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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

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects dams of Meiktila Plain Greening Project



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Nyaunggon Dam near Nyaunggon Village, Meiktila Township. — MNA*

YANGON, 19 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint together with Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Meiktila District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Lu Tin and officials arrived at the briefing hall of Nyaunggon Dam Project in Nyaunggon Village in Meiktila Township on 18 November.

Deputy Director U Myo Tun of Construction-7 of Irrigation Department reported on progress of work of the reservoir projects of Meiktila Plain Greening Project and officials concerned inflow of water to dams and reservoirs and irrigation, river water pumping project and weather condition in Meiktila region and cultivation of monsoon paddy and crops. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw also took part in the discussions. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on efforts for

successful implementation of Meiktila Plain Greening Project, irrigation and extended cultivation of paddy.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected inflow of water to the Nyaunggon dam and canals linking Letkhokpin dam and monsoon paddy cultivation. The capacity of Nyaunggon dam is 3,500 acre feet at full brim. A total of 183 acres of monsoon paddy have been grown for 2005-2006.

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## Dinner hosted to mark completion of No 67 Pilot Training Course

YANGON, 19 Nov — Dinner was hosted to mark completion of No 67 Pilot Training Course of No 1 Flying Training School of the Tatmadaw (Air) Flying Training Base at Flying Training School, Shande, Meiktila, yesterday evening.

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 Peace and Development Council 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 civilian officers, trainees who had completed the course and their families and guests.

Before and during the dinner, the artistes entertained the guests with the songs.

After the dinner, the dignitaries gave away flower baskets and cash to the artistes.—MNA



*Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein*

*attends the dinner to mark completion of No 67*

*Pilot Training Course. — MNA*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Strive for emergence of an industrial nation

Development of the industrial sector is imperative in trying to build a modern and developed nation. The development of the industrial sector needs to be on a par with that of agricultural sector.

Thanks to integrated efforts of industrialists and officials concerned under the leadership of the government, Mandalay, Monywa and Ayethaya Industrial Zones have been able to do modern iron work and manufactured a variety of iron wares and machine parts. Machine parts that were imported in the past could now be produced locally, and they are very cost-effective.

The Industrial Development Committee held its work coordination meeting No 4/2005 at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Industry-1 on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road on 18 November with an address by Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Prime Minister General Soe Win.

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; that like the previous plans, the current third five-year short-term plan has also seen progress of 24.4 per cent in the period of four years; and that the momentum is being accelerated this year (2005-2006).

The private industrial sector 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 to industrial sector in 2002-2003, 92 per cent in 2003-2004, and over 93 per cent in 2004-2005.

As the private industrial sector plays an important role in the development of industrial sector, relentless efforts are to be made for further progress in the respective regions. The industrial sector accounts for only about 11 per cent in the country's GDP. Hence, measures need to be taken to improve the sector.

Therefore, cooperative efforts between the State and private sectors are to be exerted for the emergence of an industrialized nation, while striving for qualitative and quantitative improvement of private industries with the use of advanced technologies.

### Notice to mariners announced

YANGON, 19 Nov — PTTE International Ltd that is undertaking joint venture tasks with Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise will perform geophysical site survey at block M-9 Mottama offshore coastal area by MV Geo Eastern from 20 November to 18 December.

Geophysical site survey will be conducted at Point-A of north latitude 14° 40' 00" and east longitude 94° 49' 00", Point-B of north latitude 14° 40' 00" and east longitude 96° 15' 00", Point-C of north latitude 14° 00' 00" and east longitude 96° 15' 00" and Point-D of north latitude 14° 00' 00" and east longitude 94° 49' 00".

To take the survey measures without delay, the notice to mariners was issued for vessels and boats, trawlers and watercrafts to stop the fisheries works in the survey conducting area.— MNA

## 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

### Aviary opened in National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung formally opens the signboard of aviary. — FORESTRY

YANGON, 19 Nov —An aviary was opened in National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin yesterday.

Rare birds and animals will be conserved in the 0.97 acre natural forests built in the aviary under the guidance of the Head of State. Bird-lovers can watch 102 birds from 25 species. Small streams and waterfalls were made in the aviary. Various kinds of birds are to be kept there.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung

made a speech at the opening of the aviary. Chairman of Woodland Co Ltd U Win Aung also spoke. Deputy Director-General of Forest Department U Aye Myint Maung and Chairman U Win Aung formally opened the aviary.

The minister formally unveiled the signboard of the aviary. The minister and party observed the rare birds. Now the rainy season ends and the cold season sets in. The National Kandawgyi Gardens is beautifully decorated for recreation.—MNA

### 12th Medical Specialities Conference concludes



The 12th Medical Specialities Conference in progress. — MNA

YANGON, 19 Nov—The 12th Medical Specialities Conference organized by the Myanmar Medical Association continued for the second day at the association this afternoon.

The association and Ranbaxy Co jointly conducted the topic "Avian Influenza A (H5N1) Infection: A Possible Threat to Human Pandemic".

Professor U Saw Naing and Professor U Tin Maung Cho presided over the seminar. U Saw Naing delivered an introductory speech.

Professor Daw Kyi Kyi Thin gave talks on Avian Influenza A (H5N1) Infection; Dr Than Hla, on effects of bird flu to health of human; Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein, on preventive measures; Dr Daw Yadana Kyaw, on symptoms, and Professor U Aye Maung Han, on treatments.

The professors and doctors held a general round of discussions.

The seminar was over in the afternoon.

MNA

### Get-together golf tourney of Diplomatic Skills Courses on 25 Nov

YANGON, 19 Nov — The trainees of Diplomatic Skills (Basic/Advanced) Courses conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will organize the get-together golf tourney at Tatmadaw Golf Course (Lower Dagon Golf Course) near Mingaladon Garden, at 11 am on 25 November.

Those wishing to take part in the tourney may contact Ko Zaw Min (BDS-11: 095000686), Ko Win Thant (BDS-5: 095100955, Ko Aung Zaw (BDS-5: 099974198), Ko Hla Oo/Ko Min Naing (BDS-9: 099926126, Ko Hla Myint (BDS-9: 095001123, Ko Wunna (BDS-10: 095016344, Ko Aung Naing (BDS-7: 095118800, Ko Than Oo (BDS-5: 095007665, and Ko Wai Phone (BDS-12: 095002015). — MNA

## Putin heralds Asia-Pacific integration as key to Russia

Moscow, 18 Nov — Russia sees its growth as closely linked to its participation in the integration process of the Asia-Pacific Region and stands ready to contribute to the economic growth of the region, President Vladimir Putin said Thursday on the eve of an annual summit of top leaders of the region in South Korea.

"We realize that development of Russia can only be successful if we participate most actively in the regional integration process. Constructive involvement in these processes is our strategic choice and a most important task for the foreseeable future," Putin said in an article posted on the Kremlin's official website.

Putin's article was published a day before he joins other top leaders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Busan, South Korea, for their annual summit meeting.

In the article, "Russia-APEC: Broad Horizons of Cooperation", the Russian leader expressed the country's readiness to make its "meaningful contribution" to the economic development

of this Region. Trade with APEC economies has been growing more than 20 per cent annually, Putin said, adding trade with China is expected to hit a record high of 25 billion US dollars this year.

"Together with our partners, we are productively using the APEC ground to

collectively define the 'rules of the game' of the economic 'field' of the region," he said.

The Asia-Pacific Region is characterized by dynamics of integration, which facilitates the formation of a "new and more equitable world order", Putin said.

MNA/Xinhua

### UN concerned with US use of white phosphorus bombs in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 18 Nov — The United Nations on Thursday voiced concern about possible effects on the local population of white phosphorous bombs used by US troops in the Iraqi city of Fallujah last year.

In response to questions during the daily Press briefing, UN deputy spokesperson Marie Okabe said that the United Nations was aware of the reported use of the white phosphorous bombs in Iraq. The United Nations welcomes the decision of the government of Iraq to launch an immediate investigation into this matter, she added. — MNA/Xinhua



An Airbus A380 takes off past the control tower of Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang, on 18 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

## Philippines demands custody of accused US Marines

MANILA, 18 Nov — The Philippines has formally demanded custody of the six US Marines accused of raping a 22-year-old Filipino woman at the Subic Bay former US Navy base early this month.

Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Rafael Seguis told a congressional committee on US-Philippines Visiting Forces

Agreement (VFA) that a verbal note was transmitted to the US Embassy in Manila on Wednesday demanding custody of the six suspects.

But he refused to reveal the details of the request, saying that it involves "national security implications" and that US Embassy officials suggested the Philippines side not to reveal it to the public.

"If I divulge that might affect their decision. They suggested that we keep it under wraps," he said.

He pointed out that the alleged rape was an "extraordinary case" wherein the Philippines can demand custody.

The VFA was signed in 1998 by the Philippines and US Government allowing US troops to visit the Philippines on a regular basis.

MNA/Xinhua

## US Army, Marines recall 18,000 body armour vests

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov — The Army and Marine Corps said on Thursday they ordered the recall of 18,000 torso-protecting vests, some used by US troops in Iraq, after determining the body armour failed to meet ballistic specifications, but insisted troops were never put at risk.

The problem that triggered the recall was detected in September during a review of the ballistic strength of "outer tactical vests" brought back from deployments to Iraq, officials said.

The military, after looking at test information from the equipment's production lots, found several lots had been accepted and fielded despite falling short of ballistic specifications in

their original tests roughly five years ago, officials said. They did not explain why the vests had been fielded. The vests were made by Point Blank Body Armour Inc of Pompano Beach, Florida, officials said.

It was not the first such recall by the military this year. The Marines in May recalled about 5,000 other "outer tactical vests" used in Iraq, also made by Point Blank, because of questions

about whether they offered adequate protection. Officials with Point Blank's parent company, DHB Industries Inc, did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

The vests are vital for preventing or minimizing torso wounds among US troops from bullets, blasts and flying fragments. Critics in the US Congress have accused the Pentagon of failing to provide the best possible body armour and

armoured vehicles for American troops fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

MNA/Reuters

## Sri Lanka's Prime Minister claims presidency

COLOMBO, 18 Nov — Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse claimed victory on Friday in Sri Lanka's presidential poll after taking a slim lead with more than half of votes counted, boosted by a Tamil Tiger boycott.

Thursday's poll was seen as a referendum on how to rescue the island's faltering peace process and tsunami-hit economy, but the boycott helped the hawkish Rajapakse by keeping away ethnic Tamil voters expected to back opposition leader Ranil Wickremesinghe.

With more than 8 million votes counted by 0320 GMT, Rajapakse had secured 4,170,774 votes or 50.1 per cent, just ahead of Wickremesinghe with 4,041,112 votes or 48.6 per cent.

"The prime minister's election office is announcing that Prime

Minister Mahinda Rajapakse has won the election for the fifth executive president of the country," Rajapakse's media secretary told Reuters, reading a victory statement.

"The Prime Minister's office requests everyone to peacefully celebrate this people's victory," the statement added.

A senior party official from Wickremesinghe's camp conceded defeat.

But as officials continued to count the vote, violence erupted again in the troubled east.

At least three people were killed and more than

a dozen wounded in Akkaraipattu when two hand grenades were thrown into a mosque during dawn prayers, police said, blaming Tiger rebels.

Another body was found by the roadside outside the eastern town of Batticaloa, hands tied behind his head. Police said he was probably a victim of factional fighting between rebels.

Left-winger Rajapakse has allied himself with hardline Marxists and nationalists from the mainly Buddhist Sinhalese majority who detest the Tigers.

MNA/Reuters



US and Iraqi Army soldiers remove debris at the site where two suicide car bombers detonated vehicles in Baghdad, Iraq, on 18 Nov, 2005, in a residential district, and near a hotel housing foreign journalists. —INTERNET

## Hu urges Asian countries to promote regional cooperation

SEOUL, 18 Nov— Chinese President Hu Jintao called on Asian countries here Thursday to promote regional cooperation and non-governmental exchanges, increase mutual trust and create a harmonious environment in the region.

In a speech to the South Korean National Assembly, Hu said that Asia is undergoing complex and profound changes, facing not only historic opportunities but also serious challenges in its bid for rejuvenation and development.

Seeking peace, development and cooperation is

the common wish of the Asian people, and is crucial to the Asian nations in creating a bright future, Hu said. He pointed out that Asian governments and people are facing the tremendous task of building a continent in which countries enjoy harmonious political ties, economic equality and reciprocity,

mutual trust, security cooperation and cultural exchanges.

Both China and South Korea are important countries in Asia and should play an active role in promoting regional peace and development, he told South Korean lawmakers. For this goal, President Hu made three proposals to Asian

countries.

First, he said Asian countries should increase mutual trust and create a harmonious environment.

He said Asia is a region of diversity, where countries differ in ideology, political system, cultural background, development level and concerns.

Only through mutual respect, sincerity, understanding and compromises and the practice of seeking common grounds while shelving differences, can the nations together create an atmosphere of peace, security and political harmony, Hu said. Secondly, he said Asian countries should promote regional cooperation and speed up development.

MNA/Xinhua



Fireworks explode during a Christmas lighting kick-off ceremony at Hong Kong's Harbour City, the biggest shopping mall in the territory, on 18 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

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## Karzai warns of more terror attacks in Afghanistan

BRUSSELS, 18 Nov— Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Wednesday warned that more terrorist attacks may happen in his country and efforts to defeat extremists have not yet succeeded but will go on.

Afghanistan has made remarkable progress toward stability and peace, but it will continue to suffer from isolated terrorist attacks that may occur here or there, Karzai told reporters after signing a new partnership agreement with the European Union (EU) in Strasbourg, France.

During his visit to Strasbourg, Karzai also met EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana, European Parliament President Josep Borrell and EU External Relations Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner. He signed with British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw and Ferrero-Waldner a joint declaration on a new partnership between Afghanistan and the EU bloc.

The partnership agreement is designed to promote political and economic development in Afghanistan, and notes that the EU wants to see improvements in human rights, security and the fight against drugs there.

Since resuming ties with Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban regime, the EU has pledged one billion euros (about 1.2 billion US dollars) to be distributed to the country over five years to support public administration reform, security, the rebuilding of the economic infrastructure and other areas. —MNA/Xinhua

## Suicide bombers kill scores in two Iraqi cities

BAGHDAD, 19 Nov— As debate raged in Washington about the US military in Iraq, suicide bombings killed scores of people

Friday in the eastern Iraqi town of Khanaqin near the Iranian border and in Baghdad.

The Khanaqin carnage occurred when two suicide bombers detonated near or inside two Shiite Muslim mosques, Iraqi police said.

At least 90 people were killed in the attacks, according to hospital officials. The US military said more than 150 Iraqi civilians were killed or wounded in the attack, without giving a breakdown.

The Khanaqin town mayor said many children were among the dead because fathers had brought their sons to the prayer service.

The force of the explosions destroyed both mosques, according to the US military and video from the scene.

Also Friday, two suicide car bombings in Baghdad killed at least six people near a hotel, police said. (Watch security camera video of suicide car bomb -- :30)

The hotel sits adjacent to Iraq's Interior Ministry compound, where about 170 detainees were found last weekend, some with signs of torture, according to Iraqi officials. There were no reports of damage to the compound, and the US military said the hotel was the target of the attack.

Internet

## Democratic hawk presses for US Iraq pullout

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov— A Democratic congressional leader on defence called for an immediate withdrawal of US troops from Iraq, as he rejected on Thursday Bush Administration attacks on war critics and raised bipartisan pressure for a new policy.

"The US cannot accomplish anything further in Iraq militarily. It is time to bring them home," said Representative John Murtha of Pennsylvania, the senior Democrat on the House of Representatives

subcommittee that oversees defence spending and one of his party's top voices on military issues.

Murtha's remarks followed a string of sharp attacks by President George W Bush and Vice-Presi-

dent Dick Cheney against critics of their Iraq-war policy and handling of pre-war intelligence.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan, in a statement issued with Bush in Pusan, South Korea, said Murtha is a respected veteran and politician "so it is baffling that he is endorsing the policy positions of Michael Moore and the extreme liberal wing of the Democratic Party". Moore is a liberal movie producer and sharp Bush critic whose documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" criticized the Iraq war. "The eve of a historic democratic election in Iraq is not the time to surrender to the terrorists. After seeing his statement, we remain baffled — nowhere does he explain how retreating from Iraq makes America safer," McClellan said.

Murtha, a defence hawk, decorated Vietnam

War veteran and retired Marine colonel, made a reference to the draft deferments that kept Cheney out of Vietnam.

"I like guys who got five deferments and (have) never been there and send people to war, and then don't like to hear suggestions about what needs to be done," Murtha said.

MNA/Reuters

## 2,084 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov — As of Friday, 18 Nov, 2005, at least 2,084 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,632 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is one higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EST Friday.

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

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,945 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,523 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers. —Internet



A wounded Iraqi walks on debris after two car bombs exploded near a Baghdad hotel on 18 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

# China stands for world peace, common development

SEOUL, 18 Nov — Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao said here Thursday that China stands for world peace and common development and he called for further strengthening of China-South Korea bilateral ties.

In his speech to the South Korean National Assembly, Hu said China will unswervingly pursue peaceful development, uphold peace, development and cooperation as the prime purposes of the country's policies and adhere to the basic state policy of opening up to the outside world.

China will endeavour to develop itself through preserving a peaceful international environment while

promoting world peace through its own development, he stressed. He also pledged that China will conduct broad cooperation and exchanges with various countries for mutual benefit.

The Chinese people are working hard to build a well-off society in an all-around way, he said, adding that China always focuses its effort on promoting economic and social development and continuously improving its people's life.—MNA/Xinhua

A Pakistan earthquake survivor family ride a vehicle as they make their way to Mansehra, on 18 Nov, 2005 in Balakot, Pakistan. INTERNET



## Philippines, Indonesia to jointly fight transnational crimes

MANILA, 18 Nov — The Philippines and Indonesia will formally sign on Friday a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in preventing and combating transnational crimes by their police forces, said the Philippine National Police (PNP) on Thursday.

PNP Chief Director Arturo Lomibao and his Indonesian counterpart Sutanto will sign the accord during the closing ceremony of a two-day multilateral meeting of chiefs of ASEAN police and heads of counter-terrorism operations in Jakarta, said the PNP in a news release.

The two countries will seek to expand the forms of cooperation between their police forces through intelligence exchange, undertaking of coordinated police activities, capacity building and establishment of a joint committee against transnational crimes.

Lomibao said this is the first time in ASEAN history that member countries are moving forcefully to address the increasing threat of transnational crimes.

"We must move forcefully to prevent terrorists from slipping past our common borders to inflict death and destruction on civilians and create political instability and economic uncertainty in the region," he said.

During a meeting of defence chiefs of ASEAN countries held in Manila last week, the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia agreed to carry out joint maritime patrols to fight terrorists and pirates in their sea border areas of Sulu Sea and Celebes (Sulawesi) Sea. — MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi firefighters carry a victim on a stretcher at the site where two suicide car bombers detonated vehicles in Baghdad, Iraq, on 18 Nov, 2005, in a residential district. —INTERNET

## Turkish PM praises cooperation with Russia, Italy in gas project

ANKARA, 18 Nov — Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Thursday that Blue Stream Project was a result of coordination and it was the first ring of the chain of cooperation among Turkey, Russia and Italy.

Delivering a speech at the inauguration of the Blue Stream Natural Gas Project held at the Durusu Metering Station in Turkey's northern province of Samsun, Erdogan expressed his belief that the three countries would also carry out many other projects in the future.

President Vladimir Putin of Russia and Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi also attended the ceremony.

Erdogan indicated that Samsun-Ceyhan by-pass oil pipeline project which would transport Russian and

Kazakh oil to the markets via the Mediterranean would be constructed with a similar cooperation in 2010s.

Erdogan said that Turkey's energy strategy was prepared by taking into consideration of requirements of socio-economic improvement, which was planned with global and regional developments.

"We think that if our country becomes an energy corridor, it will contribute to regional peace," he

stressed.

Making a keynote speech in the ceremony, Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said that the Blue Stream was a project of cooperation among governments, peoples and institutions.

For his part, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that the Blue Stream Project brought a new cooperation perspective to area of energy and contributed to enhancement of Turkish-Russian relations.—MNA/Xinhua

## Jordan questions relatives of Iraqi woman bomber

AMMAN, 17 Nov — Jordan's security forces are questioning the Jordanian relatives of an Iraqi woman who took part in last week's triple suicide bombings that killed 54 people in Amman hotels, security sources said on Wednesday.

They said several Jordanians were being "interrogated for possible strong links" with the bombers belonging to al-Qaeda in Iraq, which is led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Sajida al-Rishawi, who confessed on

television on Sunday she had tried to blow herself up alongside her husband, fled to the city of Salt near Amman after the 9 November attacks, they added.

She was arrested in Salt when she tried to seek refuge with the family of her sister's husband Nidal

Arabiya, a Zarqawi ally who was killed in clashes with US forces in Iraq in 2003, a senior government official said.

"She arrived and her behaviour was suspicious so she was apprehended there," the official said.

MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters

## Explosion at Kosovo market injures three Serbs

PRISTINA (Serbia and Montenegro), 18 Nov — An explosion at a busy vegetable market in southern Kosovo on Thursday injured three Serb boys, the town's mayor said. Police confirmed the blast in the mainly Serb town of Strpce and said they suspected it was an explosive device thrown into the market. Serb mayor Stanko Rakovljevic told Reuters: "It was an explosive device placed under a lorry."

The blast occurred shortly after 10 am (0900 GMT) in a market used by both Serbs and Albanians in the south of Serbia's disputed United Nations-run province. — MNA/Reuters

## Helicopter crash kills four in Russia

Moscow, 18 Nov — A helicopter crashed in northern Russia on Thursday, killing four people and injuring one onboard, an Emergency Situations Ministry official said. An Mi-2 helicopter crashed in the northern Vologda region when it was making a flyover to inspect a gas pipeline that runs through the region, some 500 kilometres north of Moscow, Viktor Beltsov, spokesman of the Emergency Situations Ministry, told the ITAR-TASS news agency.

Five people were onboard the helicopter when it went down. Local residents found the wreckage of the helicopter an hour after it lost radio contact with ground control at 13:15 Moscow Time (0815 GMT). Rescue teams have arrived at the site of the accident.

MNA/Xinhua

# The health of Myanmar people is good The standard of Myanmar's health not inferior

*Ko Lay Thu (Myingyan)*

These days, Myanmar has come under various forms of media attacks degrading the health standard of the nation. According to fabrications, of 192 UN member countries, Myanmar has been ranked 191 on the list of health standard.

The doctors who have performed and are performing duties in the health sector of Myanmar and medical staff who are carrying out health care services in states and divisions, districts and townships feel that the position of 191 is ridiculous.

Under own experiences and knowledge, national races and rural people of the Union understand that the health standard of the nation is not as low as that the anti-government elements have fabricated.

Now, small pox and polio have been eliminated in the nation. And diphtheria, trismus, whooping cough, measles, leprosy, trachoma and avoidable blindness are under control. Effective measures have been taken for prevention of such contagious diseases as cholera and plague. With the participation of the people, surveillance tasks have been carried out effectively to guard against the spread of SARS into the nation. The entire national people are playing an active role in the drive for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS being undertaken by committees for control of the disease at central, state and division, district and township levels.

Myanmar surgeons have shown their skills by separating conjoined twins, performing renal and liver transplants, replanting amputated arm, and performing advanced operations. Now, the people are enjoying fruitful results of such significant medical treatments.

Water supply projects have been implemented for supply of clean water for rural and urban areas. The implementation of the project for clean water and others is in full swing.

Such remarkable achievements of Myanmar medical experts have gone down in the annals of the nation's health sector.

A lot of medical experts have played an active role in the drive for raising the health standard of the people and the medical science of the nation.

The book "Who's Who in Health and Medicine in Myanmar" featuring the biographies of 1,536 physicians and doctors who, despite the opportunity to earn much US dollar in foreign nations, have been living with national people through thick and thin was published in 2003.

On the cover of the book is a paragraph saying "A biographical dictionary of men and women who have contributed to the development of health and medicine in Myanmar since independence, 1948".

The book was compiled by Dr Daw Khin Thet Htar and Dr U Mya Tu who got their doctorates in the

US, England and India and have served as advisers to the WHO in some nations including WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr U Mya Tu also served as Director of WHO Southeast Asia Region. He compiled and published nearly 100 international papers on health and medicine.

If one studies the biographical dictionary of 1,536 physicians and doctors, one will be able to judge the health standard and medical history of the Union of Myanmar.

In the book, many national doctors discharged duties in rural areas, hill regions and urban areas and went to the US, England, Canada, and India for further studies. After completion of the courses in foreign nations, they served as professors, senior officials and responsible personnel and contributed towards the development of the health standard and medical science of the motherland.

A general review of the period from 1948 to 2005 on Myanmar's health and medical science sector will show that 17 Health Ministers, 18 heads of Health Department, seven heads of Medical Education Department, four heads of Medical Science Department, six heads of Medical Research Department, two heads of Health Planning and Statistics Department and seven heads of Traditional Medicine Department have served the nation during the time.

The efforts of the rectors of Institute of Medicine I and II, Mandalay IM and Magway IM, Institute of Dental Medicine, University of Community Health, Institute of Nursing (Yangon, Mandalay), University of Indigenous Medicine, Institute of Paramedical Science (Yangon, Mandalay) and Institute of Pharmacy (Yangon, Mandalay), and the high level officials of the health sectors are also recorded.

Myanmar Academy of Medical Science formed with Dr U Ko Ko, former director of WHO Southeast Asia region at the helm is also striving for development of health and medical science of Myanmar and to enhance the qualifications of the new generation with lessons taken from the past and programmes for the present and future. Formed with 211 experienced physicians the MAMS has 23 sub-groups.

In addition, Myanmar Medical Council formed with 53 experienced physicians under the chairmanship of Professor Dr U Hla Myint is engaged in the drive to manufacture and distribute potent drugs, to disseminate effective therapies, and to develop the health and medical science sector to reach the international level.

Myanmar's well-established health and medical science sector is striving to stand shoulder to shoulder with those of other nations, based on the brilliant manpower including national physicians and health staff at all levels.

According to the list issued by the WHO on its golden jubilee, Myanmar's health standard is ranked in the middle of the developing countries. After suffering from the exploitation of the colonialists for over 100 years, Myanmar's health and medical sector has risen from nothing to the present stage.

The following UNICEF-issued 1991-U5MR also bears witness to the sector's position in mortality rate of children under five:

1. Afghanistan	296/1000
2. Ethiopia	226/1000
3. Nepal	193/1000
4. Bangladesh	184/1000
5. Pakistan	162/1000
6. Laos	156/1000
7. India	145/1000
8. Indonesia	100/1000
9. Egypt	94/1000
10. Myanmar	91/1000
11. Philippines	72/1000
12. China	43/1000
13. Thailand	35/1000
14. Russia	35/1000
15. Malaysia	30/1000
16. US	12/1000
17. Singapore	12/1000
18. Germany	10/1000
19. Britain	10/1000
20. Japan	6/1000

The comparison of Myanmar's health sector between 1954 and 2001.

Sr	Health standard	1954	2001
1.	Infant mortality rate	196/1000	48.3/1000 (urban) 50.1/1000 (rural)
2.	Maternal mortality rate	6.3/1000	1/1000 (urban) 1.8/1000 (rural)
3.	crude death rate	80/1000	6.2/1000 (urban) 7.1/1000 (rural)
4.	USMR	-	77.77/1000
5.	Life expectancy	male 40.8 female 43.8	male 60.8 female 63.3

#### Remark

In 2003, Myanmar could reduce the death rate of under-five children to 66.6, and that of under-one infants to 49.7. The crude death rate of Myanmar dropped to 6.5 per cent in rural areas and 5.6 per cent in urban areas in 2003. The life expectancy of rural people increased to 61.3 years (men) and to 63.8 years (women) and urban people to 61.8 years (men) and to 66.1 years (women) in 2002.

Myanmar today is free from major disasters and epidemics, death and destruction caused by armed conflicts. And it is also free from starvation that makes people wait for food supplies dropped from aircraft. All in all, Myanmar is not included in the list of nations, facing death and destruction resulting from natural disasters, wars, starvation and diseases.

So, let us see the world's health situation and that of Myanmar from the objective point of view.

The health of Myanmar people is good. The standard of Myanmar's health is not inferior.

(Translation: MS + TMT)

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# Health sector witnesses sustained progress

## Development of health in the time of the Tatmadaw Government

### Emerging health facilities and growing number of health staff

In order to promote the health standard of the people, the government is paying attention to disease control, promoting health care services, giving treatment and rehabilitation.

The government, enlisting the strength of health staff and using the available resources, is trying its utmost to see that public health care services are carried out effectively.

As the saying goes "prevention is better than cure", priority has been given to disease control in providing health care services to the public, and giving proper treatments to patients plus rehabilitation.

Skilled health staff and infrastructures such as hospitals, clinics and health care centres are imperative in providing treatments to patients. Therefore, infrastructures needed in the health sector have been built, more health staff appointed and medical equipment provided throughout the country including border and rural areas.

To meet the demand of growing population, plans are being made to build new hospitals, dispensaries and health care centres. At the same time, health staff are also appointed at the medical facilities.

In the time of the Tatmadaw government, the health sector of the country has

### Emerging health facilities

Sr No	Subject	1988	2005	Progress
1	Hospital	631	824	193
2	Traditional Medicine Hospital	2	14	12
3	Rural Health Centre	1337	1452	115
4	Regional Health Centre	64	84	20
5	Traditional Medicine Clinic	89	237	148
	Total	2123	2611	488

**Remarks** 348 Maternal and Child Health Care Centres and 80 School Health Centres are also in existence.



*Renal transplant in progress at New Yangon General Hospital for 11th time on 17 July 2005.*

improved markedly. Health care services are provided to all national people living the length and breadth of the nation. As a result, the entire national people are enjoying better health and fitness.

The tables show emerging hospitals, clinics and health care centres and growing strength of health staff in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

### Growing number of health staff

Sr No	Subject	1988	2005	Progress
1	Doctor	12268	17564	5296
2	Dentist	857	1365	508
3	Health Assistant	1238	1767	529
4	Health Supervisor-1	487	529	42
5	Health Supervisor-2	674	1339	665
6	Health staff	1557	2796	1239
7	Nurses	8349	17864	9515
8	Midwives	8121	16245	8124
9	Traditional Medicine Practitioner	279	760	481
	Total	33830	60229	26399



*Myeik General Hospital in Taninthayi Division.*

# Narrow-minded attitude not conducive to progress of the State

## Artistes starring video feature honoured

**YANGON, 19 Nov** — A dinner was hosted in honour of artistes who starred the video feature 'Kyesin-winkha-panyoma' and movie technicians at the Kandawgyi Karaweik Palace yesterday evening. The video feature was made to hail the Annual General Meeting 2005 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

The dinner was attended by USDA Secretariat member Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, USDA Joint Secretary-General Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, CEC members Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe and heads of department.

Speaking on the occasion Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said he thanked those present attending the dinner that was hosted in honour of

the artistes who starred the video feature 'Kyesin-winkha-panyoma' and movie technicians.

The dinner was hosted in accord with the instructions of Prime Minister Gen Soe Win, member of panel of patrons of USDA.

As a national force, USDA is giving priority to the nation-building activi-

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. The video feature 'Kyesin-winkha-panyoma' was made as an organizational task, and it gained success due to the goodwill and efforts of the artistes as well as technicians, winning popularity among the public, espe-

ment; that narrow-minded attitude could not contribute to the progress of the State at all; and that more progress was made due to the cooperated efforts by enjoying development fruits.

Next, the minister expressed thanks again to the artistes for their kind contributions and urged them to take part more



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan makes a speech at dinner in honour of artistes and technicians of video feature. — MNA

ties. At the same time, the association is carrying out its organizational tasks and disseminating knowledge to the public in accordance with the guidance of USDA Patron Senior General Than Shwe,

cially among the people of Shan State (East), said the minister.

Learning from the feature, national people would realize that peace and stability was essential in the regional develop-

actively in discharging national duties playing their respective roles.

Later, Minister Col Zaw Min presented cash awards and certificates of honour to director Academy Zinyaw Maung Maung, script writers Academy Nyein Min and Academy Khin Lay Theint and Academy Lun Min; Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan to Eindra Kyaw Zin, Khant Sithu, Thet Mon Myint and Zin Zin Zaw Myint; Minsiter

Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein to Academy Myint Myint Kaing, Academy Nwe Nwe Mu, child supporting actor Heavy Phyo and song writer Saw Khu Se; Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min to song writer Aung Naing San, musician Aung Du and Win Naing Aye of Nightingale Music Band; Minsiter Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein to vocalists Yadana Oo and Htoo L Lin; and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe to vocal-

ists Lay Lay Wah and Phway Nu Moe.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented cash awards to Heavy Phyo and certificates of honour to the artistes who starred the feature and technicians.

Then film director Zinyaw Maung Maung spoke words of thanks.

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Minister Col Zaw Min presents cash and certificate of honour to Academy Zinyaw Maung Maung.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents cash and certificate of honour to Eindra Kyaw Zin.

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Minister Bri-Gen Maung Maung Thein presents cash and certificate of honour to Academy Myint Myint Khine. — MNA





Yangon Division MCWASC Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay formally opens Mingalun Model Village. —MNA

### Kyauktan Mingalun bridge ...

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Pyokhin library in the village, the commander and wife donated a variety of books and viewed round the library.

On arrival at opening ceremony of preprimary school of Village MCWA (Branch), Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Thet Htay, Chairperson of Kyauktan Township MCWA Daw Htar Htar Hlaing and Chairperson of Village MCWA (Branch) Daw Nwe Nwe formally opened the school. Next, the commander and wife, and party viewed the school and the chairperson of MCWASC donated the mosquito nets to the school. Afterwards, Mingalun Model Village BEHS was opened and the commander made a speech and the chairperson of Yangon Division MCWASC explained the tasks of members. Afterward, the chairperson of

Township MCWA presented the 1,579 membership applications.

Later, the commander and party attended the ceremony to hand over 16 power-tillers to farmers in the village and heard reports on the facts about power-tillers. The commander and party also inspected the buses of the newly opened bus-lines at Tada. On arrival at Tada BEHS, the commander met with education staff. The commander and party proceeded to the opening of 4" tube-well in the Kyauktan Township implemented by township development affairs committee. Later the commander and party inspected the progress of installing x-ray building in Tada Station Hospital. Afterwards, Chairperson of MCWASC met with township WAO and MCWA members and discussed the cooperation matters for regional development.

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### New well No 29 produces 3.8m cubic feet of natural gas daily

YANGON, 19 Nov — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi together with officials inspected new well No 29 at Nyaungdon oil and gas field in Nyaungdon Township yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall, General Manager U Aye Myint reported on successful drilling of new well No 29, Chief Engineer (Geophysics) U Min Han on prospects of oil and gas in delta region, and Managing Director U San Lwin gave a supplementary report.

Next, the minister instructed them to make efforts for drilling more new wells in Nyaungdon

region and similar geographical area such as Maubin region, and for completion of seismic works in time. He also gave instructions on placement of drilling machine and laid down the plan to boost long-term production of oil and gas in the field.

Brig-Gen Lun Thi presented cash prize to the employees. Afterward, the minister looked into the completion of drilling works and productivity. Now, the new well No 29 produces 3.8 million cubic feet of natural gas and 30 barrels of condensate daily.

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## Personnel urged to take measure...

(See page 16)

areas. Officials reported on their respective sectors. Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing briefed him on the plans being implemented in co-operation with ministries concerned for progress of industrial sector and electric power sector in Kengtung and Tachilek.

Head of Shan State Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department

Dr Maung Hlaing, Additional State Education officer U Than Nyunt and Kengtung Degree College U Chit Swe presented reports on livestock breeding tasks, education matters and holding of research paper reading session. The commander gave a supplementary report on assistance provided to improvement of education sector in the state. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win

gave instructions, saying that it is necessary to extend cultivation of sunflower, niger and groundnut for ensuring edible oil sufficiency of the region. He gave instructions on extension of auto-telephone lines, growing of rubber to meet the target of 400,000 acres and placing of land under paddy. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win spent the night at Golden Triangle Yeiktha in Kengtung. —MNA

### Commander, Mayor observe sanitation tasks at YGH

YANGON, 19 Nov — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe together with Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected sanitation tasks being carried out at Yangon General Hospital compound this morning.

Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Myint and heads of departments, leaders of working groups, executives, Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Thet Htay, Secretary of Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association U Aye Myint, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Medical Superintendent Dr Nu Nu Tha and staff of YGH and others carried out sanitation tasks in YGH.



MWAF members taking part in sanitation tasks at Yangon General Hospital. —YCDC

The commander and party attended cash donation ceremony at the meeting hall of Yangon General Hospital.

Daw Khin Lay Myint, Vice-President of MWAF, explained matters on cash donation to YGH.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Director-General Dr Hla Pe and Superintendent Dr Nu Nu Tha accepted K 250,000 donated by MWAF, K 100,000 by

Yangon Division WAO, K 100,000 by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyin Aung and wife Daw Khin Khin Lay, K 500,000 by Lasource Trading Co, K 200,000 by Crab Entrepreneur Association, K 100,000 by U Ba Than-Daw Nwe Khin Mar Win, K 100,000 by U Win Aung (Health Digest) and Point News Journal, K 100,000 by U Toe Win ( 90 minutes Journal ), K 100,000 by U Aung Din (Aladin amusement centre), K 100,000 by Captain Than Ohn-Daw Tin Win of Puzundaung Township, K 100,000 by All Private Bus Lines

Control Committee, K 100,000 by U Nyein-Daw Ohn Kyin (OK Rice Trading) and K 50,000 each by 11 wellwishers who received certificates of honour.

Medical Superintendent Dr Nu Nu Tha of Yangon General Hospital expressed thanks for the donations and the ceremony ended.

After that, Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint of MWAF and head of administration department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe also donated litter boxes and bags to YGH through Medical Superintendent Dr Nu Nu Tha. —MNA

### Mongnaung Station holds 2nd communal Kathina robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 19 Nov — The 2nd communal Kathina robes offering ceremony of Mongnaung Township and Mongnaung Station in Lwelin District, Shan State (South) was held at Mingala Yan Aung Monastery in Mongnaung Township on 15 November morning. It was attended by Sayadaw Baddanta Siha Nada Lankara of the monastery and members of the Sangha, Brig-Gen Thuang Aye of Mongnaung Station and wife and Tatmadaw members, local authorities, social organizations and others.

The Sayadaw of Mingala Yan Aung Monastery administered the Five Precepts to the congregation.

Brig-Gen Thuang Aye and wife, and wellwishers offered Kathina robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha and shared merits gained.

After that, Birg-Gen Thuang Aye and wife, and wellwishers also offered 'soon' to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

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### Myanmar U-17 team qualified for AFC U-17 Championship arrives back

YANGON, 19 Nov — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint welcomed back Myanmar U-17 football team qualified for AFC U-17 Championship at Yangon International Airport last night.

A total of 20 footballers and seven members of management board led by Team Manager U Than Toe Aung were welcomed back by officials from Ministry of Sports, the Central Committee Chairperson and members of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, trainees of Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon) and their family members.

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# Merits shared to mark completion of all-round renovation of Shwephonepwin Pagoda



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and party taking the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw at merits sharing ceremony to mark completion of all-round renovation at Shwephonepwin Pagoda.—MNA

YANGON, 19 Nov —A ceremony to share merits in completion of the all-round renovation of Shwephonepwin Pagoda and religious buildings for the third time in conjunction with the ceremony to donate cash towards the funds of the pagoda for the second time was held at new Dhammayon of the pagoda this afternoon.

It was attended by State Ovadaçariya Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Agga Maha Pandita Presiding Nayaka of Phayabyu Monastery Bhaddanta Narindabhivamsa and members of the Sangha, departmental heads, the chairman and members of the pagoda board of trustees, social organizations and wellwishers. Chairman of the Leading Committee for Third-Time All-round Renovation of the Pagoda Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan supplicated on completion of the renovation tasks.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Narindabhivamsa administered the Five Precepts.

The minister, departmental heads and officials donated alms to the Sayadaws.

At the cash donation ceremony, Daw Than Kyi and family of Kamayut Township donated K 700,000 in memory of late U Sein Win to Chairman

of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Tint Lwin.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepted one set of lighting slide worth K 650,000 donated by Kyaw Family Construction Materials Shop of Twantay; K 400,000 by U Wai Lwin-Daw Tin Thein Nwe of Insein Township; K 300,000 by U Win Maw-Daw Khin Khin Lay (Forever Group); K 300,000 by staff families of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading; K 280,000 by U Kyaw Win-Daw Shwe May family of Botahtaung Township; K 250,000 by U Sein Win-Daw Khin Kyi of Latha Township; K 250,000 by Kyaw Family Construction Materials Shop of Twantay; K 240,000 each by Daw Khin Lay Myint and family of Pazundaung Township and Daw Cherry Lwin.

Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Tint Lwin accepted K 240,000 donated by Daw Aye Thida (Ngwe Inzali Audit Firm) of Kyauktada Township; K 200,000 each by U Khin Maung Myint and group of Pazundaung Township, U Myint Oo-Daw Khin Mu Aye of Pazundaung Township, the family of U Maung Kyar-Daw Khin Myint, Daw Saw Mya, U Sein Win-Daw Yi Yi Htay and family; and K 170,000 by Daw San Kyi and family.

The chairman of Pazundaung Township PDC accepted the cash donations from wellwishers. Certificates of honour went to the wellwishers.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Narindabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and the minister and party shared merits gained.

After the ceremony, the minister inspected renovation tasks.

At the cash donation, some of the wellwishers who were in absentia: U Ohn Shwe-Daw Aye Mi of Pabedan Township K 500,000, Lt-Col Kyi Maung (Retd)-Daw Khin Kyi K 400,000, U Hsan Tun-Daw Khin Si (New Press) K 400,000, Captain Khin Maung Win-Daw Win Win Aye K 250,000 and Captain Soe Thiha-Daw Hnin Wutyi K 250,000, U Yan Naing Win Ohn-Daw Yin Maw Thein K 240,000, U San Maung-Daw Hla Hla K 240,000, U Nay Myo Myint-Daw Yi Yi Myint K 220,000, U Sein Thauung-Daw Maw Li K 200,000 and U Sein Myint K 200,000, U Than Win-Daw Aye Mya Thanda K 180,000, U Aye Thein-Daw Khin Aye Myint K 15,000, K 100,000 and K 50,000 wellwishers.

Today's cash donations by 65 wellwishers amounted to K 10,724,500. —MNA

## National Literary Award winner Brig-Gen Than Tin (Retd)



Brig-Gen Than Tin (Retd).

Brig-Gen Than Tin (Retd) was born of father U Tun Hla and mother Daw Ma Ma Gyi in 1924. Among four siblings, he was the eldest son. He learned secondary education at ABM Middle School. While pursuing education at high school level at RCM High School and National High School in Gyobingauk, he joined Burma Independence Army (BIA) to fight against the British

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colonialists in 1942.

After that, he continued his soldier life by joining Burma Defence Army (BDA), and attended the First Intake of Officers Training Course in Mingaladon.

After the Resistance, he took the duties as military leader of Thayet District People's Voluntary Force. Afterwards, he reorganized the People's Voluntary Organization. Then, he rejoined the Tatmadaw as ordinary soldier.

In 1949, he attended the No 2 Intake of Officers Training Course in Maymyo (PyinOoLwin).

While discharging duties of Commander of Eastern Command in 1969, he wiped out the

branch of the BCP (Central) at Intaw-Kyaukgu Camp under Operation Pankyon.

In 1975, he was assigned as Deputy Minister and then Minister at the Ministry of Mines. In 1979, he was promoted as Brigadier-General. In 1988, he discharged the duties of Deputy Prime Minister of the State.

Brig-Gen Than Tin (Retd) compiled his experiences in his first publication, and won the National Literary Award in political genre. At present, he writes memoirs in civil affairs. Now, he lives at No 34, Pinlon Yeikmon, Kyeepwaryay Ward, Thin-gangyuan Township.

Translation: TTA

## Life long National Literary Award winner Sayagyi U Lay Myaing



Writer Sayagyi U Lay Myaing.

"I threw myself into the literary world and started writing career and wrote poems, novels and articles beginning 1957-58. Later, I created only literature that was useful to various kinds of classes in one way or another" said U Lay Myaing (Lay Myaing) in an interview with NLM.

Writer Sayagyi U Lay Myaing won the life-

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long national literary award. He began his career from volume 1 of Shumawa and Payphuhlwa magazines. He also served as a proof-reader in Myawaday magazine and was retired from the deputy chief editor. After his retirement, he concentrated on writing religious literature and he became the editor-in-charge of Dhammayanthi and Dhamma Yadana Magazines.

"I would like to give some advice to the readers. They must have aims when reading. Literature widens knowledge and it also gives us the sense to differentiate what is good and what is bad, right and

wrong as well as cause and effect. One should not expect to gain benefit from every literature; he should read the one that is useful and beneficial to mankind", he suggested.

"With this intention I create the magazines." He told NLM that he was glad to win the life-long national literary award presented by the government. He welcomed the point that the government takes care of the doyen literati and it is a praiseworthy endeavours. He said he felt that he was responsible for serving the interest of the country with his literary work.

Translation: NY

## India warns neighbours S Asian nations must end terrorism

**NEW DELHI, 19 Nov—** In a thinly-veiled warning to its neighbours, India said on Thursday South Asian nations must end terrorism in the region if their economies are ever to prosper.

"We must join hands to put our collective house in order," Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said in a speech to business leaders a few

days after returning home from a regional summit in Bangladesh.

"Peace in the region will benefit all. Terrorism anywhere will hurt us all."

New Delhi accuses some of its neighbours of harbouring or actively supporting anti-Indian militants and rebels.

"To imagine that any one of us can pursue what economists call 'beggar-thy-neighbour' policies and thereby prosper is to

delude oneself," Singh said. No one can assume that when a neighbour is hurt by terrorism one can somehow remain insulated from the consequences."

In particular, India accuses Pakistan of sponsoring Kashmiri separatists fighting Indian rule in the disputed Himalayan region and has criticized Islamabad for not doing enough to crack down on them.—MNA/Reuters



A worker finishes a crib scene on 18 Nov, 2005, in Oberhausen, western Germany, at the Ice and Snowstatue Festival. The festival will open its doors from 19 Nov, 2005 until 29 Jan, 2006. The ice sculptures are designed by artists from different countries.—INTERNET

## China, Chile sign free trade accord

**BUSAN(South Korea), 19 Nov—**China and Chile signed here on Friday a free trade agreement, the first of its kind between China and a Latin American country.

The pact was signed by Chinese Commerce Minister Bo Xilai and Chilean Foreign Minister Ignacio Walker. Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Chilean counterpart, Ricardo Lagos, attended the signing ceremony.

The Chinese and Chilean leaders are in South Korea's southeastern port city of Busan to attend the Economic Leaders' Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum.

Both China and Chile are members of the 21-member forum. Under the agreement, the two countries will fully launch on 1 July, 2006 the tariff reduction process of goods trade. The free trade negotiations were launched by the Chinese and Chilean presidents on 18 November, 2004, when Hu paid a state visit to the Latin American country.—MNA/Xinhua

## Official says Malaysia not involved in terrorist activities

**KUALA LUMPUR, 19 Nov —** Malaysia, as a government or a country, is not involved in terrorist activities, even funds to the terrorist bomb expert Azahari Husin did come from the country, Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said.

There are individuals in Malaysia who sympathize with Jemaah Islamiyah, but it does not mean Malaysia is involved in terrorist activities just because of these individuals, Najib was quoted as saying by *The Star* on Friday.

An Indonesian newspaper earlier reported that funds for Azahari and another Malaysian militant operating in Indonesia, Noordin Mat Top, had originated from Malaysia.

The *Media Indonesia* said that the money came from sympathizers of Azahari and Noordin in Malaysia and it was made available to them by a courier from Malaysia who went by the name of Suf.

Malaysian Foreign Affairs Minister Syed Hamid Albar said such information should have gone through appropriate channels because general statements would mislead people to think Malaysia supported terrorist groups.

Hamid, who was in Busan, South Korea, to attend the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, stressed that his country was against any forms of violence and gave no support to terrorists.

MNA/Xinhua

## Bangladesh hunts bombers as lawyers boycott courts

**DHAKA, 19 Nov—** Police in Bangladesh stepped up a nationwide hunt for potential suicide bombers on Thursday as Islamic militants threatened more attacks and lawyers boycotted courts in protest at the killing of two judges this week.

Police, who said on Wednesday they were hunting around 2,000 potential bombers, many of whom had trained in Afghanistan, detained six suspects and seized several bombs.

"So far we have de-

tained 20 people, including the six on Thursday, for their suspected involvement in the killing of the judges," a senior police officer said.

The judges died on Monday when their car was blown up in the coastal town of Jhalakathi, 250 kilometres (155 miles) from Dhaka. An injured man arrested at the scene told police he launched the attack under orders from banned militant group Jamaat-ul-Mujahedin.

MNA/Reuters

## Car bombs kill at least 4 in Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 19 Nov—** Two suicide car bombs exploded near a hotel used by foreigners in central Baghdad on Friday and initial reports said at least four people were killed, including two children, and 40 wounded, police said.

An apartment building next to the blast site was reduced to rubble and dozens of firefighters and soldiers were searching for residents trapped inside.

A reporter for *Reuters* who was close to the blasts said the two car bombs had exploded close to the Hamra Hotel, which is used by foreigners including journalists.

The blasts were also close to an Interior Ministry bunker at the centre of a detainee abuse scandal. The bunker was raided by US forces at the weekend who found around 170 prisoners, some of them showing signs of abuse.

Iraq's Shiite- and Kurdish-led government and its US backers are fighting a mainly Sunni Arab insurgency that has

fuelled sectarian tensions ahead of a 15 December election.—MNA/Reuters

## Chinese cargo ship saves 20 foreigners from shipwreck

**JINAN, 19 Nov—**A Chinese cargo ship saved 20 foreigners from a sinking ship Friday in the seaways around the Luzon Island in the Philippines.

The 20 foreigners, including 10 people from South Korea and 10 from

the Philippines, are in a good condition, said the China Ocean Shipping (Group) Company (COSCO) Friday. A cargo ship of the Qingdao Ocean Shipping company under the COSCO received SOS signals on its way back from Australia on Friday morning and it found a sinking ship at 12:20 and the crew of South Korea-registered ship were waiting for help in life boats.

Despite strong wind and big waves, Chinese sailors managed to took the 20 people back to the cargo ship. South Korean ship captain said that one sailor was missing. After one hour searching, however, they failed to find the missing.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia's tsunami early warning system installed

**JAKARTA, 19 Nov—** Indonesia has activated the first stage of tsunami early warning system in the water off Sumatra island to avoid a repeat of last year's huge deaths in a quake-triggered tsunami on the island, officials said here on Friday.

Indonesian and German scientists have installed two of the 20 equipment since Tuesday some 250 kilometres off the coast of western Sumatra and expected to complete the work by 28 November, said Director of the Inventory of the Natural Resources of the Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology Yusuf Surachman Djadjadi-hardya. "The buoys will transmit data about sea tremors and pressure from

the ocean sensor device to satellite. We will find out whether the quake triggers tsunami after 15 minutes," Yusuf told *Xinhua* in telephone.

He said that the data from the satellite then would be transmitted to nearest monitoring station. The earthquake measuring 8.7 on the Richter Scale off Sumatra on 26 December last year unleashed the most devastating tsunami on record.

MNA/Xinhua



An Afghan policeman keeps security as woman clad in burqa walks past, near an explosion site, in Kabul, Afghanistan on 18 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

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US looks for possible missile defence site in Europe

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov— The United States is approaching Poland and other European countries to set up a missile defence site on the continent, US media reported Thursday.

The site is aimed at shooting down long-range missiles fired from the Middle East or Africa that could threaten Europe, according to the Pentagon's explanation.

However, US officials did not mention any specific countries in the Middle East or Africa as threats to fire long-range missiles at Europe.

They said the United States is holding discussions on that matter with Poland and no immediate outcome is expected.

If a deal is eventually made, the site could possibly begin operating after 2010 and will become

the first installation in a missile defence network outside US territory. At present, US officials said it is too early to estimate the cost of establishing such a base and did not say which sites in Poland are being considered.

Besides Poland, there are other countries in Europe approached by the United States on the same issue, according to US officials. The multibillion-dollar US missile defence system is based on the concept of using one missile, an interceptor, to shoot down another missile, fired by an enemy, before it can reach its target.—MNA/Xinhua

500,000 Portuguese suffer from Chronic Lung Disease

LISBON, 18 Nov— Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (COLD) affects 500,000 people in Portugal, most of whom suffer it due to smoking, the National Laboratory for Respiratory Illnesses (ONER) said in a report Wednesday.

The report was published to coincide with the World COLD Day, whose slogan is "Breathe to Live".

The aim of the day is to beat an illness which brings a great weight of "suffering and social costs", said ONER president Teles de Araujo.

COLD is a chronic disease which limits air flow to the bronchi.

At present the largest number of sufferers are men between 35 and 40, but the number of women with the condition is rising as their tobacco consumption increases.

ONER said the disease is the seventh largest cause of death in Portugal, and

the mortality is rising at a rate of 2 per cent every five years.

It represents 2.5 per cent of all deaths in Portugal, smaller than the 3.6-per-cent rate in other

European countries.

The death rate is lower as widespread use of tobacco started later in Portugal than in the rest of Europe, said de Araujo.

The World Health

Organization (WHO) described COLD as the only chronic disease which will show a rising trend during the next 15 years.

MNA/Xinhua

Northrop unveils airliner defence system against missile attack

LOS ANGELES, 18 Nov— Northrop Grumman Corp has unveiled a system attached under an airliner to protect from possible missile attacks, in a move to spur public support for equipping commercial airplanes with missile defence systems.

The equipment would work by emitting a laser beam that would jam the guidance system of a shoulder-fired missile, a Los Angeles Times report said Thursday.

According to the report, the Los Angeles-based

defence industrial group put the six-foot-long canoe-shaped device on display last week at Mojave Airport.

Recent reports of criminals attempting to smuggle shoulder-fired missiles into the United States have renewed attention on efforts by the US Department of Homeland Security to protect airlines from portable surface-to-air missiles.

Amid intensified debate over the necessity of onboard defensive systems, domestic air-lines, already financially strapped, are balking at moves to equip their jets with such systems, which could cost up to one million dollars per plane.

The Department of Homeland Security has warned of the widespread availability of portable weapons and that terrorists

could use them to shoot down jetliners.

"Airplanes approaching LAX (Los Angeles International Airport) are particularly vulnerable because they are flying over mountains" as they descend, the report quoted Jack Pledger, head of the Northrop unit that developed the system, as saying.

No US passenger plane has been downed so far by a shoulder-fired missile outside of a combat zone, but 35 foreign civilian aircraft, many in war-torn parts of Africa, have been attacked with such weapons. Among those attacks, two dozens of planes were shot down with 640 people killed, according to the Transportation Security Administration.

MNA/Xinhua

Cost of British passport to rise by over 20%

LONDON, 18 Nov— The price of obtaining or renewing a British passport is to rise by more than 20 per cent to pay for improvements to boost security measures and tackle fraud, the government announced on Thursday.

The cost of a new 10-year adult passport will go up nine pounds to 51 pounds from 1 December, the UK Passport Service (UKPS) said.

The increase follows a similar rise in 2003.

"Countries all around

the world are moving to strengthen the security of identity documents in the face of the growing threat of fraud and forgery," said Home Office Minister Andy Burnham. "We cannot afford to stand idle."— MNA/Reuters

Qatar uses latest technology to reduce cost of water production

KUWAIT CITY, 18 Nov— Qatari Minister of Energy and Industry Abdulla al-Attiya noted on Thursday that the use of the latest water technology has helped cost cutting in producing water, the Qatar News Agency reported.

The minister, who is also chairman of the Public Authority for Qatar's Water and Electricity, said that Qatar has been successful in undertaking a number of water projects covering various parts of the country at a cost of 187 million US dollars. "At present the cost of producing one cubic metre of water has slid drastically to 0.80 dollars while it was 1.40 dollars in the past," Attiya said, adding that studies were undergoing to bring it further down to 0.50 dollars.—MNA/Xinhua

British youth charged with air rifle killing of boy

LONDON, 18 Nov— A 15-year-old youth has been charged with the manslaughter of a 12-year-old boy who was shot in the head with an air rifle, police said on Thursday.

Alex Cole died in May after the gun went off in the bedroom of a house in Conisbrough, South Yorkshire, sending an air pellet through his eye. The 15-year-old will appear at

Doncaster Youth Court on 22 November. His 39-year-old father was also charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. He will appear before magistrates in Doncaster on Friday.

Police said the charges followed an "intensive investigation" into the incident, adding that the Cole family were too upset to make any comment.

MNA/Reuters



A man looks into the concept car 'Ford iosis' in Cologne, Germany, on 18 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

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# Vegetables could help fight bioterrorist threat

ROME, 18 Nov— Common garden vegetables such as potatoes and carrots could help fend off a bioterrorist threat, Italian researchers said here on Thursday.

Speaking at a United States-Italian scientific conference, they explained that the combined efforts of experts from both countries had produced a "vegetable vaccination" project.

According to Italian researchers, once eaten, the vegetables would stimulate the production of antibodies, helping the body's natural defences fight off the disease.

Although this isn't the first time scientists have sought to develop medical

treatments by tweaking the genetic structure of plants, the dangerous nature of the virus makes it a particularly complex project.

The research, which is also looking at other bioterrorist threats such as

anthrax, is part of a much broader bilateral initiative launched more than two years ago.

Then Italian Health Minister, Girolamo Sirchia, and his US counterpart at the time, Tommy G. Thompson,

signed a joint medical science accord in April 2003. Seven months later, they agreed to exchange researchers and set up a joint crisis centre to deal with emergencies from contagious diseases.

MNA/Xinhua

# Scientists say dinosaurs may have fed on grass

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov — Fossilized dinosaur droppings found in central

India show sauropod dinosaurs may have fed on grass between 65 million and 71 million years ago, refuting the theory that grasses emerged long after the dinosaur era, an international team of researchers reported in the journal *Science* to be published on Friday.

The discovery surprised scientists. The earliest grass fossils ever found could be traced back to about 55 million years ago. And the giant plant-eating sauropod dinosaurs were supposed to eat plants like ferns and palms, as they did not have

the special kind of teeth needed to grind up abrasive blades.

The team of Vandana Prasad of the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany in Lucknow, India, studied the dinosaur coprolites, or fossilized droppings, of 65 million years ago.

They sent some photographs and samples to Caroline Stromberg of the Swedish Museum of Natural History, who spotted tiny particles of silica called phytoliths that have come from the grass family, including relatives of rice and bamboo and forage-type grasses.

MNA/Xinhua

# China to grant Jackie Chan, Kai-sing "China Charity Award"

BEIJING, 18 Nov—China will grant Hong Kong action star Jackie Chan and fortune tycoon Li Kai-sing a "China Charity Award" each to mark their outstanding contributions to China's charities.

It is the first time that Chinese Government issues such an award since the founding of new China in 1949.

More than a hundred individuals and social entities will also get the award at the China Charity Conference, to be held from 20 to 21 November.

"We want to encourage the whole society to support the charity cause through governmental operations and cultivate a culture of charity across the country," Dou Yupei, the spokesman of the ministry, told a Press

conference.

The major assessment standard for the award is the donation amount and frequency of donations. Anybody can acquire the honour if their donations account for a certain proportion of their incomes, according to the organizers.

The China Charity Conference, to be held this Sunday, will be sponsored by the Ministry of Civil Affairs and the China Charity Federation. More than 700 participants will attend it. — MNA/Xinhua

# Nepal to build first electronic railway

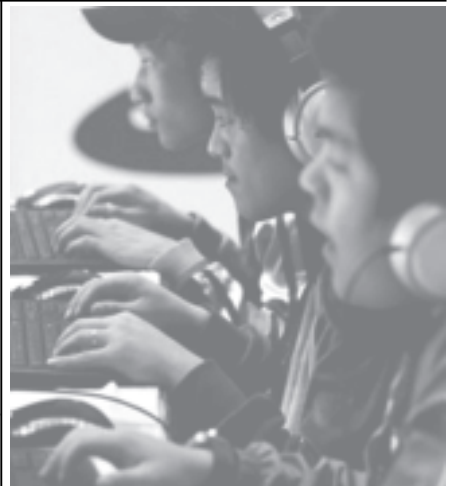
KATHMANDU, 18 Nov — A committee has been formed to initiate the process for the construction of a electronic railway, the first of its kind in Nepal, an official said here Thursday.

"The committee, comprising governors of nine District Development Committees (DDCs), have

agreed to take initiatives to construct the electronic railway connecting the capital Kathmandu City with Birgunj dry port at northern bordering city of Nepal with India," said Rabintra Chakrawarty, regional administrator of the Central Development Region of Nepal, who is also the leader of the committee.

As per the Nepali King Gyanendra's directive during his visit to the central region on September 15, the responsible officials of the DDCs have decided to take initiatives of the construction of the electronic railway, Chakrawarty noted.

"The electronic railway is very important for us to expand trade relations with China and India," Chakrawarty said, adding, "It will be alternatives for



Cyber gamers stare intently at computer screens during the finals of the World Cyber Games tournament, on 18 Nov, 2005 in Singapore. More than 700 gamers from 67 countries are fighting for prizes worth US\$430 000 in total. Industry experts say Asia is the worlds' fastest growing market for electronic gaming. —INTERNET

# Dominican artist chosen as designer for memorial of "Flight 587"

NEW YORK, 18 Nov — A native of the Dominican Republic was selected Wednesday as the designer of a memorial for victims of Flight 587, the plane that crashed in Queens, New York, shortly after takeoff on its way to Santo Domingo, the mayor's office announced.

Renowned artist Freddy Rodriguez was selected from a field of six finalists for the memorial honouring the 265 victims of the 12 November, 2001 tragedy, said Mayor Michael Bloomberg. The two-million-dollar memorial, financed by public and private funding, should be completed by fall 2006 — in time for the fifth anniversary of the crash.

The plane was leaving John F Kennedy International Airport on its way for the Dominican Republic when it plunged into the Queens neighbourhood of Belle Harbour in the Rockaways. All passengers and crew on board were killed, along with five people on the ground.

MNA/Xinhua

# Miss America leaving Atlantic City for Las Vegas

PHILADELPHIA, 18 Nov — Miss America is leaving the boardwalk after 84 years and heading for the desert.

The beauty pageant will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, next year instead of New Jersey's Atlantic City where it began in 1921, the Miss America Organization and its new television partner, the country music channel CMT, said on Wednesday.

The oldest US competition of its kind will be broadcast live from the

Aladdin Resort & Casino in Las Vegas on 21 January.

The organizers signalled a shake-up in its presentation earlier this year after sagging ratings led Walt Disney Co-owned network ABC to drop the contest show. They said it would move to an undisclosed location, although the Miss America organization would remain in Atlantic City. —MNA/Reuters



School children look at a large robotic 'Tyrannosaurus' dinosaur at Palais de la Decouverte museum in Paris on 18 Oct, 2005. Fossilized dinosaur droppings found in central India show that giant dinosaurs known as titanosaurs ate grass, an international team of researchers reported on 17 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

# SPORTS



Jia Jun Li of China, left, in action during the men's 1500m event at the World Cup short track speed skating Olympic qualifying competition in The Hague, The Netherlands, on 18 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

## Chinese Zou clears way for first gold medal

MIANYANG (Southwest China), 19 Nov — Chinese Zou Shiming cleared his way for China's first gold medal at the World Boxing Championships as he disposed off Olympic champion Yan Barteley Valera 12-10 Friday in the light-fly weight (48kg) competition.

Defending champion Russian Sergey Kazakov, who beat Zou in the final of the last version of the championships in 2003, lost 24-16 to Hungary's Pal Bedak in the other quarterfinal bout.

Trailing 9-8 to enter the decisive fourth round, Zou tied it at 10 to all and nailed down two winning hits in the re-match of last year's Olympic semifinal, when Zou lost 29-17 to Varela.

Ortiz Guillermo of Cuba, who won the gold medal at the Athens Ol-

ympic Games, saw off Uzbekistan's Bahodirjon Sultonov with an RSCO (referee stops contest outscored) in the bantam weight (54kg) category.

Compatriot Toledano Yuriolkis ousted Athens Olympic silver medallist

Kim Song Guk of South Korea with another RSCO in the feather weight (57kg) competition. The two were among the eight Cubans in the semifinals of the 11 categories featured in the tournament.

MNA/Xinhua

## British government backs possible 2018 World Cup bid

LONDON, 19 Nov — The British Government on Friday threw its weight behind a possible bid to host the 2018 soccer World Cup, with Finance Minister Gordon Brown saying the time was right.

The government launched a study to test whether England would be capable of hosting the Cup after it announced earlier this week that it had held preliminary talks with the England Football Association (FA).

Chancellor of the Exchequer Brown felt the whole country would support a bid and said the government would learn from the successful campaign to stage the 2012 Olympic Games.

"People feel this is the right time for Britain," Brown told reporters at a soccer project in east London.

He added: "I believe that the success ... in winning the Olympics puts us in very good standing for a bid for the football World Cup." England has hosted the World Cup once before, in 1966, when Bobby Moore captained the home team to victory.

With the 2006 finals being held in Germany, the 2010 World Cup in South Africa and the 2014 finals likely to be staged in Brazil, the 2018 competition represents the next available opportunity for a European country to bid for the event.

However, it is not yet certain to come to Europe and Oceania may also launch a bid. The findings of England's study will be announced next year. "Any successful World Cup bid needs government support, as we saw with the 2012 Olympic success," FA Chief Executive Brian Barwick said in a statement. "If the 2018 World Cup comes to Europe we will be giving very serious consideration to making a bid." —MNA/Reuters

## Ronaldo extends contract with Manchester United

LONDON, 19 Nov — Manchester United winger Cristiano Ronaldo has signed a two-year contract extension which will keep him at Old Trafford until 2010.

The 20-year-old Portuguese star, capped 18 times by his country, has become an essential part of the United setup since joining from Sporting Lisbon for over 12 million pounds in August 2003.

And despite some fans criticizing the player on account of his work rate, Reds manager Alex Ferguson considers him an integral part of the club's future.

"This is great news for the club and for the fans," Ferguson told the club's official website.

"It represents our faith in young players at the club and Ronaldo will develop into a fantastic player."

The manager also refuted speculation that delays in the signing of the contract were due to Ronaldo being unsettled at the club. —MNA/Xinhua

## Pele proud of black players' success

DOHA, 19 Nov — Pele said on Friday his biggest contribution to soccer was not confined to the field but in also helping to enable Black players attain the status they have today.

Pele, who was 65 last month and remains unsurpassed as the world's greatest player, was speaking at a news conference after the opening of the new Aspire Academy sports dome, the largest of its kind in the world. He recalled: "As a 17-year-old at the 1958 World Cup in Sweden I noticed that only my team, Brazil, had Black players. I was watching teams like France and Sweden training nearby and they all had White players.

"But today, I can see Black players in all these national teams and I believe I have contributed a lot to bringing about this change."

He added: "Football is a great game, it brings together people of different hues. It's a family, but my contribution is also social. FIFA has more affiliates than UNESCO and I feel proud to be part of it."

Pele denounced violence and racism in the sport although he felt there were few places where racism still existed in soccer. —MNA/Reuters

## Keane leaves Manchester United

LONDON, 19 Nov — Manchester United confirmed on Friday that their former inspirational skipper Roy Keane, 34, had left with immediate effect, bringing to a sudden end his 12-and-a-half years at Old Trafford.

The sensational announcement by Manchester United came like a bolt from the blue as Keane trained with United on Friday morning.

Keane's representative Michael Kennedy met United chief executive David Gill at Old Trafford on Friday to thrash out details of Keane's severance, and the stunning news was then announced.

And, during manager Alex Ferguson's weekly media conference which came before the announcement, the Scot said his captain was training well and was "not far away" from a full recovery from injury.

Following the announcement Keane,

Ferguson and Gill all made statements of their own, with none of them mentioning any behind-the-scenes problems between the player and his club.

Keane said: "It has been a great honour and privilege for me to play for Manchester United for over 12 years.

"During my time at the club I have been fortunate to play alongside some of the best players in the game and in front of the best supporters in the world.

"At all times I have endeavoured to do my best for the management and the team.

"Whilst it is a sad day for me to leave such a great club and manager I be-

lieve that the time has now come for me to move on. After so many years, I will miss everyone at the club.

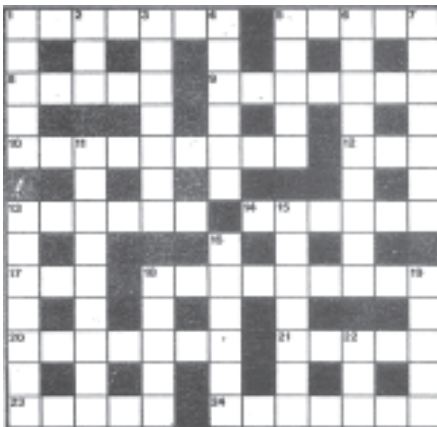
"I send my best wishes for the future to the management, players, staff

and supporters of the club."

Ferguson said: "Roy Keane has been a fantastic servant for Manchester United.

MNA/Xinhua

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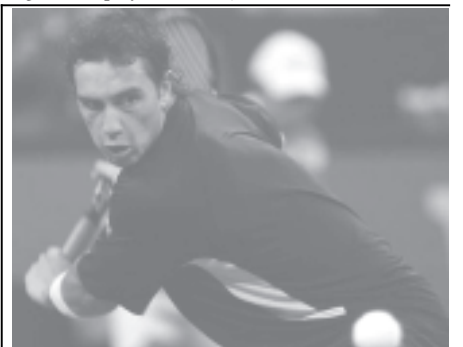


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- 1 Chirping insect
- 5 Pours
- 8 Unlocks
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- 10 View coloured with emotion
- 12 Everything
- 13 Imbibes
- 14 Stickler for good English
- 17 Spelling contest
- 18 Alienated
- 20 Fissure
- 21 Engine
- 23 Follow
- 24 Lasts

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- 1 Traverse
- 2 Frozen water
- 3 Lake District town
- 4 Journey
- 5 Characteristic
- 6 Arousing affection
- 7 Vest
- 11 Silent
- 13 Sudden collapse
- 15 Weaponless
- 16 Goddess of wisdom
- 18 Banishment
- 19 Ventures
- 22 Sailor



Mariano Puerta of Argentina returns a shot to Nikolay Davydenko of Russia in the Tennis Masters Cup in Shanghai, China on 18 Nov, 2005. Davydenko won Puerta 6-3, 6-2. —INTERNET

# Scientists discover new gene linked with schizophrenia

LOS ANGELES, 19 Nov—A new gene has been identified to link with higher risk of schizophrenia and depression, scientists reported on Thursday.

Schizophrenia and related mood disorders are thought to arise from a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but researchers

have had difficulty identifying the specific genes involved.

Earlier studies have found a gene called DISC1, operating in a

way that may contribute to the disorder, may make people susceptible to schizophrenia. However, the function of its encoded protein has been unclear.

The new research, appearing in the 18 November issue of the journal *Science*, presented genetic and biochemical evidence suggesting that the DISC1 protein interacts with an enzyme called phosphodiesterase 4B (PDE4B), which in turn influences the activity of the signalling molecule cAMP.

This signalling system has previously been implicated in learning, memory and mood in other experimental systems, which is consistent with the idea that alterations in the system may contribute to schizophrenia, according to the

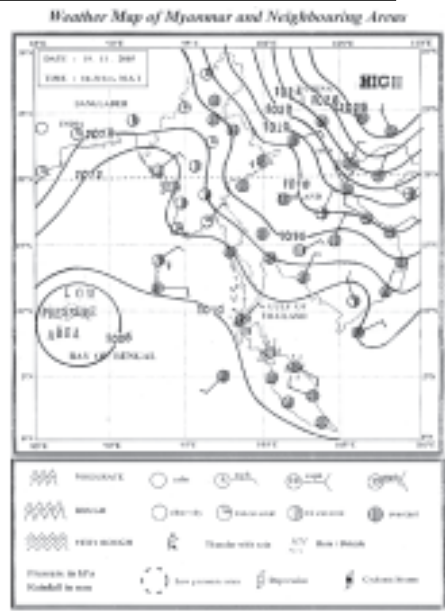
researchers. Damage to the gene PDE4B is also seen to increase the risk of developing mental illness. In addition, the researchers have discovered that DISC1 acts as a regulator for PDE4B, creating a "pathway" between the two genes.

"The new genetic link we have made to PDE4B and how that links back to DISC1 sheds much needed light on these debilitating disorders. It also suggests a new way of thinking about developing better and effective medicines," said David Porteous, a professor at the University of Edinburgh, Britain, who led the study.

MNA/Xinhua



Jordanian born love birds perch on display for sale in Amman on 18 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET



## WEATHER

Saturday, 19 November, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (3°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Kawthwhong (1.14) inches and Coco Island (0.28) inch.

Maximum temperature on 18-11-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 19-11-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 19-11-2005 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 18-11-2005 was (7.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 19-11-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (102.60) inches at Mingaladon, (101.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.46) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (12:15) hours MST on 18-11-2005.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over southeast Bay still persists. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and south Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 20-11-2005:** Light rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine State, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of light rain in the extreme southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-11-2005:** Partly cloudy to cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-11-2005:** Fair weather.

### Earthquake report (Issued at 09:30 MST Today)

An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter near Myanmar-India border (280) miles north of Mandalay seismological observatory, was recorded at (01) hrs (28) min (48) sec MST on 19th November 2005.



## Sunday, 20 November Tune in today

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -Coulda Woulda Shoulda
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Good feeling
- 8.50 am National news & Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: -Moving around
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Cultural images of Myanmar
- 9.15 am -Bago & its environs
- 9.15 am Music: -The last goodbye
- 1.30 pm News & Slogan
- 1.40 pm Children's delight
- 9.00pm Weekly news review
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Music
- The exodus song
- Heartbeat
- 9.45 pm News & Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



## Sunday, 20 November View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am
- 2. တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မဘဒ္ဒါဂါရီတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတ သဒ္ဓိဝါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am
- 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
- 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
- 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
- 6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:55 pm
- 7. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:05 am
- 8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
- 9. ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်အရှေ့ပိုင်း နမ့်စွယ် တံတား
- 8:20 am
- 10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:30 am
- 11. International news
- 8:45 am
- 12. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am
- 2. Musical programme
- 11:20 am
- 3. Roundup of the week's TV International news
- 11:30 pm
- 4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "နေပြည်တော်နေ့" (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 2:20 pm
- 1. (၂၃) ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲ ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ (အမျိုးသား) တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (မြန်မာနှင့်လာအို)
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. English for everyday use
- 4:45 pm
- 4. သာယာချိုအေး (၃၈)ပြာမင်္ဂလာတေး
- 5:00 pm
- 5. အစေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (အထူးဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm
- 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:20 pm
- 7. Dance of National races
- 5:35 pm
- 8. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm
- 9. Agricultural source
- Country's development
- 5:55 am
- 10. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 6:00 pm
- 11. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:15 pm
- 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
- 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
- 14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "မိန်းလ်မေတ္တာကန်သာယာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 7:35 pm
- 15. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:40 pm
- 16. Musical programme
- 7:35 pm
- 17. ဝင်ရောက်ပွဲသေချာ ရေထဲက ရတနာ (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 8:00 pm
- 18. News
- 19. International news.
- 20. Weather report.
- 21. Myanmar Video Feature
- "မိုးစက်တစ်ပွင့်" (အပိုင်း-၂) (နိုင်းနိုင်း ထက်ထက်မိုးဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်ဦး-စနိုးပွင့်)
- 22. The next day's programme

# Personnel urged to take measures on drug elimination, prevent illegal entry of foreigners through border areas

## Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets Shan State (East) level officials in Kengtung



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win speaks at the work coordination meeting on review of regional development tasks in Shan State (East). — MNA

YANGON, 19 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence urged departmental officials to carry out tasks for ensuring local food sufficiency and meeting the production target of 10 main crops, in meeting with local authorities and departmental officials at the combined office of

Triangle Region Command Headquarters in Kengtung on 17 November morning.

Local farmers of Shan State (East) are to observe cultivation tasks of local farmers in Shan State (North) to extend their agricultural tasks, he added. The research works suitable for the region are to be conducted systematically. Efforts should

be made for development of agricultural production as well as industrial tasks. He stressed the need to practise thrifty method so as to make progress in the state. In conclusion, he called on the personnel to take measures on drug elimination in the state, and prevent illegal entry of foreigners through border

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# Kyauktan Mingalun bridge and model village opened

YANGON, 19 Nov — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Chairperson of Supervisory Committee for Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association attended the opening ceremony of Mingalun RC Bridge near Mingalun Model Village in Kyauktan Township in Yangon (South) District this morning.



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe addresses the opening of Mingalun bridge in Kyauktan township. — MNA

At the ceremony, Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe made a speech, heard a report on the bridge construction. Afterwards, the commander and party viewed along the bridge and the cer-

emony ended.

Next, the opening ceremony of Mingalun Model Village in Kyauktan Township, Yangon (South) District took place and the com-

mander unveiled the sign-board of the village.

Afterwards, the commander and wife, and officials proceeded to rural health care in the village and distributed

tonics to pregnant women. At the opening ceremony of Thuda (See page 9)

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# Writer Sayagyi U Lay Myaing wins Life-long National Literary Award

YANGON, 19 Nov — Writer Sayagyi U Lay Myaing (Lay Myaing) was selected for the winner of Life-long National Literary Award by National Literary Scrutinizing Committee of the Ministry of Information in recognition of his brilliant life-long writing career that contributed to the progress of Myanmar literature.

The award will be presented at a ceremony to present National Literary Award, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award and National Motto, Literary and Photo Award for 2004 to be held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street at 1 pm on 11 December. —MNA

# List of National Literary Award winners announced

YANGON, 19 Nov — The National Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee of the Ministry of Information scrutinized books published in 2004. Winners in the National Literary Awards were announced today.

Daung Nay Min won the National Literary Award in collected short stories genre, Shwemyaing Maung Phu Wah in collected poems genre, Dr Ma Tin Win (Institute of Education) in belles-letters genre, Monywa Toe Wai (Payan) in Myanmar Culture and Fine Arts literature genre, Bo Hlaing in translation (knowledge) genre, Tin Maung Myint in translation (aesthetic), Dr Toe Hla in general knowledge (arts) genre, U Nyan Thin in general science (science), Tin Maung Myint in translation (creative) genre, Dr Chit in general knowledge (applied science) and Brig-Gen Than Tin (Retd) in political literature. No winners were in the novel, drama, child literature and youth literature genres among 14 genres of the National Literary Awards. Winners are to contact the Chief Editor of Sarpay Beikman, 252560, on 8 December. The rehearsal prize presentation will be held at National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street at 1 pm on 9 December, and the prize presentation ceremony on 11 December. — MNA