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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Austrian Ambassador

YANGON, 18 Nov — Mr Arno Riedel, newly accredited Ambassador of Austria to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Zeyarthiri Beikman on Konmyinthta at 10 am today.

Also present on the

occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Min-

ister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

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South African Ambassador presents credentials to Senior General Than Shwe

YANGON, 18 Nov — Ms Pearl Nomvume Magaqa, newly accredited Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa to the Union of Myanmar, presented her credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Develop-

ment Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Zeyarthiri Beikman on Konmyinthta at 10.30 am today.

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Senior General Than Shwe receives newly-accredited South African Ambassador Ms Pearl Nomvume Magaqa. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Fostering Union Spirit

The Union of Myanmar is a nation where a variety of national races have been living in unity and amity for years countable by the thousand. In the course of Myanmar history, the national races have been residing in the nation, sharing weal or woe based on mutual trust and understanding, and Union Spirit thus has been flourishing up to date.

Union Spirit is nationalistic spirit that the entire national races are to perpetually safeguard and uphold, and it is also the foundation of Our Three Main National Causes.

In an effort to put in the fore Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, the people under the leadership of the government are to strive for nationalistic spirit to be alive and dynamic.

At present, the government is making efforts for perpetuation of the Union and national solidarity. In the meantime, internal and external destructive elements in collusion with some western media are making fabricated accusations to the effect that there have been human rights violation, racial discrimination, women abuse and serious abuse of religious freedom with the intention of sowing discord among national races and disintegrating the Union.

Those destructive elements in the name of races and religions are making false and fabricated allegations to tarnish the image of the nation.

Realizing those wicked schemes, the national brethren are to continue preserving the fine tradition of living in unity and amity.

The government is trying its utmost for flourishing of Union Spirit among the national brethren. In this regard, it has forged national unity and Union Spirit to maintain peace and tranquillity so far achieved.

This being the case, it is incumbent upon the entire national people to try harder for maintaining peace and tranquillity so far achieved, while fostering nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit.



In memory of late U Khin Maung Tin, Daw Khin Nu and Dr Win Myint (PyinOoLwin), Daw Khin May Kyi and family present K 100,000 for construction of three-storey hospital for the aged to Member of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board U Chit Myaing. — H

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

Culture Minister attends Cultural Asia Ministerial Forum

YANGON, 18 Nov — Minister for Culture Maj-Kyi Aung participated in the Cultural Asia Ministerial Forum, which concluded on 12 November in Foshan, Guangdong Province of the People's Republic of China.

On the final day of the forum, 23 Asian culture ministers signed the Foshan Statement.

The forum was opened on 11 November and 23 Asian ministers of culture attended it.

During his stay in PRC, Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung visited Stone Forest, World Honti-Expo Garden and the cultural research department in Kunming. He discussed



Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung puts seal of the Union of Myanmar on the banner bearing Cultural Asia Ministerial Forum.— CULTURE

bilateral cultural exchange and co-operation with the head of the department. He also met with the Governor of the Yunnan Province. The minister and

party arrived back here on 16 November evening.

Members of the cultural delegation members Director-General of the Fine Arts Department U

Ngwe Tun and Director of the Department of Cultural Institute Daw Nandar Hmun arrived back on the same flight on 16 November.— MNA

PPE Managing Director to attend Sixth Conference of NAM senior officials in Malaysia



PPE Managing Director U Aung Nyein and party being seen off at the airport.— MNA

YANGON, 18 Nov — Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise accompanied by Deputy Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department left here by air this morning for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to attend the Senior Officials Meeting for the Six Con-

ference of Ministers of Information of Non-Aligned Movement Countries.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by heads of departments and enterprises under the ministry, Head of Office of the Information Ministry U Kyi Than, officials concerned and family members.—MNA

Hole-in-one

YANGON, 18 Nov — U Myint Aye (Shwe Aye Foundry) while playing with his partners U Tin Win (Chairman of Myanmar Rice Millers' Association), U Tin Oo (December Hotel), U Tin Maung Nyunt and U Khin Maung Nyunt (KMN Trading) scored a hole-in-one by firing the golf ball Dunlop No 3 into the 168-yard-distance No 12 Hole at Okkalapa Golf Resort this morning.— MNA

Ogre-dance music and the Virtuous

- * Havel-Tu Tu, the two of them
Have same traits, liked by the West
Unvirtuously, moving about
They planned to enhance their stature
For their doing, there was satisfaction
The West showered prizes on them
And initially worked to have them well-known.
- * Having thus acted, they next moved toward
Sculpting figures of the virtuous,
Of humanitarian concern
Then those puppets were strung
And made to do the ogre-dance
Taking them on a road-show
Hoping for international accolade
- * Puppeteer of the West
How come your puppet
Is made to look virtuous
When the music is of ogre-dance
This swing and fling isn't good.
- * 'Tis clear that the puppet
Is sculpted to its whim
Clearly it is interference, undeniable
Special puppet show
But we fret the audience
Might be disillusioned by the folly.

Byan Hlwar (Trs)



A US Marine searches a shed during a foot patrol on the fourth day of an operation in the Zaidon area of Al-Anbar Province, southeast Baghdad recently. — INTERNET

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Mexican bus, chemical tanker collide, 38 dead

MEXICO CITY, 17 Nov — A truck carrying toxic ammonia gas and a passenger bus collided in northwestern Mexico, killing 38 people, police said on Wednesday.

"Almost all the passengers on the bus died. Some of their deaths were caused by the substance (ammonia) and not the impact," a spokesman for the Public Security Ministry in the state of Sinaloa said by telephone.

Exposure to high concentrations of

ammonia, a colourless, pungent gas used in the production of fertilizers and explosives, can be fatal.

Police said the tanker's brakes failed and it hit the bus, which plunged more than 65 feet (20 metres) into a ravine and ended up on its roof in Tuesday's crash near the city of Los Mochis in Sinaloa. "The accident also caused ammonia gas to leak, making it difficult for police and emergency teams to reach the area," police said in a statement. — MNA/Reuters

Chinese, S Korean leaders pledge further development of bilateral ties

SEOUL, 17 Nov — Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao and his South Korean counterpart, Roh Moo-hyun, pledged here Wednesday to make joint efforts for the sustained development of the comprehensive partnership of cooperation between the two countries.

During their summit, Hu said that since the establishment of comprehensive partnership of cooperation, the two countries have entered into cooperation in all fields of endeavour and maintained close communication and coordination on international and regional issues.

The Chinese President, who was here on a state visit, said Beijing and Seoul now share more common interests as their ties become more and more important.

Bilateral cooperation has not only fuelled the development of both countries, but also made important contribution to safeguarding peace and

stability on the Korean Peninsula and the entire Northeast Asia as well, Hu said.

Hu put forward a four-point proposal on further developing all-round cooperation between the two countries:

- to enhance political mutual trust by establishing a hot-line at the foreign ministerial level for timely exchange of views on major issues of common concern;

- to double the current annual trade volume of 100 billion US dollars by the end of 2012;

- to expand exchanges in the fields of culture, education, science and technology, health and

quarantine, and environmental protection, to increase contacts between young people of the two countries, and to jointly sponsor the Year of China-South Korea Exchanges in 2007; and

- to strengthen consultation on international affairs and work

jointly for a new world political and economic order that is fair and just.

Roh said that he fully agrees with the four-point proposal raised by Hu and stressed that the two countries have many common interests and shared views on important issues. — MNA/Xinhua

Police chief warns Britain remains terror target

LONDON, 18 Nov — Britain remains a top target for terrorists, warned the country's top policeman on Wednesday.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Ian Blair said while speaking of the challenges police face in tackling terrorism that every community was at risk from "indiscriminate" terrorism, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reported.

He also called for a

"compassionate" and "reasonable" debate on policing in Britain.

While the police were praised for their response to the July 7 bomb attacks, he said, they were "savaged" after the death of Jean Charles de Menezes, a Brazilian youth who was wrongly gunned down by anti-terror police as a terrorist suspect.

Making his first public comments since the government failed to extend the detention time for terror suspects to 90 days without charge, Blair voiced "frustration" at the public "silence" on what it wanted the police to do.

He said police work was being hampered by the lack of a proper examination of what they were for—whether it was to fight crime or fight its causes, to build stronger communities or enforce zero tolerance.

MNA/Xinhua

Germany's incoming FM rules out change in Iraq policy

BERLIN, 17 Nov — Germany will not change its Iraq policy under future Chancellor Angela Merkel, designated Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said on Wednesday.

"I believe there won't be any fundamental changes," Steinmeier said in an interview with German public television broadcaster ARD.

MNA/Reuters

US forces lose 11 servicemen in two days in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 17 Nov — A US marine has been killed by an explosive device in Iraq, the 11th American serviceman to die over a two-day period.

The marine died on Wednesday in the vicinity of Hadithah, in western Iraq, announced the US military on Thursday.

Five other marines died the same day in a firefight in the nearby town of Ubaydi.

Three US soldiers were killed on Tuesday

when a roadside bomb struck their vehicle northwest of Baghdad. A fourth died of his wounds on Wednesday.

And a marine was also killed Tuesday in a car bomb attack carried out by a suicide driver near Fallujah, in the west of the country.

The latest deaths brings to at least 2,080 the number of US military personnel killed in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion, according to an AFP tally based on the independent Iraq Coalition Casualty Count.

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EU legislators urge Iraq withdrawal

BRUSSELS, 17 Nov — Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) call on Wednesday for an early pullout of European troops from Iraq but top officials of the European Union rejected the demand, saying coalition forces were needed for Iraq's reconstruction.

EU member state troops will have to remain in Iraq "for a very long time" to ensure stability, European External Relations Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner told MEPs in Strasbourg on Wednesday, Belgian media reported.

Responding to demands from MEPs for a clear exit strategy for European troops deployed in the Middle East, she said that there was "no alternative to trying to work together" to create a stable society in Iraq.

"Coalition forces may actually be fuelling the fires of insurgency," said Graham Watson, leader of the liberals, the European Parliament's third largest political group.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi police inspect the scene of a roadside bomb in eastern Baghdad on 17 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

China attracts nearly \$700m for afforestation in twenty years

BEIJING, 17 Nov — China has used nearly 700 million US dollars of foreign fund for afforestation in the country over the past two decades, a Chinese forestry official has said.

"Foreign fund has played a vital role in China's environmental protection and the Chinese Government will continue to utilize such funds in the future," said Su Ming, an official from the State Forestry Administration (SFA), at a forum on enterprises' responsibility on environmental protection attended by over 100 Chinese and US entrepreneurs and officials.

Su, Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Centre of SFA, said that besides foreign financial support, China was especially interested in the advanced technologies and ways of management of

other countries in environmental protection, which he said could efficiently boost the work in the regard.

The Chinese Government attaches great importance to environmental protection, and it has spent more than 700 billion yuan (86 billion US dollars) in six major afforestation projects, uplifting the country's forestry coverage from 15 per cent several years ago to the current 18.21 per cent, he said.

The official underscored the importance of all social forces in joining in environmental protection, acknowledged that enterprises could play a special role and should contribute

more in the protection.

The forum was sponsored jointly by the US-based Nature Conservancy and the Alxa SEE Ecological Association, a Chinese environmental protection NGO consisting of more than 100 enterprises.

MNA/Xinhua

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India asks China for Tamiflu raw material

NEW DELHI, 17 Nov — India, concerned at the possibility of migratory birds bringing bird flu into the country, has asked China for the raw material to make the antiviral drug Tamiflu, the Health Ministry said on Wednesday.

Although India has not reported any case of bird flu, authorities have been monitoring nesting sites

across the country which receive thousands of migratory birds in winter from countries like China and Russia, which have reported outbreaks.

New Delhi's request for a "cost-effective supply" of raw material for Tamiflu came after talks between Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss and his Chinese counterpart

Gao Qiang in Beijing, the Health Ministry said in a statement.

"One of the most important outcomes of the visit is the likely supply of raw material for manufacturing Tamiflu," it said. "This is to combat the bird flu likely to strike the South Asian region, including India, in the coming foreseeable future."

MNA/Reuters



Chinese health workers disinfect cars on a road to the bird flu-hit Urumchi County, in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 17 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

China to remeasure Great Wall length

BEIJING, 17 Nov — China will remeasure the length of the Great Wall built in Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), with the help of aeronautic remote sensing technology, said Zhang Ji, Deputy Secretary-general of China Great Wall Institute here Wednesday.

Zhang said a programme on comprehensively surveying the Great Wall with remote sensing technology was made and approved as feasible by experts.

The programme will provide an accurate length of the Great Wall, which was built by Chinese first emperor Qinshihuang, and rebuilt and renovated in Ming Dynasty.

MNA/Xinhua

Serbian President warns of disintegration of Balkans

MOSCOW, 17 Nov — Several Balkan states could be broken up if ethnic Albanians sought independence from Kosovo, Serbian President Boris Tadic warned on Tuesday.

"If (ethnic) Albanians exercise their right of self-determination or their right to establish an independent state in Kosovo and Metohia, all the other people in the region should have the same right. It will lead to disintegration of a large number of states, including Serbia and Montenegro, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina," Tadic said in talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Kremlin, according to the *Interfax* news agency.

Serbia recognizes the rights of Kosovo's Albanian population, but it also has every right to protect the rights and freedom of ethnic Serbs, he said.

The Serbian President said he is categorically opposed to disintegration of the Balkans.

MNA/Xinhua

Nixon documents shine light on Iraq-like struggle in Vietnam

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov — Nearly three years after most Americans backed President George W Bush's decision to invade Iraq, a divided nation is increasingly demanding a clearer strategy for reducing the US role and bringing the troops home.

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov — Documents released this week have cast a light on President Richard Nixon's struggles during the Vietnam war reminiscent of those that President George W

Bush is now grappling with in Iraq.

The National Archives opened some 50,000 pages of declassified documents to the public on Wednesday, most of them from National Security Council files and office files of Henry Kissinger, Nixon's national security adviser.

The Vietnam documents cover a period from 1969 to 1973 and include cables, memoranda, memoranda of conversations, draft speeches, maps and photographs.

One set of national security files deal with military operations in North and South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos while a second set contains State Department communications on diplomatic, economic and military issues.

The Kissinger materi-

als are drawn from across the government and refer to issues having to do with Vietnam, intelligence, security and defense budget.

The New York Times reported that files show Nixon struggling with many of the political and public perception issues now besetting the Bush administration in Iraq, including the impact on public opinion of the mistreatment of civilians.

The massacre of Vietnamese civilians by US soldiers at My Lai in 1968 "could prove acutely embarrassing to the United States," former defense secretary Melvin Laird warns Nixon in one document cited by the *Times*.

"Domestically, it will provide grist for the mills of antiwar activists," Laird said.

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Indonesia's car sales drop in October

JAKARTA, 17 Nov — Indonesia's car sales in October dropped to 35,000 units, or significantly decrease by 31 percent, compared to the same period last year, the *Bisnis Indonesia* said here on Wednesday.

The decrease was caused by the highs of oil price, of interest rate as well as the rupiah exchange rate against a US dollar, according to President Director of one of the biggest dealer PT Toyota Astra Motor Johny Darmawan.

Indonesia raised oil price more than double in October first due to the spiraling global oil price.

He said that the figure was 20.4 per cent lower than the sales in September.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken recently shows a newly born giant panda, weighing 157 grams (5.4 ounces), in a panda research and protection center in Wolong, southwest China's Sichuan Province. —INTERNET

Divided US wants clearer Iraq policy

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov—Nearly three years after most Americans backed President George W Bush's decision to invade Iraq, a divided nation is increasingly demanding a clearer strategy for reducing the US role and bringing the troops home.

A US Senate challenge on Bush's Iraq policy this week was only one largely symbolic step in a complicated, politically charged process and there is little expectation that it presages a quick withdrawal of all 153,000 American troops. But the Senate resolution sent a message that Iraqis must to assume more responsibility for securing their fractured country by the end of 2006 and that Bush's administration must be clearer in its goals and the means to achieve them.

The call from the Republican controlled Senate came amid an aggressive White House counter-offensive against critics of the administration's use of prewar intelligence, now discredited, which alleged Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction.

A leading hawkish Democrat in the House of Representatives, John

Murtha, a former war supporter, stoked the debate further on Thursday when he called for the immediate withdrawal of US troops from Iraq.

Americans for a long time were reluctant to challenge Bush's handling of Iraq, accepting his argument that the war was a central component of the US war on terrorism declared after the 11 September, 2001 attacks on the United States.

But with public support for the President plummeting and US troop casualties mounting, lawmakers facing voters in mid-term elections next year have felt freer to speak out.

A Gallup poll this week showed 63 percent of Americans disapproved of Bush's handling of Iraq policy. A Gallup poll in March 2003 showed 66 percent would approve going to war to enforce Bush's demands of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.—*Internet*



Chinese cyclists pedal past the Forbidden City in Beijing, on 18 November, 2005.—INTERNET

US to keep control of Internet traffic system

TUNIS (Tunisia), 17 Nov—The United States will maintain control of the domain-name system that guides traffic around the Internet under an

agreement adopted on Wednesday at a United Nations technology summit.

Negotiators at the World Summit on the Information Society said they had agreed to set up a first-of-its kind forum to discuss "spam" e-mail and other Internet issues and explore ways to narrow the technology gap between rich and poor countries.

It will have no power to force the United States to share oversight of the domain-name system.

The European Union said in a statement that the agreement would lead to "further internationalization of Internet governance, and enhanced intergovernmental cooperation to this end".

The US said it essentially endorsed the status quo.—*MNA/Reuters*

APEC projects 35% overall GDP growth for member economies in '05

BUSAN (South Korea), 17 Nov—The economic growth of 21 Pacific Rim economies is expected to fall to 3.5 per cent in 2005 compared to 4.3 per cent last year, according to a report.

At a Press conference held on Wednesday during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in South Korea's southeastern port city of Busan, Lee Kyung-tae, the chair of the APEC Economic Committee, said the dip in growth is mainly attributed to higher energy prices and interest rates in the United States.

"The United States has steadily raised interest rates in an effort to preempt inflationary pressure that has caused growth to fall in APEC's largest economy," the

chairman said.

Lee also said the large trade surpluses by economies such as China, Japan, and South Korea will cause an adjustment in foreign exchange rates that can result in complications for growth.

He speculated that adjustments to the foreign exchange rates, which can have an adverse effect on regional trade, could continue into the new year.

However, the economist, who is president of the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, said

most economies are showing growth that is near or greater than previously forecast, and that the region's expansion is still greater than the worldwide average.

In its annual economic outlook report, the APEC Economic Committee (EC) projected that the overall aggregate real GDP growth of APEC member economies will fall to 3.5 per cent in 2005 due to high oil prices, rising domestic prices and external imbalances.

The report also warned an increasing threat of

higher inflation due mainly to higher energy prices near the end of 2005.

The Asia-Pacific Region's economy continued its strong expansion in 2005 although the pace of growth slowed after its peak in 2004 when annual overall aggregate real GDP growth of APEC member economies was 4.3 per cent, said the EC report.

The medium-long term projection of APEC's annual growth is 3.6 per cent over the period of 2006-2010, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua

UNDP launches initiative to boost cooperation in Cyprus

NICOSIA, 17 Nov—The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Monday launched an initiative in Cyprus entitled "Action for Cooperation and Trust" to promote cooperation between Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot.

"Action for Cooperation and Trust is aimed to create opportunities for all of Cypriots to work together on concrete projects that will benefit all people on the island," Programme Manager of UNDP Andrew Russel told reporters at Ledra Palace in Nicosia.

Russel said the programme was designed to boost cooperation between Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot organizations in education, environment and preservation of cultural heritage as well as to promote tolerance and mutual understanding in the island.

MNA/Xinhua



A mushroom

cloud rises after

two car bombs

shook central

Baghdad on 18

Nov, 2005.

Internet

Anthrax found in cows in Indonesia's Makassar

JAKARTA, 17 Nov—At least three cows were confirmed by local test to be contracted by anthrax virus in Indonesia's South Sulawesi Province's capital of Makassar, officials told *Xinhua* by telephone on Tuesday.

Health authorities had taken measures to prevent the disease from spreading by isolating the area where the disease was found and vaccinating at least 200 cows nearby, said Supardi, official of the local Animal Husbandry Department.

Meanwhile, official

of the Laboratory for Animal Test of the Balai Besar Veterinary in Maros Regency in the province also confirmed that "the result of test is positive anthrax...on three cows".

Another official of the laboratory, Jafar Muhammad, said that authorities had closed and isolated the village where the virus was found among

some 600 cows raised by the community there.

"The area has been closed. There are about 600 cows there," he said.

An anthrax outbreak killed at least six Indonesians in October last year. Ministry of Health officials reported that infected goat meat was the cause.

MNA/Xinhua

Levelling accusations at Myanmar of being in poverty and hunger while failing to see the mote in one's own eyes

Maung Hmat Kyauk

All national races of Myanmar prefer to lead a peaceful and secure life. In line with their nature, national Buddhists with a gentle attitude want to live in peace doing meritorious deeds. Nevertheless, the national people were deprived of peace and security, due to evil consequences of the fact that Myanmar fell under the yoke of colonialists for over a century, and the breaking out of internal armed conflicts among national races for about half a century starting from the period just after regaining independence due to doubts, dogmatism, personal attachment, greed for power and individualism at the instigation of colonialists.

While in servitude, Myanmar suffered evil consequences of the two world wars owing to the rivalry among colonialist nations for acquiring colonies, world economic depression, underground and aboveground insurgency, and the wedge driven among national races by the colonialists with the intention of depriving the nation of independence. Myanmar people had to withstand all trials and tribulations during the period. Despite fertile soil, being rich in a large variety of natural resources and favourable climate, Myanmar could not enjoy high standard of living.

In colonial days, Myanmar workers were under the oppression and could have access to meagre sustenance, culminating in oilfield workers' uprising. And there also took place Myanmar Era 1300 Uprising due to punitive taxation on land and crops including poll tax levied by the colonialists, very high rates of rent for a piece of cultivable land to be paid to landlords, high interest rates of Chatters, and purchase of crops with low prices by colonialists' Steel Brothers Co and Bullinger Pool Co.

Myanmar people could lead a peaceful life with high standard of living but did not, because of the exploitation by Western colonialists. At that time, local peoples of the nations in Asia including Myanmar, Africa and Latin America under the subjugation of colonialists were terribly deprived of human rights, democracy and fundamental rights.

Today, the colonialists are applying various strategies to colonize would nations in a different way. The ex-colonialists are now resorting to new methods of neo-colonialism under the pretext of democracy, human rights, freedom and saviour to interfere in internal affairs and invade independent and sovereign nations that are on the track to democracy and are taking steps for their progress on their own.

After regaining independence in 1948, Myanmar was stepping up the national development drive to rise up from the ashes. Meanwhile, there arose internal armed strife and in consequence, Myanmar could not carry out reconstruction and development tasks effectively. So, it had to put its all-out efforts into the drive for safeguarding national solidarity with tenacity in order not to lose independence again and to ensure non-disintegration of the Union.

In 1988, Myanmar experienced the unrest in which internal and external destructive elements, leftist and rightist groups, and underground and aboveground elements caused havoc politically and economically. Factories and mills were robbed and ravaged. Many innocent people were accused of committing destructive acts and they met their tragic end under violent murders. Law and order was ineffective at all and anarchy reigned supreme across the nation. And all the transport links were out of order. The entire national people were in a state of alarm. The Union was hovering on the edge of collapse, and independence (sovereignty) was absolutely uncertain. Myanmar people still remembers that Western nations branded such destructive acts as democracy movements.

On 18 September 1988, a five-warship fleet including an aircraft carrier from a Western big nation entered the Myanmar's territorial waters to interfere in the internal affairs. The Tatmadaw thus had to carry out a formidable task to stem the tide of destructive acts throughout the nation. It depicted a spectacular performance of national duty by the Tatmadaw with a fine tradition that it firmly stands by and safeguards and defends the nation and people in times of emergency.

The national force consisting of the Tatmadaw and the people managed to accomplish demanding tasks to ensure prevalence of law and order, secure and smooth transport, and food security of the people as well as to achieve community peace and stability, national reconciliation or national reconsolidation, for which previous successive governments could not make any headway. As altogether 17 national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold, the entire Union now is enjoying peace, thereby fulfilling the wish of the people.

The nation enjoyed annual economic growth by 1.9 per cent from 1989 to 1992 thanks to the plan for economic stability. It also achieved 8.5 per cent of annual economic development in the first four-year short-term plan (1992-1996) and in the five-year short-term plan (1996-2001).

If compared with 1988-89, per capita income of the people surged 2.3 times in 1991-92, seven times in 1995-96, 26.3 times in 2001-2002, and 86.2 times in March 2004-2005. According to the data collected in January 2005, Myanmar attracted investments of 7,760.8 million US dollars as a whole from 394 enterprises of 27 foreign nations.

Emphasis has been placed on extended cultivation of paddy as the staple food of Myanmar is rice. In the post-war period, Myanmar had total sown acreage of about 12 million and a population of about 16 million. In 1988, the population increased to 40 million, but the number of total sown acreage remained unchanged. Since 1988, the government has been taking steps for agricultural progress. From 1988 to date, it has built 179 dams that can benefit close to 2.5 million acres of farmland.

Now the crop cultivation capacity has touched 152.7 per cent, up from 119.6 per cent in 1988. The nation's annual paddy output has increased to about

1,200 million baskets from 653 million baskets in 1988, much exceeding the amount of 810 million baskets that is sufficient for the current population of 54 million.

It can be witnessed that there have emerged a great number of infrastructures for economic development such as irrigation facilities, roads and bridges, and superstructures such as hospitals, health care centres, educational institutions, and housing estates. So, those with negative views should study the data on sustainable development of the Union through newspapers or the Internet, instead of guessing the situations of the nation from afar.

In relation to the road and bridge sector of the nation, now, there are 621 Union highways stretching 18,640 miles in total, compared with 461 Union highways stretching 13,635 miles. The government has so far constructed 208 bridges, each of which is 180 feet long or above. The number of airports and jetties is on the increase. Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), the longest one of its kind in the nation, and Yadanabon Bridge, the second bridge linking Mandalay and Sagaing have given witness to the nation's ability to build large bridges, advanced engineering, and sufficient amount of cash for the expenses on such prudent construction projects.

Moreover, the entire Union has been enjoying sustainable progress in the education, health, hydro-electric power and other sectors. In that regard, the nation has been able to make self-reliant efforts to reach a better level with national strength and nationalistic fervour. However, external elements are creating various hindrances to national development endeavours instead of extending a helping hand.

Why are they anxious to hinder the nation's development?

An independent and sovereign nation has the right to discharge development tasks at will in accordance with its background history, geographical features, national character, culture, traditions and wishes of the majority of the people. In fact, it is in conformity with the UN charter as well as the wishes of the people. It does not matter if other nations do not want to help it, but they should not disturb it. That is the principle to be followed by all civilized peoples in the world.

Supposing a nation is disrupting another nation variously, it indicates that the former has accumulated its greed, anger, ignorance, and conceit. And words and accusations of a nation that is deceitful and uses its superior force to invade weak nations are never correct and just.

If a nation opposes domination of the neo-colonialists, they will launch baseless accusations against it, saying that the nation is void of human rights, democracy and freedom, however much it is developed, prosperous and peaceful. If Myanmar accepted those accusations and remained silent in 1988, she cannot enjoy the present developments, instead will be under the banner of sham democracy, living as an indirectly-enslaved minion.

One of the slanderous accusations of the neo-colonialists is that Myanmar is in poverty and the people are facing hunger. Because they wish to see Myanmar people suffering from poverty and starvation, and disrupt peace, majority-supported democracy, basic human rights including the right to self-determination, and national interest. And if civil commotion is to erupt, resulting from poverty and starvation, that topples the ruling government, the neo-colonialists are going to install a puppet government under their domain. Myanmar and the

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Health sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of health in the time of the Tatmadaw Government



Kengtung General Hospital in Shan State (East).

Progress in the health sector of Myanmar

Uplift of education standard of the entire nation and turning out of qualified human resources are important factors in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation and so also health and fitness of the entire nation.

It is safe to say that health and fitness is the driving force for national development. Therefore, uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation is enshrined in one of the four social objectives.

The government is carrying out health care service to see that the entire national people enjoy health and fitness and longevity. Myanmar National Health Committee was formed to promote the health sector.

Without losing sight of health policies laid down by the State, the National Health Committee is playing a leading role in carrying out health duties.

Under the leadership of the National Health Committee, coordination



Specialists team led by Professor Dr Norman Hla performing liver transplant at New Yangon General Hospital for the first time in Myanmar.

and cooperation between the Ministry of Health and other related ministries and active participation of social organizations, wellwishers and the people, Myanmar's health standard has been promoted significantly in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Health care services are being carried out the length and breadth of the nation. New hospitals and dispensaries have emerged, many have been upgraded, medicines and medical equipment provided and more health staff appointed.

Moreover, emphasis is being placed on disease control. Preventive and control measures have been taken against diseases. Myanmar has also enhanced its cooperation with international community in the health sector. One of the significant factors is that in the time of the Tatmadaw government, encouragement has been given to development of Myanmar traditional medicine.

The table shows upgrading of hospitals, increasing number of health care centres and health staff, emerging health universities, traditional medicine hospitals and elimination of three major diseases in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Progress in the health sector of Myanmar

S r No	Subject	1988	2005	Progress
1	Upgrading of hospital	631	824	193
2	Health care centre	1844	3808	1964
3	Health staff	25430	43224	17794
4	Health University	3	15	12
5	Training school	26	43	17
6	Traditional Medicine Hospital, dispensary	91	251	160
7	Elimination of three major diseases (small pox, polio and leprosy)	1	3	2



Senior General Than Shwe receives newly-accredited Austrian Ambassador Mr Arno Riedel at Zeyathiri Beikman. (News on page 1)—MNA

Myanmar is also required to pay emphasis on use of oil-substitute fuel and saving of oil

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cost-effective now. Along with the iron casting work, mould and die industry has been established. So, the products of the industrial zones will surely have good demand in the markets. It can also have potential for foreign market. Consequently many industries such as farm machinery, automobile and plastic wares will develop as well. The private sector plays an important role in speeding up the development momentum of industry. Therefore, more assistance is to be rendered to the private sector. Only then will the industrial sector of the nation develop more and more. Industrial development is imperative in shaping a modern, developed and prosperous nation. Concerted efforts are to be made for development of agricultural sector as well as the industrial sector. While the nation was taking systematic measures to implement hydro-electric power projects to help improve the industrial sector, there had been a sharp rise in the global oil price. In this context, economists analyzed that oil crisis broke out because consumption outstripped production. Although the volume of crude oil production increased to 8.3 percent compared to 2001, oil consumption jumped to 8.6 percent.

It is also learnt that the age of cheap crude oil is now over.

The Prime Minister continued to say that global nations are essaying to seek ways and means to replace the crude oil. Auto companies are also trying to invent cars that can save oil. Emphasis has been placed on oil-substitute fuel such as hydrogen fuel cells, ethanol from vegetable matter, solar cells, wind power, synthetic gasoline from coal, and nuclear power. The world has seen a boom in biofuel production. Myanmar is also required to pay emphasis on use of oil-substitute fuel and saving of oil. For instance, ethanol is a kind of grain alcohol produced from oil crops like sugarcane and corn. It has been learnt that Brazil can produce 3.2 million gallons of ethanol a year. Besides, it can produce biofuel produced from sunflower, soy bean, ground nut and sesame. So, it is time for Myanmar to produce biodiesel as the above-mentioned oil crops are thriving in the nation. Biofuel will contribute not only to industries but to farming. In addition, more CNG cars should be used and the State has converted over 4200 petrol and diesel cars into CNG ones.

Next, Secretary of the Industrial Development Committee Chairman of Myanma Industrial Develop-

ment Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thauang reported on the duty assignment to those in-charge, the implementation of modern foundries, the buses and trucks production of the industrial zones, motorcycles and three-wheel cycles production of Yenangyaung Industrial Zone, the conversion to CNG vehicles and the industrial development.

Chairman of Myanma Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin reported on progress of modern foundry shops in Mandalay, Monywa and Taunggyi (Ayethaya) Industrial Zones. Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw presented reports on conversion of vehicles into CNG-run vehicles.

Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thauang Lwin explained machine spare parts production of ministries and private entrepreneurs and progress of tasks, and land reclamation for establishment of foundry shops in Myaungdaga Industrial Zone. Director-General U Aung Win of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development briefed them on land reclamation for Myaungtaga Industrial Zone to set up foundry shops.

General Manager U Than Tun Aung of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading reported on conducting research works for substitution of fuel produced from edible oil crops to be used in diesel engines, the content ratio of edible oil to diesel, and test-running of edible oil in diesel engine.

Director U Zaw Myat Win of Industrial Coordination and Inspection Department submitted reports (See page 9)

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Prime Minister General Soe Win views running of machines and pumps with the use of phisic nut oil.—MNA

Myanmar is also required to pay emphasis on use...

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 on production of fuel from Methane, policies of bio-fuel production, and manufacturing of fuel from pieces of wood, General Manager Dr Cho Win Maw of Myanma Foodstuff Industries on bio-fuel for replacement of conventional diesel, production of diesel-substitute fuel from vegetables oil and of bio-diesel from palm oil, and manufacturing and use of gasohol, Executive U Sein Thuang Oo of Myanmar Engineering Society on use of gasohol, and Chairman of MES U Than Myint on functions to manufacture quality products meeting set standard.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Soe Win said that global countries are seeking various ways and methods to substitute crude oil. Hence, efforts are to be made for practising systematic use of fuel as well as production of bio-fuel.

After the meeting, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party viewed round materials to be used for industry and production of diesel-substitute bio-fuel from edible oil crops displayed by ministries and

private entrepreneurs in the compound of the Ministry of Industry-2.

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials conducted the Prime Minister and party round the booth of Myanma Machine Tools & Electrical Industries. At the booth, 5 kw hydel power generator to be used with 15 feet-high water, 40 kw hydel power turbine to be used with 60 feet-high water, and 60 kw and 200 kw hydel power turbines to be used with 120-feet high water were put on display.

Furthermore, Francis Water Turbine Model-HL-160-WJ-42 that can be used at 130 feet high of water level was also displayed. The Ministry of Industry-2 displayed various capacity motors manufactured by Electric Motor Factory in Indagaw Industrial Region.

In addition, Ignition Coil, Fuel Pump, Alternator and Starter Motor manufactured at Automobile-used Electronics Factory of Indagaw Industrial Region, 1 Phase 2 Wire electric metres and 3 Phase 4 Wire metres produced at Electric Metres Factory in Sinda of

Padaung Township were also put on display.

Afterwards, the prime minister and party viewed agricultural machinery displayed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

The Agricultural Mechanization Department exhibited Leya-16 power tillers and harvesters which use jatropa instead of diesel fuel.

A 16 horsepower engine equipped with a power tiller consumes only 0.6 gallon of jatropa and the engine power is at full capacity.

Myanma Farms Enterprise also displayed jatropa-used small scale rice mill, water pumps and generators.

The jatropa, a bio-fuel, is obtained from a common plant which is grown in rural areas as fences.

At the booth of MFE, production process of the bio-fuel were displayed.

At the booth of the Ministry of Commerce, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party viewed the operation of SW-6 small scale rice mill using the bio-fuel.

The booth also showcased sample of edible oil, coconut oil, palm oil, cotton oil, sesame oil and soya bean



Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials from newly-accredited South African Ambassador Ms Pearl Nomvume Magaqa. (News on page 1) — MNA

First iron frame installed at Panmawady River Bridge (Myinkaseik)

YANGON, 18 Nov — Panmawady River Bridge (Myinkaseik) is being built by Bridge Construction Special Group-5 of Public Works with a view to ensuring better transport of local people and smooth flow of commodities between Myaungmya and Patheingyi. It is a bailey type suspension bridge that lies on mile-post 22/2 of Yangon-Patheingyi Road.

After inspecting progress in maintenance of Hsamalauk-Maubin-Kyaiklat-Pyapon Road, Yangon-Patheingyi Road, and Patheingyi-Myaungmya Road in Pyapon and Myaungmya Townships, Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Minister for Construction, headed for the construction site of Panmawady River Bridge (Myinkaseik).

The minister oversaw completion of the construction tasks from the bank in Patheingyi to Myaungmya by Z-craft. While at the construction site, the minister attended the ceremony to install the first bailey frame at the bridge. First, he sprinkled scented water on the first frame. Afterwards, workers of the project fixed the iron frames at the middle section of the bridge with the use of heavy machinery.

On the bank in Myaungmya, the installation of reinforced concrete beams and placing of tiles were completed at the approach bridge. Likewise, the construction of three 60-foot-long spans out of six have been completed at the approach bridge on Patheingyi bank.

The main section of Panmawady River Bridge (Myinkaseik) will be of bailey suspension type. The whole bridge will be 1,260 feet long in total — 540 feet long main suspension section and 360 feet long approach bridge on either bank of Myaungmya and Patheingyi. The main section of the bridge will be 16 feet and 4 inches wide, and the approach bridge on either side will be 20 feet wide. The bridge will have 3 feet wide pedestrian way on either side. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads. — MNA

Emphasis has been placed on oil-substitute fuel such as hydrogen fuel cells, ethanol from vegetable matter, solar cells, wind power, synthetic gasoline from coal, and nuclear power.



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and party being seen off at the airport before departure for 33rd Conference of FAO in Rome, Italy. — A&I

oil which can also be used as diesel substitute fuel.

The Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 also displayed the production process of bio-fuel from palm-oil, and 0.96 gallon of bio-fuel can be produced from one gallon of palm oil. One gallon of palm-oil fuel costs about K 2400. A bio-gas used engine does not emit exhaust fume which cause air pollution.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party inspected wind power generator and supply of electricity by the generator demonstrated by the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

They viewed documentary photos on producing of gasohol, a type of fuel mixing natural gas, petrol and alcohol and test run of engines which use alcohol and diesel.

Ministry of Commerce exhibited 2 Ton Forklift, Hino TE-21 and Toyota Town Ace which run on fuel oil obtained from vegetable oil instead of diesel.

Good Brothers Co Ltd (Mandalay) showcased tri-cycles which use petrol, ethanol and compressed natural gas.

All this needs to be known

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

Strong and capable Tatmadaw imperative in trying to keep abreast of the world No 67 Pilot Training Course concludes



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein addresses graduation parade of No 67 Pilot Training Course.— MNA

YANGON, 18 Nov—The No 67 Pilot Training Course of No 1 Flying Training School of the Tatmadaw (Air) Flying Training Base concluded at a ceremony at Flying Training School, Shande, Meiktila, this morning.

After presenting prizes to outstanding trainees, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein made a speech. He said that the Tatmadaw (Air) was established on 15 December 1947 and it is about to be 58 years.

In the period of its existence it has conducted 66 courses and produced many a pilots.

To keep pace with changes and developments, nations of the world are strengthening their defence forces. They did so to defend and ward off encroaching upon their nations as well as to maintain security in the region.

Nowadays, many small nations are encountering the threat of big nations with mechanical and technological edge. Events of the world have stood evidence that the strength of a nation lies within.

Therefore, a strong and capable Tatmadaw is imperative in trying to keep abreast of the world. The air power and the aerospace power depend on own resources.

They are flying power and capability. Human resources play a leading role in the process.

To become highly qualified pilots, trainee pilots who had completed the course are to make constantly study and practice. To be able to face the

challenges of flying, the trainee pilots are to have full of practice.

The government has laid and is implementing the seven-point Road Map step by step for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Lt-Gen Myat Hein presented wings and completion certificates to pilots.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myat Hein greeted the pilots and families and had a documentary photo taken together with them.



Dignitaries attend graduation parade of No 67 Pilot Training Course.— MNA

At such a time, the trainee pilots are to be imbued with nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit.

In the course of Myanmar history, the Tatmadaw upheld Our Three Main National Causes. To be able to do so, the Tatmadaw has to be equipped with three capabilities.

In conclusion, Lt-Gen Myat Hein called on the trainee pilots to try their best to become combat-ready ones to drive out any foreign invasions, making the better use of air power.

At 9.30 am, the ceremony to confer wings on the pilots followed.

It was attended by members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of the Air Base Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tin, military and civil officers, trainees who had completed the course and their families and guests. — MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein presents Excellent Award in Study to Lt Aung Kyaw Swa Tun.— MNA

Talks on reproductive health knowledge given

YANGON, 18 Nov — A ceremony to disseminate health knowledge organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this afternoon. It was attended by Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe and officials from MWAFF, Chairperson and executives of Yangon Division/District/Township WAOs, service personnel of the Ministry of Culture and their

family members.

First, Daw Khin Khin Lay, wife of the Minister for Culture, extended greetings.

Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe presented membership cards and brochures to 235 WAO members through Daw Khin Khin Lay.

Specialist Dr Daw Win Win Mya gave a lecture on reproductive health knowledge for women.

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The Government of the Union of Myanmar
The Ministry of Health
Notification No 1/2005
Yangon, 2nd Waning of Tazaungmone 1367 ME
(17th November, 2005)

The Ministry of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (b) of section 2 and sub-section (b) of section 30 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Law hereby inserts the following psychotropic substances as serial numbers 61 and 62 respectively after serial number 60 of Schedule IV contained in sub-clause (d) of clause 1 of Notification No 2/2002 dated 21-6-2002, of this Ministry:

Schedule IV

Serial No	International non-proprietary names	Other non-proprietary or trivial names	Chemical name
61	Zolpidem	Zolpidemum	bis [N,N-dimethyl-2-[6-methyl-2-(4-methylphenyl) imidazo [1,2- <i>o</i>] pyridin-3-yl] acetamide]
62	Ketamine	Ketaminum	(RS)-2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(methylamino) cyclohexanone

(Sd)
 Dr Kyaw Myint
 Minister
 Ministry of Health

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
The Ministry of Health
Notification No 2/2005
Yangon, 2nd Waning of Tazaungmone 1367 ME
(17th November, 2005)

The Ministry of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on it under sub-section (a) (2) of section 2 and sub-section (b) of section 30 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Law hereby substitutes the Narcotic Drugs Schedule III issued, due to requirement of Myanmar contained in sub-clause (c) of clause 1 of No. 3/2002 dated 29-7-2002, of this Ministry as follows:

Schedule III

Serial No	Narcotic Drug	Description / Chemical name
1	Mitragyna Speciosa	
2	Tramadol	(+) cis-2-[(dimethylamio) methyl] -1-(3-methoxyphenyl) cyclohexanol hydrochloride

(Sd)
 Dr Kyaw Myint
 Minister
 Ministry of Health

Cable-TV retransmission of terrestrial and satellite TV channels illegal

YANGON, 18 Nov — The act of retransmitting terrestrial and satellite TV channels through cable TV is illegal, it was disclosed at the meeting at which Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address.

The act is illegal as it is against the nation's existing Television and Video Law, censor policy and rules and regulations of movie and video

industry, TV satellite receiver licence rules and regulations, and international copyright law.

The re-transmitters on their part are violating the existing law and the rules and regulations, while persons switching on the illegal cable TV channels might be liable to fines, officials said at the meeting held at Information Ministry on 14 November.

Led by the minister,

officials of Information Ministry, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, Home Affairs Ministry, Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Ministry, Attorney-General's Office and Yangon Division General Administration Department held the meeting on unlawful cable-TV retransmission of terrestrial and satellite TV channels. — MNA

Levelling accusations at Myanmar of being...

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world have already known the true nature and intention of the neo-colonialists that are manipulating from behind the scene to make political, military and economic gains out of a country.

A number of western countries are saying that Myanmar is the most impoverished country. National traitors are also singing the same tune. According to the 2001 UN human development report, the malnutrition rates of the nations are: Thailand 21 per cent; the Philippines 21 per cent; Sri Lanka 25 per cent; People's Republic of China 11 per cent; Vietnam 22 per cent; India 21 per cent; Bangladesh 38 per cent; Myanmar seven per cent; Cambodia 33 per cent; Pakistan 20 per cent; Nepal 28 per cent; and Laos 29 per cent. Among the countries, Myanmar is the most well-fed nation. In Myanmar there goes a saying "Myanmar never has had any person dies of hunger" that was true in the past, is true at present and will be true in the future also.

As for Myanmar the serving of the national interest and the building of the national economy are always through sincere way. She is not a kind of country that forcefully and unjustly loots others' riches, wealth and mar-

kets. The strength of Myanmar lies within, and the economy based on nationalism is to develop herself and the people. Myanmar always adheres to her active and independent foreign policy that embraces peaceful co-existence, international friendship and cooperation and the task of discharging the international duties as a global nation according to UN principles for ensuring a peaceful and prosperous Earth.

Had Myanmar not lived under exploitation and rule of colonialists for over 100 years and faced multi-coloured insurgency for over 40 years due to internal discord and foreign interferences, she would have been a wealthy nation by now through sincere and fair means because of her rich resources. Myanmar today is enjoying peace, stability and progress as never before, despite the perpetration of internal and external saboteurs to push the country into poverty, starvation and total destruction. The West, especially the US, is claiming that Myanmar is in abject poverty and hunger, echoed by the traitors from inside and outside the country. I am not interested in criticizing others, but forgive me, I will have to present the real image of the nations that are slandering our nation.

According to the book "Understanding" published by the TED Conference, America's total debt in 2000 stood at US \$ 5,700,000 million. Now it stands at over US \$ 6,000,000 million because of the soaring military expenditures. The US defence budget was at US \$ 274,100 million. The US has a population of about 270 million, and one fifth or 15 million out of 70 million under-18 youths are living in poverty. On average, one in two US children are included in the poor families and the ratio for adults is 1.7:1. A grand total will come out if the population of the underprivileged of other age brackets are added.

A UNESCO report said that the US homeless population is between seven million and 10 million. The World Almanac reveals that the underprivileged population in the US is over 35.9 million — over 24 million whites and over nine million Blacks. Washington DC, the seat of the President, has the highest poverty rate in the US. About 17 per cent of its population are poor. Louisiana State and West Virginia State also stand the same poverty rate as Washington DC.

Than Aye translated the book "The Sorrows of Empire" compiled by Chalmers Johnson. The excerpts from the book say

that the main reason behind youth enlistment in the army is none other than the wish to get promotion through the ranks in the army, and to escape from social discrimination or having the interest in military science; that the main reason for the African Americans to join the army is to free themselves from living in the poor quarters.

The book also states that there is no one entering the army out of patriotism or the spirit to serve the race; that in the interviews with young soldiers, a large number of them said that they joined the army because of the fewer number of civilian jobs, dwindling number of jobs for basic workers as US companies are moving to countries where labour is cheap and the legal action they were going to face in doing mean jobs. In the book, one young soldier said that if

not the army, there was only jail for him to go; and another said had not I joined the army I would have been a waiter like my friends.

Even the US citizens are protesting the government for their discontentment to see the rising unemployment population, the huge deficit and debt, the fall in the value of the dollar, and the soaring expense for military ventures. America is the richest country in the world. But the real ones that get richer and richer are the companies and conglomerates. Meanwhile, the rich-poor divide is wide, with more and more people turning to crime and prostitution to earn their living.

The World Almanac 2005 states that crimes of various kinds numbering over 24 million occurred in the US in 2003; out of them 5586420 were human-related crimes,

5401720 were first degree crimes, 72240 were rape cases, 44650 were attempted rape cases, 377870 were robbery, 81950 were sexual assaults, 3997980 were bodily harmful crimes, 184700 were pick-pocketing, and 17539220 were property-related crimes.

On the other hand, Myanmar has a very low crime rate. Every tourist visiting Myanmar admires her culture, security, low crime rate, smiling faces, and prosperity. Indian media persons who visited Myanmar recently said that they had not seen a country as secure, peaceful and happier as Myanmar.

I wish all to see the progress, peace, rising living standard of Myanmar, and the endeavours to further develop them as they really are.

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DONATE BLOOD

China, Europe discuss global energy economy

BEIJING, 17 Nov— A leading Chinese economist said here Wednesday that China and Europe could share much in energy consumption, climate research and sustained economic development.

Chen Jiagui, vice-president of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), said at a forum on the bilateral partnership facing the global energy economy, both China and Europe would be confronted with shortage of traditional forms of energy in the coming decade.

Chen noted that the cooperation between China and European nations in saving traditional energy and looking for new energy meets interest of both sides.

China needs to learn experience of the European nations in developing and

consuming new energy, Chen said.

The forum, hosted by the CASS, the Chinese Academy of Engineering and some European institutions, will encourage closer ties between academic, governmental and business sectors.

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China sets timetable for tackling small coal mine-related problems

BEIJING, 17 Nov— The National Bureau of Production Safety Supervision and Administration has set a timetable for solving problems related to the country's hundreds and thousands of small coal mines, the *Economic Information Daily* reported on Tuesday.

Wang Xianzheng, deputy director of the administration, told a national meeting on coal science and technology, his administration aims to solve the small coal mine related problems within three years.

The registered

legitimate small coal mines, which currently stand at 23,000 in China, will fall to 19,000, with the closing down of 4,000 of them at the end of this year, Wang said.

These coal mines have a combined coal output capacity of 120 million

tons, he added.

The number of small coal mines will drop further after undergoing regrouping and mergers, he said.

Wang also revealed that at present more than 10,000 small coal mines have been ordered to suspend production for improvement because of lack of safe production licence applications.

Coal is China's major energy resource, accounting for 67 per cent in the country's consumption structure of all primary energy resources.

In recent years, the Chinese Government has issued a series of regulations and measures to improve coal mine safety.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain's jobless up more than expected, pay growth eases

LONDON, 17 Nov— The number of Britons seeking jobless benefits rose more than expected in October while annual pay growth in the three months to September eased, official data showed, boosting the case for an interest rate cut next year.

The Office for National Statistics said on Wednesday claimant count unemployment rose 12,100 in October, the ninth consecutive increase and the biggest rise since May.

This was well above the modest rise of 5,000 that economists had expected and followed an increase of 10,700 in September, leaving the jobless rate at 2.8 per cent.

Separately the ONS said that average annual earnings growth eased to 4.1 per cent in the three months to September from 4.2 per cent, confounding expectations for no change. Underlying pay growth excluding bonuses held steady at 4.0 per cent.

The figures suggest a weakening job market while higher inflation in recent months is not feeding into wage growth, and underpinned

expectations that the Bank of England has room to trim interest rates further from 4.5 per cent.

MNA/Reuters

World Summit on Information Society kicks off

TUNIS, 17 Nov— A UN-sponsored World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) aimed at bridging the digital divide between rich and poor nations kicked off here on Wednesday.

Dozens of heads of state and government, and over 10,000 participants from 173 countries including business leaders, technology experts and civil society representatives gathered in the Tunisian capital of Tunis for the three-day summit.

"This summit must be a summit of solutions," United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan told the opening ceremony, adding that

principles and plans on an open and inclusive information society must be translated into concrete deeds.

The Tunis summit is the second phase of the WSIS, with the first phase held in Geneva in December, 2003.

The Geneva summit adopted a Declaration of Principles and an Action Plan, outlining a common vision of building a people-oriented information society and setting a goal of bringing half of

Bird flu hits one more Vietnamese province

HANOI, 17 Nov— Bird flu has just been spotted in Vietnam's northern Son La Province, where poultry has not yet been vaccinated against the disease, according to sources from Vietnam Veterinary Department Wednesday.

Thirty-one chickens in two flocks in Moc Chau District died recently after showing bird flu symptoms, and 25 ducks in Mai Son District were also suspected to die of the disease. The local veterinary authorities have culled 95 ducks. The deaths' causes have not yet been confirmed. The province is waiting for final testing results.

According to reports from several bird flu-hit localities, some fowls, which have been vaccinated, still died en masse. One of the causes may be the vaccines' poor quality, or the vaccines used were not the right type regulated by local agencies.

Since early last month, bird flu has been spotted in 85 communes of the 14 northern, central and southern localities, namely Bac Lieu, Dong Thap, Hanoi, Bac Giang, Quang Nam, Thanh Hoa, Hai Duong, Hung Yen, Ninh Binh, Hai Phong, Quang Ngai, Vinh Phuc, Bac Ninh and Son La, killing and leading to the forced culling of over 436,000 fowls.

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the world population online by 2015.

According to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), 942 million people living in developed nations enjoy five times better access to fixed and mobile services, nine times better access to Internet services and own 13 times more personal computers than the 85 per cent of the world population living in low and lower-middle income nations.— MNA/Xinhua

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S Korean, Peruvian leaders agree to enhance "IT" cooperation

SEOUL, 17 Nov — Presidents of South Korea and Peru agreed here on Wednesday to enhance trade and investment as well as cooperation in information technology and bioengineering.

At a summit meeting in Cheong Wa Dae, the presidential office, South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun and his Peruvian counterpart Alejandro Toledo Manrique also agreed to increase culture and sports exchanges so that each nation could serve as a foothold for the other in their respective regions, the *Yonhap* news agency

quoted presidential spokesman Kim Man-soo as saying.

Toledo is the first Peruvian President to visit the country since 1994, when then President Alberto Fujimori flew into Seoul for a summit with President Kim Young-sam.

The Peruvian President will also attend the two-day Economic Leaders'

Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum slated on Friday in the southeastern port city of Busan.

During the meeting, Roh hoped the two countries would be able to achieve substantial economic cooperation in IT and trade.

South Korea hopes its IT companies would be able to make inroads into Peru, whose number of mobile phone subscribers has risen 130 per cent over the past four years, according to *Yonhap*.

The two leaders also

expressed satisfaction with the recent rise in bilateral trade and investment.

South Korea exported 154 million US dollars worth of automobiles, electronic goods and other products to Peru in 2004, while importing 178 million dollars worth of nonferrous metals, oil and other natural resources in that same year, *Yonhap* said.

South Korea's investment in Peru had reached 640 million US dollars as of the end of July 2005.

MNA/Xinhua



Spare mice sit on top of a computer as a competitor practices before a tournament during the World Cyber Games in Singapore on 17 Nov, 2005. The event lasts until 20 November, with gamers competing for prizes totalling more than \$435,000.—INTERNET

Strong quake jolts southern Bolivia, northern Chile

SANTIAGO, 18 Nov — A strong 6.9-magnitude earthquake shook Bolivia and northern Chile on Thursday, but there were no reports of damage, officials in Chile and the United States said.

"Its depth of focus is such that we probably won't have any damage. It's not in a heavily populated area. It's on the Chile, Bolivia border," said Waverly Person, a geophysicist at the United States Geological Survey in Colorado.

The USGS measured the magnitude of the earthquake, at 4:26 pm (1929 GMT), at 6.9.

"There were no damages reported in people or property," Alredo Lagos, spokesman for the National Emergency Office, told *Reuters*. "There were just momentary and partial power outages in (the northern Chilean cities of) Antofagasta, Calama and San Pedro de Atacama."

The earthquake was "fortunately pretty deep", said Carlos Aranda, director of the University of Chile Seismology Institute.— MNA/Reuters

Russia, India eye \$10b of arms contracts

Moscow, 17 Nov — Russia and India are discussing 10 billion US dollars worth of arms sales contracts, *Interfax* news agency quoted Indian Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee as saying on Wednesday.

Mukherjee, who is in Moscow for bilateral talks, did not specify what stage the discussion of contracts had reached or a timeframe for the sales.

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov told *ITAR-TASS* news agency on Tuesday the Russo-Indian commission was expected to discuss a wide range of contracts, including weapons for the Indian Navy, Air Force, ground troops and a joint production of military and dual-use equipment.

India is the second biggest buyer of Russian weapons after China, accounting for nearly 40 per cent of Moscow's overall arms exports which hit a record 5.12 billion US dollars last year.

Ivanov told *TASS* that starting from 1960, India has bought some 40 billion US dollars worth of Soviet and Russian arms.

The sale of Russian aircraft carrier *Admiral Gorchkov* and a contract for the production in India of *SU-30MKI* fighter jets have been the biggest contracts in the past five years.

MNA/Reuters



Firemen try to extinguish a fire at a seven-storey building on a commercial street in Lanzhou, northwest China's Gansu Province on 17 Nov, 2005. Dozens of stalls in the building were completely destroyed by the fire. The cause of the fire was not immediately known, local media reported.

INTERNET

Three militants charged with Bali restaurant bombings

JAKARTA, 17 Nov — The Indonesian police have charged three militants arrested in recent raids with the 1 October restaurant bombings in Bali in which 23 people were killed, a spokesman said Wednesday.

The suspects were believed to be the operatives of Asia's top terrorist Azahari Husin who was killed last week in his hideout in East Java.

The three are identified as Muhammad Cholili alias Yahya, Anif Solchanudin and Abdul Aziz.

They were arrested in the Central Java capital of Semarang on 9 November and the arrest of Cholili led to Azahari's hideout on the same day.

The police on Wednesday transferred the suspects to Bali police custody for further investigation.

MNA/Xinhua

World's largest aquarium to open in Atlanta

WASHINGTON, 17 Nov — When the new Georgia Aquarium opens on 23 November in the southern US city of Atlanta, it will become the world's largest by virtually all standards, US media reported Monday.

The new facility will hold 8 million gallons of water and will be home to more than 100,000 fish, overshadowing the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, the country's largest indoor aquarium for decades with 5 million gallons of water and about 20,000 fish.

Shaped like an abstract cruise ship looming over downtown Atlanta's Olympic Park, the aquarium is expected

to attract as many as 2 million visitors in its first year.

The aquarium's pair of juvenile whale sharks could grow to more than 40 feet long, giving visitors a rare glimpse at the world's largest fish.

There will be a "4-D" movie theatre that shows movies with 3-D animation and other special effects, and a banquet hall that could

cater for as many as 1,100 people.

For a single adult, a one-day pass will cost 22.75 US dollars and 17 dollars for each child.

For a family of five, the cost of individual annual passes will be nearly 250 dollars.

More than 40,000 annual passes have already been sold, including 8,000 on the first day they were available.

The aquarium neighbours Atlanta's famous Olympic Park and a new World of Coca-Cola museum is expected to open next door in 2007.

The new facility was funded exclusively by a 200-million-dollar donation from billionaire Bernie Marcus, cofounder of US office equipment chain-store Home Depot.

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SPORTS

World Cup lineup complete

LONDON, 18 Nov — All the 32 teams for next year's World Cup finals in Germany have been known after the qualifying campaign finally came to the end on Wednesday.

Australia, Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic completed the 32-team lineup for the World Cup finals.

Australia reached the World Cup for the first time in 32 years by beating Uruguay 4-2 from the spot after a 1-0 extra time win saw the playoff end 1-1 on aggregate.

It was also a historic day for the Czechs, who beat Norway 1-0 in Prague for a 2-0 aggregate to qualify for their first ever World Cup finals.

Trinidad & Tobago will also make their debut in the premier soccer tournament after pulling off a spectacular comeback in the qualifying campaign with a 1-0 win over Bahrain in Manama for a 2-1 aggregate victory.

Switzerland, who had won 2-0 in the first leg in Bern, lost 4-2 in Istanbul to Turkey to level the tie at 4-all on aggregate, but still qualified for the World Cup on away goals, ending a 12-year absence from the finals.

Spain reached their eighth successive World Cup since 1978 with a 1-1 draw in Slovakia for a 6-2 aggregate win.

The 2006 World Cup will kick off on June 9 in Munich and ends on July 9 in Berlin. The draw takes place in Leipzig on December 9.

MNA/Xinhua



A1 Grand Prix driver Nelson Angelo Piquet of Brazil takes a corner during a practice session at Malaysia's Sepang International Circuit outside Kuala Lumpur on 18 Nov, 2005. Dubbed the world cup of motorsport, A1 Grand Prix pits 25 nations racing against each other in identical cars. The race starts on Sunday. —INTERNET

Trinidad parties after World Cup qualification

LONDON, 18 Nov—Trinidad and Tobago declared a public holiday on Thursday after the tiny Caribbean islands qualified for the World Cup for the first time.

Dennis Lawrence's goal in Wednesday's playoff second leg in Bahrain put the Soca Warriors through to next year's finals in Germany. With a population of around 1.1 million, they will be one of the smallest nations to take part in the sport's showpiece event.

The Trinidad and Tobago Express newspaper said thousands of Trinbagonians had flooded on to the streets of the capital Port of Spain after the final whistle and a statement was later released by the country's prime minister.

"Prime Minister Patrick Manning announced that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has declared Thursday, 17th November, 2005, as a public holiday in celebration of Trinidad and Tobago's victory in the World Cup qualifying match against Bahrain," it read.

The team were scheduled to arrive back in Trinidad and Tobago on Thursday morning.

"The government encourages citizens to use the holiday to participate fully in the welcome celebrations which will start at the Piarco International Airport and continue with a drive to Port of Spain," the statement added. Jamaica, who became the first English-speaking Caribbean country to play in the World Cup in France in 1998, sent congratulations to its neighbour. —MNA/Reuters

Dmitry Klokov wins men's 105 kilos in weightlifting worlds

DOHA, 18 Nov—Dmitry Klokov of Russia won the gold medal in the men's 105-kilo category on Wednesday to maintain his family tradition at the World Weightlifting Championships.

Klokov's father won the world champion in 1983, and Klokov followed suit when he lifted 192 kilos in the snatch and jerked 227 kilos to finish a total result of 419 kilos.

Alexandru Bratan of Moldavia claimed the silver at 413 kilos with Martin Tesovic of Slovakia taking the bronze with a total result of 412 kilos.

The 22-year-old Klokov opened with 186 kilos, followed by another good lift with 190 kilos,

before lifting 192 kilos at his third attempt to place first in the snatch while Bratan, 28, came in second at 190 kilos.

Klokov made 222 kilos on his first attempt in the clean and jerk, but Bratan overtook him with his second attempt at 223 kilos, and Tesovic, who had won the third in the snatch with 187-kilo lift, succeeded in his third attempt at 225 kilos. Klokov then lifted 227 kilos on his second attempt.

MNA/Xinhua

Corinthians lose in Brazil, lead slashed

RIO DE JANEIRO, 18 Nov—Corinthians saw their Brazilian championship lead cut to three points when they lost 1-0 to lowly Sao Caetano and second-placed Internacional beat Brasiense with an injury-time goal.

The two sides each have three matches remaining and meet in Sao Paulo on Sunday.

Corinthians, missing Argentine forward Carlos Tevez who was in Qatar with his national team, were sunk by an own goal from Betao in the second minute on Wednesday.

They failed to find an equalizer even after Sao Caetano, who are 17th in the table, had striker Dimba sent off in the 30th minute for punching Gustavo Nery.

Internacional took advantage of the slip-up when Marcio Mossoro gave them the points against relegation-threat-

ened opponents.

The game appeared to be heading for a goalless draw when Mossoro picked up a loose ball in the penalty area in the 91st minute, dribbled past a defender and slotted the ball into the corner of the net.

Former Brazil striker Edmundo scored an eight-minute hat-trick as Figueirense beat Vasco da Gama 5-1.

After the first-half ended 1-1, the "Animal" won and converted a penalty in the 53rd minute, slid home Michel Bastos' cross three minutes later and then converted another penalty.

MNA/Reuters



Enilson of Atletico-MG club (R) battle for the ball with Alexandre of Fluminense Club during their Brazilian championship soccer match at the Raulino de Oliveira stadium in Volta Redonda, about 150 km (93 miles) from Rio de Janeiro, on 17 Nov, 2005. Atletico-MG won 2-0. —INTERNET

Serbia-Montenegro qualify for UEFA European U-21 Championship

BELGRADE, 18 Nov— Serbia-Montenegro on Wednesday eased into the finals of the UEFA European Under-21 Championship after beating Croatia 2-1 to advance on a 5-2 aggregate.

Croatia's hopes had appeared slim before the contest in Velika Gorica after it lost 3-1 in Belgrade on Saturday. However, Croatia forward Eduardo Da Silva cut the overall deficit to just one goal in the fifth minute.

But the optimism lasted only 16 minutes before the visitors equalized

through Milan Bisevac, whose quickfire shot from a corner found its way into the Croatian net.

At the end of the match, the home side was devastated by Milan Stepanov's decisive strike in the 87th minute. Croatia was without coach Slaven Bilic as he was recovering from back surgery

while Serbia-Montenegro was missing five players due to suspension or injury. The UEFA Under-21 Championship will take place between May 25th and June 6th, 2006 and the eight participating teams will be drawn into two four-team groups.

MNA/Xinhua

Neville to come back into action

LONDON, 18 Nov — Gary Neville will make his return for Manchester United in the Premier League game against West Brom on Thursday.

The right-back will line up for the reserves at Hyde in his first match since injuring his groin in August.

Providing he does not suffer any setbacks, the 30-year-old could be on the bench in the Premiership game against Charlton on Saturday.

He could then be back in the starting line-up for the Champions League

encounter with Villarreal on Tuesday.

United have suffered in Neville's absence, losing once in the Champions League and twice in the Premiership.

Roy Keane, United's other high-profile absentee, is back in training but is not yet ready to make his comeback.

MNA/Xinhua

Cut too short costs Tokyo hair salon \$ 2,000

TOKYO, 18 Nov— A Japanese hair salon was ordered to pay 240,000 yen (2,014 dollars) in compensation this week after a female customer sued the hairdresser for cutting her hair too short and dying it the wrong colour.

A Tokyo court agreed with the 27-year-old cabaret club hostess' claim that the unflattering hairstyle had affected her ability to do her job, the English language *Daily Yomiuri* newspaper said on Thursday.

"Hairstyles are a major influence on appearance," the paper quoted Judge Yuki Mizuno as saying in the ruling. "

MNA/Reuter



Presiding of Mogok Vipasana Dhamma Yeiktha Group-77 of Tawya Tatoi Monastery in Aung San, Insein Township Missionary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sadhama Kaattisara, accompanied by U Soe Aung, left here for Australia on 16 November to deliver sermons in Sydney, Cambera, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth. —H

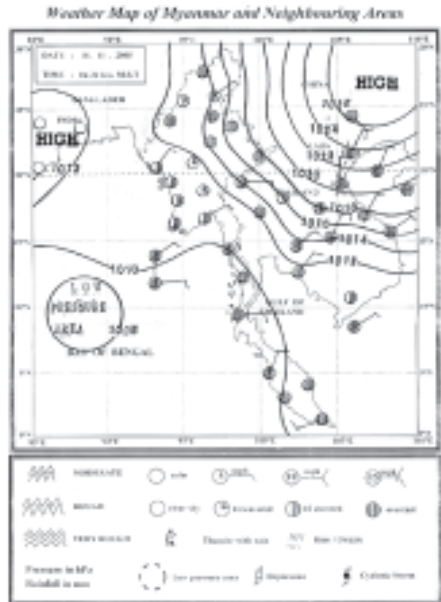
Diabetes linked with risk of sudden cardiac death

NEW YORK, 18 Nov— Diabetes is a "strong" risk factor for sudden cardiac death, with the risk increasing with the severity of the disease, according to a study published in the *European Heart Journal*.

"The prevalence of industrialized countries is diabetes mellitus in rapidly increasing, and

diabetes is suspected to carry a particularly high risk for sudden cardiac death," Dr. Xavier Jouven, of Universite Paris-5, France, and colleagues write.

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WEATHER

Friday, 18 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State, scattered in Taninthayi Division, isolated in Bago and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (7°C) below normal in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in northern Shan State, upper Sagaing and Magway Division (3°C) above normal in southern Shan and Kayah States, Bago and Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (2°C) and Mindat (5°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Ye (0.39) inch, Bago (0.20) inch and Mawlamyine (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 17-11-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 18-11-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 18-11-2005 was 87%. Total sunshine hours on 17-11-2005 was (6.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 18-11-2005 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 (7) mph from North at (13:30) hours MST on 17-11-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Southeast Bay of Bengal. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 19-11-2005: Scattered rain or thundershowers are likely in Mon, Kayin State, Taninthayi Division, isolated in Rakhine Kayah, Southern Shan States, Ayeeyawady and Yangon and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).


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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers are likely in the southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-11-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%)

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-11-2005: Generally fair weather.

Weather outlook for fourth weekend of September 2005: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Yangon Division and weater will be partly cloudy in Mandalay Division.

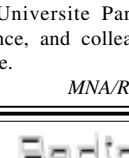


Saturday, 19 November
View on today

7:00 am

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- To be healthy exercise
- Morning news
- Nice and sweet song
- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- Musical programme
- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- နဂါးရေလှောင်တံခါး
- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- International news
- Germmar made easy
- 11:00 am

- Martial song
11:15 am
- Musical programme
11:30 am
- News
11:40 am
- Games for children
12:05 pm
- Roundup of the week's TV local news
12:35 pm
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေ့မြတ်နေ့နံ့" (အပိုင်း--၈)
1:10 pm
- ကြားမြင်သူတို့ပြည့်ဝစေရာ ဇာပဒေသာ
1:00 pm
- "လောကရဲ့အလှူရတနာ" (ရဲအောင်၊ မေသာဥပဇာ၊ သူထူး၊ ပွင့်နီ၊ ခင်မောင်၊ ရှစ်စခန်း၊ ချောရတနာ၊ မေကဏ္ဍ)
1:25 pm
- ထက်မြက်ထူးချွန် ပညာရည်မြန် (အပိုင်း--၁)
1:35 pm
- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
1:40 pm
- Dance of national races
2:00 pm
- ဖွံ့ဖြိုးသာယာ တိုင်းစရာ
2:10 pm
- "ဈေးကွက်တံခါးခေါက်သံ" (မြိုင်နိုင်-သာအောင်အောင်၊ မိန့်ရီ၊ အရှည်ကြီး၊ အုန်းသီး၊ ရွှေအေးကို၊ တောင်ဇာန်သစ်၊ မြိုင်မြိုင်အောင်) တင်တင်လှ) (ခါရိုက်တာ-စော်ဆတ်)
2:30 am
- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
2:45 pm
- International news
4:00 pm
- Martial song
4:15 pm
- Song to uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm
- English for Everyday use
4:45 pm
- Musical programme
5:00 pm
- အထွေထွေအဖွဲ့အစည်းအဖွဲ့အစည်း (ရတနာအဖွဲ့)
5:15 pm
- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
5:20 pm
- မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစာကား
5:35 pm
- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
5:45 pm
- Musical programme
5:55 am
- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
6:00 pm
- "မင်းမသိသေးပါဘူးကွာ" (စရာ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြွေ၊ ချစ်စရာ၊ ကြုံကြုံသင်း၊ အေးအေးခိုင်) (ခါရိုက်တာ-ရွှေစင်ထိုက်)
6:05 pm
- Games for Children
6:15 pm
- Evening news
7:00 pm
- Weather report
7:05 pm
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မင်းလှ မေတ္တာကန်သာယာ" (အပိုင်း--၂၄)
7:35 pm
- Musical programme
7:45 pm
- စင်စစ်ရရှိသောချောရတနာရတနာ (အပိုင်း--၁)
8:00 pm
- News
8:00 pm
- International news.
8:00 pm
- Weather report.
8:00 pm
- ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
8:00 pm
- The next day's programme



Saturday, 19 November
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:
-See it in your eyes

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:
-Baby keep smiling

8:55 am National news & Slogan

9:05 am Music:
-I need to know

9:05 am International news

9:15 am Music:
-Black coffee
-There

1:30 pm News & Slogan

1:40 pm Request
-Here is my heart
-No one
-If I let you go

9:00pm ASEAN Review
-Exchange news

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Myanmar culture
-Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

9:20 pm Souvenirs
-The morning of our lives
-Love'll be waiting

9:45 pm News & Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

Cooperative efforts between State and private sectors to be exerted for emergence of industrial nation

Industrial Development coordination meeting held



Prime Minister General Soe Win delivers an address at the Industrial Development coordination meeting 4/2005. — MNA

Commerce and Industry, industrialists and guests.

In his opening address, Prime Minister General Soe Win said that the industrial sector had distinctly developed as a result of the good leadership and cooperation of all those concerned.

The Prime Minister said like the previous projects, this third five-year short-term project also has seen progress of 24.4 per cent in the period of four years. And the momentum is being accelerated this year (2005-2006). In addition, the private industrial sector has increased to more than 23 per cent in 2002-2003, 30

per cent in 2003-2004, and 25 per cent in 2004-2005. The private sector contributed 90 per cent in 2002-2003, 92 per cent to industrial sector in 2003-2004 and over 93 per cent in 2004-2005. However, he said, the industrial sector accounts for only about 11 per cent in the country's GDP. That is why measures still need to be taken to improve

the sector. It is necessary to fully operate the existing old and new factories and to build more. Private industries are required to improve in quantity as well as in quality with the use of advanced technologies. Cooperative efforts between the State and the private sector are to be exerted for the emergence of an industrial nation, added the Prime Minister.

With the assistance of the State alongside the efforts of the people, Mandalay, Monywa and Ayethaya industrial zones have done modern iron work and manufactured iron wares and various machine parts. Parts that had been imported in the past could be assembled locally, and they are very (See page 8)

The private sector plays an important role in speeding up the development momentum of industry. Therefore, more assistance is to be extended to the private sector.



YANGON, 18 Nov— The Industrial Development coordination meeting 4/2005 took place at the Ministry of Industry-1 on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this afternoon with an address by Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present on the occasion were Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Chairman Yangon Command Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe, committee members ministers, work committee member deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, sub-committee chairmen, officials from SPDC Office, departmental heads, chairmen and members of supervisory and administrative committees, officials of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects a petrol, ethanol and CNG used tri-cycle. — MNA

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Supposing a nation is disrupting another nation variously, it indicates that the former has accumulated its greed, anger, ignorance, and conceit. And words and accusations of a nation that is deceitful and uses its superior force to invade weak nations are never correct and just.