nov—** Malaysian athletes now have their own national jerseys, the first time a uniform jersey launched in this southeastern country, local media reported on Tuesday.

Malaysian athletes will put on the sportswear when attending the 23rd South-east Asian Games to be held in Manila, capital of the Philippines. "When we wear it, we will feel proud and inspired to compete against athletes from other nations," Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said when launching the jersey. Prior to this, athletes

representing the nation at international competitions wore different versions of jerseys, though their designs were all based on the colors of the national flag. Najib, who was also chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Sports Development, said members of the committee unanimously decided to choose the jersey with the Ma-

layan tiger as the motif.

"It symbolizes all that we stand for," he said. The design was chosen from 4,645 entries submitted by the public in a contest, which was launched on March 25. Meanwhile, Youth and Sports Minister Azalina Othman said it would be compulsory for all athletes under the auspices of the National Sports Council (NSC) to wear the jerseys for all international sporting events whether held locally or abroad.

MNA/Xinhua

## Wenger says Premiership title race is back on

**LONDON, 16 Nov—** Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger claimed on Tuesday that Chelsea's loss to Manchester United has turned the race for the Premiership title back into a genuine contest.

Chelsea's surprise defeat in the Old Trafford ended their 40-game unbeaten run in the Premiership and reduced their lead to six points.

"It's good for the Premier League - it makes it open again and more interesting," said Wenger.

"Of course, it's not done yet - Chelsea still have a fair distance on everyone else but it gives us some hope again."

Arsenal trail Chelsea by 11 points although they do have a game in hand, with Premiership new boys Wigan the closest challengers.

Since the 1-1 draw with Everton on 23 October ended their flawless start to the Premiership season, Chelsea have lost to Real Betis in the Champions League, been knocked out of the Carling Cup by Charlton and lost to United.

Wenger has undergone a well-publicised feud with Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho — conducted through the media — in recent weeks.

And the Arsenal boss added that Chelsea's recent dip in form only served to highlight Arsenal's achievement in going an entire Premiership season unbeaten in 2003-04.

"I feel the outstanding record is to go a whole season unbeaten and people will maybe realise later what that record means," he said.

"It shows how difficult it is to beat that. It highlights our consistency and how much quality we have shown."

The Gunners face Chelsea on 18 December, but Wenger warned his players not to look too far into the future.

MNA/Xinhua



Pakistan's Hasan Raza, right, catches the ball from England's Andrew Strauss, centre on Wednesday, 16 Nov, 2005 during the final day of the first cricket Test between Pakistan and England at Multan Cricket Stadium in Multan, Pakistan.—INTERNET

## Chelsea, Man Utd stuck in rows with national teams

**LONDON, 16 Nov—** Chelsea and Manchester United are now stuck in club-versus-country rows over Hernan Crespo and Cristiano Ronaldo respectively.

Argentina have hit out at Chelsea's treatment of striker Crespo while Blues boss Jose Mourinho is becoming increasingly incensed by the international fixture calendar.

Meanwhile, Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari is adamant he will not be told when to use United

winger Ronaldo.

Mourinho was quoted by BBC as saying: "National teams prepare in such a disparate way that it's hard to find criterion beyond criticism." He added: "Once more there is confusion, once more I have my heart in my mouth."

"It was with their national teams that I lost Claude Makelele, Asier Del

Horno, Damien Duff and Arjen Robben.

"That's without looking further back and at last season when Paulo Ferreira also had to undergo surgery. "England seem intelligent to me. They think about the burden constituted by the Premiership and opted for just one game, in Europe, but against a South American opponent,

in this case Argentina, who could offer them a different playing style.

"For their part, Argentina were looking for a European opponent with a different playing style to those it meets in South America.

"But then they are going to Qatar, returning their players to their clubs one day before the weekend's competitions.

"The French play two games and, incredible as it seems, they go to the Caribbean, obliging players such as Makelele, Thierry Henry or Patrick Vieira to make a journey of many hours and to a complete change of climate."

Pekerman played Crespo from the start against England and the 30-year-old scored his country's first goal in the 3-2 loss before being taken off after 70 minutes with a calf injury.

MNA/Xinhua

## Northern Ireland holds Portugal 1-1

**LONDON, 16 Nov—** Warren Feeney capitalized on a rare international start by scoring Northern Ireland's goal in their 1-1 draw against Portugal on Tuesday.

The Luton Town striker, who had not started for over three years and was a sub for the last seven games, scored with a looping header in the 53rd minute.

World Cup finalists Portugal had led through a Stephen Craigan own goal five minutes before half-time when the Motherwell defender diverted a Ronaldo cross past keeper Maik Taylor.

Northern Ireland did well to battle back against Luiz Felipe Scolari's side and the result allowed them to end the year on a positive note.

Back-to-back defeats against Wales and Austria in the World Cup qualifiers had taken some of the gloss off the

famous victory against England.

However, they bounced back against a side ranked eighth in the world thanks to Feeney's equalizer.

Given manager Lawrie Sanchez was without a number of key players, he could claim a moral victory.

There were good performances from goalkeeper Maik Taylor and midfielder Steve Davis and Portugal knew they had been in a game. The Belfast fans were also able to celebrate the appearance of Irish League star Peter Thompson.

The Linfield striker, with 18 goals this season, came on as a substitute for James Quinn with 14 minutes left.—MNA/Xinhua

## Nedved says World Cup would be ideal peak of his career

**PRAGUE, 16 Nov—** The captain of the Czech soccer team, Pavel Nedved, will be playing in the World Cup qualifying play-off decider against Norway in Prague on Wednesday for his dream of playing the World Cup to come true, he said Tuesday.

"I have played three European Championships and participation in the World Cup would be the best peak of my career, but I only fear for (tomorrow's) result," said Nedved, 33, Juventus' midfielder.

Yet he would not give a clear reply to the question whether he would play in the World Cup in Germany next year if the Czechs qualified for it.

"I confirm I will play the playoff tomorrow and then we shall see," Nedved said.—MNA/Xinhua

## Everton warn Rangers to hand off Moyes

**LONDON, 16 Nov—** Everton have warned Rangers to let David Moyes alone if they are looking for a new manager to replace Alex McLeish.

McLeish has been given until the start of December to save his job. And Moyes has been linked with the post, although it is understood Charlton's Alan Curbishley would be a top target for the Scottish giants.

Everton spokesman Ian Ross was quoted by BBC Sport as saying: "We have not had any contact from Rangers nor would we welcome any."

Moyes, who played for great rivals Celtic, signed a new five-year contract at Everton last season and then guided them to fourth place in the Premiership and into the Champions League qualifiers.

But they have struggled this season, going out of the Champions League against Villarreal and then in the first round of the UEFA Cup against Dinamo Bucharest.

Moyes, however, has retained the faith of Everton's board and fans and has sparked a mini-revival with wins against Birmingham and Middlesbrough.

Everton chief executive Keith Wyness added: "David Moyes is under contract here at Goodison Park for the next four years, and after the progress that has been made since his arrival, everyone here at the club hopes he sees that out."

MNA/Xinhua



Tiger Woods of the US tees off on the 18th hole during the Dunlop Phoenix Pro-Am charity golf tournament at the Phoenix Country Club in Miyazaki, Japan on 16 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET





**UMFCCI officials offer Kathina robes to Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ratthasara of Mingalaya Pali Tekkatho Monastery in Botahatung on 14 November.**  
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## 53 birds die of avian flu in Britain

LONDON, 16 Nov — Fifty-three birds have died at a British quarantine centre hit by an outbreak of avian flu, according to a report released on Tuesday by the British Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

The report said that within the species documented as coming from Taiwan, only the Mesias were infected with H5N1, adding that 53 out of 101 birds had died. It went on to say that the H5N1 virus was only transmitted between the Mesias. There is no evidence of transmission to other species in the facility including the sentinel birds.

Announcing the publication of the report, Chief Veterinary Officer Debby Reynolds said, "This report contains significant epidemiological findings and helps to further our understanding of highly pathogenic avian influenza. "In particular the apparent lack of transmission of H5N1 between species in the facility will be of interest to the international community."

In a written Parliamentary statement, Environment Secretary Margaret Beckett said, "This report will be fed into the independent review of avian quarantine procedures I announced on 31 October led by Professor Nigel Dimmock and to Essex County Council, who are conducting an investigation into events at the quarantine facility."

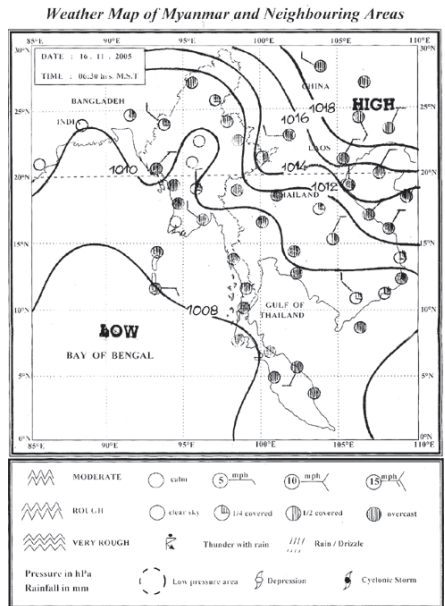
MNA/Xinhua

## Rain, slides spark chaos in Norway

STOCKHOLM, 16 Nov — Torrential rains and landslides sparked chaos all over western Norway on Monday and Tuesday, Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK) reported.

An estimated 10,000 Norwegians were left isolated in mountain towns and villages on Tuesday, after a severe storm set off landslides that blocked roads and tunnels. Emergency crews were working around the clock to restore access, according to NRK.

"It's almost incredible that this can happen all over the county at the same time," said operations leader Per Rimmen of the Sogn og Fjordane Police District. — MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Wednesday, 16 November, 2005

### Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Mon States and Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (4°C) to (6°C) below normal in Chin State, Yangon, Magway and upper Sagaing Divisions and (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung, Mindat and Pyin Oo Lwin (6°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Ye (0.87) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-11-2005 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 16-11-2005 was 63°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 16-11-2005 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 15-11-2005 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 16-11-2005 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 West at (14:20) hours MST on 15-11-2005.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 17-11-2005:** Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair weather in the whole country.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-11-2005:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-11-2005:** Partly cloudy.



Thursday, 17 November  
Tune in today

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -I've always loved you (No Mercy)
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Lesson in love (Level 42)
- 8.50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -My love is for real (Strike)
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: - Too many lovers (Crystal Gayle)
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -Talk about us (Jennifer Lopez) -Lilac wine (Elkie Brooks) -Be (Plus One) -I've never been to me (Charlene)
- 9.00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.20 pm Pourri
- 9.30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers -Careless whisper (George Michael) Reality (Richard Sanderson) -Baby one more time (Britney Spears)
- 9.45 pm News & Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Thursday, 17 November  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင် ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဗ္ဗ၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဓာတီက၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ မဃဘာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
  - 7:15 am
    2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ မဃဘာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတ သန္တီဝါဒီတော်
    - 7:25 am
      3. To be healthy exercise
      - 7:30 am
        4. Morning news
        - 7:40 am
          5. Nice and sweet song
          - 7:50 am
            6. Dance of national races

- 8:00 am
  7. အတိပျဉ်းပွဲ
  - 8:05 am
    8. Dance Variety
    - 8:15 am
      9. အဆိုပျဉ်းပွဲ
      - 8:20 am
        10. ခုန့်ချောင်းရေလှောင်တစ်
        - 8:30 am
          11. International news
          - 8:45 am
            12. Let's Go.
            - 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. Musical programme
                    - 5:00 pm
                      5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လိပ်ညာရေး ရန်ပြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)
                      - 5:15 pm
                        6. Cute little dancers
                        - 5:25 pm
                          7. အရေးကြီးပွဲ
                          - 5:30 pm
                            8. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
                            - 5:45 pm
                              9. အတိပျဉ်းပွဲ
                              - 5:55 pm
                                10. Musical programme

- 6:05 pm
  11. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
  - 6:10 pm
    12. "အတ္တရာယံဆိုတာ လက်တစ် ကမ်းမှာ" (ဗိုးသူ၊ ခုန့်ကလေးလှိုင်၊ ကေတုမင်း၊ ငွေမင်းကောင်း၊ ချောနီသစ်၊ ယင်းမာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)
    - 6:20 pm
      13. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
      - 6:25 pm
        14. နိုင်ငံအခန်း သစ်တောစွမ်းဖြင့် စိမ်းလန်းစေရမည်
        - 6:30 pm
          15. Evening news
          - 7:00 pm
            16. Weather report
            - 7:05 pm
              17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ဝတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၃၄)
              - 7:45 pm
                18. ကြည့်ရှုချမ်းမြေ့ ပျော်ပျော်စွာ အဖျိုးသားကန်တော်ကြီးဥယျာဉ် (ပြိုင်ပွဲ-ထွင်) (အပိုင်း-၁)
                - 7:35 pm
                  19. Musical programme
                  - 8:00 pm
                    20. News
                    21. International news.
                    22. Weather report.
                    23. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မခွဲအတူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
                    24. The next day's programme

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

Polio has been eradicated in Myanmar since 2003 Four townships awarded for outstanding work



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe delivers an address at the coordination meeting on sustained efforts for polio eradication in Myanmar. — MNA

YANGON, 16 Nov — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe called on health officials to step up sustained efforts for polio

eradication in Myanmar.

At the coordination meeting on sustained efforts for polio eradication in Myanmar organized by Yangon Division Health Committee today at Yankin Educa-

tion College, the commander urged the officials to continue to feed polio vaccines to children aged under one year and carry out surveillance tasks nationwide.

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Langkho detour (Dahseik) inaugurated, outstanding students honoured in Langkho Government facilitates necessary infrastructures in Langkho region of Shan State (South)

YANGON, 16 Nov — Nowadays, the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw make concerted efforts for ensuring development of the entire nation and upgrading the living standard of the national people.

supply of water, education promotion for rural people, enhancement of health care services and economic development in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

As the Government facilitates necessary infrastructures in Langkho region of Shan State (South), progress has been made in

economic, education, health and social sectors of the region in addition to smooth and secure transport.

Langkho Township was upgraded to the district level in 2004. At present, the development tasks of education, health and development affairs are in progress in the district. On 5 November morning, a ceremony to inaugurate the Langkho detour (Dahseik) was held at Dahseik Village in Langkho Township.

It was attended by over 4,000 people from 11 villages in Dahseik Village-tract, USDA members and social organization members.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Col Aung Maung, Chairman of Langkho District Peace and Development Council, said that Langkho detour (Dahseik) is the main



Shan State Women's Affairs Organization donates books to a library of Dahseik Village in Langkho Township. — MNA

road in Shan State, and it is a part of the road that links Shan State (South and Shan State (East) through Namhsan, Mongnai, Langkho, Mongpan, Mongtung and Monghsat. Shwe Than-lwin Highway Co commenced its construction

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An outstanding student of BEPS of Dahseik Model Village in Langkho Township accepts a prize at the prize presentation ceremony. — MNA

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As water is the lifeblood of man, the learned left a saying "Man can survive seven days without food, but only one morning without water". Today, people come to realize the value and benefits of water more than in the past. Man can suffer diseases if he drinks unclean water, and clean water is essential for health.