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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

Unity and cooperation of departments and local people contribute to development in economic and social sectors of Buthidaung

Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects development tasks, construction works in Buthidaung, Taungpyo-Letwe, Maungtaw and Yathedaung

YANGON, 20 Nov — Prime Minister General Soe Win, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers, departmental heads of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments concerned, left here by air yesterday morning and arrived in Sittway of Rakhine State.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung of Sittway Station, senior military officers and departmental officials.

Accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Khin

Maung Myint, Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung of Sittway Station and officials, the Prime Minister flew to Buthidaung.

At Buthidaung Basic Education High School, they inspected growing of trees in the compound of the school, school buildings, construction of one-storey building, and supply of multimedia teaching aids.

Col Aung Naing of Buthidaung Station, Rakhine State Education Officer U Aye Kyaing and Headmaster U Maung Maung Nyunt conducted the Prime Minister round the school.

At Buthidaung Township Hospital (25-bed), the Prime Minister comforted the patients and inspected units of the hospital. Later, they oversaw development of Buthidaung in a motorcade.

At U Ottama Hall in Buthidaung, they met with departmental officials, social organization members and local people. Chairman of the Township PDC U Khin Maung Soe reported on the area of the township, population, sown acreage, cultivation of paddy, other crops and perennial crops, local food sufficiency, education and health matters. Next officials briefed them on installation of telephones and urban and rural development tasks.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister General Soe Win said that first, they arrived there to

provide necessary assistance to Buthidaung by inspecting sector-wise development. As a result of inspection tour as well as the reports presented by the Chairman of the Township PDC, Buthidaung Township is witnessed to be on the path of development.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win speaks in meeting with departmental staff, members of social organizations and townselders at Thirimigalar Hall of Maungtaw Township. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Root out the danger of narcotic drugs once and for all

Poppy cultivation and production did not originate in Myanmar. The drug problem in Myanmar is the evil legacy of British colonialists.

The colonialist government, knowing that drugs are detrimental to health, economic and social sectors of Myanmar people, permitted poppy cultivation and trafficking and use of opium.

Soon after independence was regained, the KMT who encroached upon sovereignty of Myanmar, were engaged in poppy cultivation and trafficking in border areas for acquisition of arms and other supplies.

The successive Myanmar governments could not fully carry out drug elimination tasks up to 1962 due to internal insurgency. In the time of the Revolutionary Government which came to power in 1962, internal insurgency started to fade away and drug elimination tasks could be carried out on an extensive scale.

After 1988 when the Tatmadaw Government assumed the State responsibilities, altogether 17 national race armed groups returned to the legal fold. Since then, drug elimination tasks could be carried out with added momentum.

The government has laid down the 15-year drug elimination plan from 1999-2000 to 2014-2015 and is taking systematic measures for total elimination of drugs.

The national races in border areas earned their living through poppy cultivation from the colonial rule to 1988. Hence, drug elimination tasks have to be carried out under the guidance of the Head of State, which calls for concerted efforts of local people and international community.

The Tatmadaw Government has been able to reduce poppy sown acreage from 61,562 to 2,057 during the period of 17 years. A total of 163,753.89 acres of poppy were destroyed. Local people surrendered 100,257.57 pyis of poppy seeds out of own volition to the government that destroyed those seeds. Seized narcotic drugs were destroyed 19 times in Yangon and 32 times in states and divisions. Altogether 1,290,065 acres have been put under poppy-substitute cash crops and 140,088 acres under poppy-substitute perennial crops.

Although the US Report on Narcotic Drugs showed that opium production in Myanmar has dropped sharply thanks to concerted efforts of the government and local national races, there have emerged accusations that Myanmar failed to carry out drug elimination tasks and to adhere to the terms of international agreement on narcotic drugs control.

The government with or without assistance of international community will carry on combating to win the battle over the danger of narcotic drugs that pose a grave threat to the entire mankind.

Myanmar archery team seen at the airport before departure for XXIII SEA Games to be held in the Philippines. — NLM

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

Information Minister leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 20 Nov — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan flew to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia this morning to attend the Sixth Conference of Ministers of Information of Non-Aligned Movement Countries to be held in Kuala Lumpur on 21 to 22 November.

The Myanmar delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, departmental heads under the Ministry of Information and officials.—MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan being seen off at the airport to attend 6th Conference of Ministers of Information of NAM Countries. —MNA

Men's football event of XXIII SEA Games commences

YANGON, 20 Nov — The men's football event of the XXIII SEA Games commenced at Paglaum in the Philippines at 4 pm local time today.

Laos selected football team beat Myanmar selected team 3-2 in the group match of the Group-B.

The first and second equalizers of Myanmar team came through Soe Myat Min and Mar La.

On 22 November, Myanmar selected football team will play against Indonesian team at 6.30 pm local time.—MNA

Strength of ASEAN, outcome of APEC

- * South-East Asia
- In the way of organizing
- * Member nations
- Likened to own brothers
- * Each nation, its affairs
- Basically not to be intruded
- With mutual goodwill
- And loving-kindness brimming over
- Helping each other for greater good.
- * ASEAN's own brothers
- Do not accept whittling away
- That powerful nation
- At APEC Summit
- Worked to seeing Myanmar whittled away
- Spoke out in interference
- All others rebuffed bitterly
- And that interferer earned great shame.

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Myanmar selected archery team, women's football team leave for XXIII SEA Games

YANGON, 20 Nov — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint saw off Myanmar selected women's football team and Archery team that will participate in the XXIII SEA Games to be held in the Philippines, at Yangon International Airport this

morning.

Before their departure, the minister and the chairperson of Central Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation encouraged the athletes.

Altogether 47 managers, athletes and observer of the two teams left for the Philippines. — MNA



Venezuela says better US ties difficult under Bush

CARACAS (Venezuela), 19 Nov— Venezuela said on Friday that increasingly rocky relations with its main oil customer, the United States, face little chance of improving as long as US President George W Bush is in the White House.

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Ali Rodriguez made the remarks a day after the top US diplomat to Latin America criticized Chavez as a threat to democracy and the left-wing leader blasted Bush as an "assassin, mass murderer and a crazy man".

"We can do nothing except energetically reject this gross, cynical intrusion into Venezuela's affairs," Ali Rodriguez told reporters.

"Everything seems to indicate that with this administration normal relations will be difficult."

Chavez' verbal attack against Bush came in response to statements by US Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Thomas Shannon, who characterized the left-winger as a peril to Venezuela's democracy.

Shannon said Chavez used confrontation with neighbouring countries to drum up nationalism and domestic support.

His comments came the week Venezuela and Mexico recalled their ambassadors after Chavez

and his Mexican counterpart, Vicente Fox, sparred over US trade proposals for the region.

Diplomatic ties between Venezuela, the world's No 5 oil exporter, and the United States have deteriorated steadily since Chavez came to office nearly seven years ago with a reformist promise to fight poverty.

The left-leaning former soldier has locked horns with

US officials who say he has become an autocratic bully at home and a regional menace who uses his country's oil wealth to finance subversive groups. Chavez, a self-proclaimed socialist revolutionary who is closely allied to US foe Cuba, dismisses the charges and counters Washington wants to kill him.

He calls Bush "Mr

Danger" and often blasts US "imperialist" policies.

Ties with the United States have frayed since Chavez survived a coup in 2002 which he says Washington backed.

Over the last year Venezuela has suspended work with US drug agents and cut back military cooperation. Washington responded with sanctions.—MNA/Reuters



Police officers take part in an anti-terrorism exercise in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 18 Nov, 2005. Anti-terrorism drills have been held recently in many cities in China to increase quick-response abilities to combat terrorism threats.—INTERNET

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Rajapakse elected Sri Lanka's 5th President

COLOMBO, 19 Nov— Sri Lankan Elections Commissioner Dayananda Disسانayake announced Friday that Sri Lankan Prime Minister and the ruling party's candidate Mahinda Rajapakse won the country's 5th presidential election held on Thursday.

Disclosing the final result of the voting, Disسانayake said Rajapakse, having polled 4,887,152 votes or 50.29 per cent of the 9.82 million votes declared, led the main opposition leader, Ranil Wickremesinghe, who had polled 4,706,366 votes. The eligible ballots is 9,717,039 votes and 73.73 per cent of eligible people figured over 13.3 million cast their votes, he added.—MNA/Xinhua

UNSG welcomes opening of crossing points along LoC

ISLAMABAD, 19 Nov— UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Friday welcomed the opening of five crossing points on the Line of Control (LoC) dividing Kashmir.

He said the governments of Pakistan and India had reacted in a positive manner in the crisis and he assured UN's full support in this regard.

"The United Nations supports the ongoing dialogue process between Pakistan and India for the peaceful resolution of

their disputes including Kashmir," Annan told a news conference in Islamabad with Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshid Mehmood Kasuri after their talks.

Pakistan and India have opened LoC points after the 8 October earthquake to facilitate the exchange of relief goods and to allow Kashmiris to cross over.

The UN chief said that the United Nations had prepared a comprehensive plan for helping Pakistan in its relief and rehabilitation efforts in the affected areas and the plan would be put up in the international donors conference on Saturday.

Annan said much more was required by Pakistan for emergency relief, reconstruction and recovery in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake.—MNA/Xinhua

UN Information Summit closes in Tunis

TUNIS, 19 Nov— The second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) ended here on Friday with the adoption of two outcome documents — "Tunis Commitment" and "Tunis Agenda for the Information Society".

The three-day summit, which brought some 18,000 participants from 173 countries including 50 heads of state and government leaders, provided a chance to discuss ways of bridging digital gaps between rich and poor nations and reaffirmed commitment to extending benefits of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to all.

An agreement was reached on Internet governance as well as financing mechanisms and implementation mechanisms for the Action Plan developed by the first phase of WSIS in 2003 in Geneva.

A row over US control of the Internet was resolved in a last-minute deal ahead of the summit which left the United States in overall technical control, with an international forum being

set up to discuss Internet issues. Greece is expected to host the first meeting of the UN-sponsored Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in 2006 to discuss all Internet related public policy issues.—MNA/Xinhua

Bomb kills two US soldiers, two Iraqi policemen in Baquba

BAGHDAD, 19 Nov— A suicide car bomb detonated near a US-Iraq joint patrol north of Baghdad on Friday, killing two US soldiers and two Iraqi policemen, a police source told Xinhua.

"The joint patrol was attacked near Baquba, about 60 kilometres northeast of Baghdad. Another seven Iraqi policemen and two US soldiers were wounded," the source said.—MNA/Xinhua

US soldier killed in accident in Iraq's Bayji

BAGHDAD, 19 Nov— A US soldier was killed in vehicle accident near the Iraqi town of Bayji, some 200 kilometres north of Baghdad, the US military said on Friday.

The accident took place on Thursday south of the oil refinery in Bayji, a military statement said, adding "four other soldiers were injured in the accident and were evacuated to a medical treatment facility".—MNA/Xinhua

US military death toll rises to 2,090

WASHINGTON, 19 Nov— As of Saturday, 19 Nov, 2005, at least 2,090 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 seven higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EST Friday.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,951 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



An Iraqi policeman stands in front of the wreckage of a car bomb which exploded in central Baghdad, on 19 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

UN envoys reject Guantanamo visit

GENEVA, 19 Nov—United Nations human rights envoys rejected on Friday an invitation to visit the Guantanamo Bay prison camp because Washington did not accept their terms.

The envoys, who report on torture, arbitrary detention and other abuses for the UN, had warned that they would not go unless the United States allowed them to interview the more than 500 inmates of the camp at the US naval base in Cuba.

This was normal practice on all such visits, they said. But Washington replied that only the International Committee of the Red Cross was permitted to speak directly to detainees.

"We deeply regret that the United States Government did not accept the standard terms of reference for a credible, objective and fair assessment of the situation of the detainees," the five envoys said in a statement. "Under the circumstances, we will not be travelling to Guantanamo Bay naval station," they added.

Of the five, Washington had invited only three

— Austria's Manfred Nowak, special investigator on torture, Pakistan's Asma Jahangir, who focuses on religious freedom, and Algeria's Leila Zerrougui, who looks into arbitrary detention.

It did not accept Leandro Despouy, special investigator on the independence of judges and lawyers, and Paul Hunt, special rapporteur on mental and physical health, who were included in the envoys' request.

But the others said they would still accept the invitation, extended in October nearly four years

after first attempts to visit were made, providing Washington agreed to the interviews.

But Washington insisted that although they could question US military officials, the envoys would not be allowed to speak to any detainees.

"The ICRC has been doing it for a great many years ... so we're not inclined to add (to) the number of people that would be given that extensive access," US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said earlier this month.

MNA/Reuters

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A horse-drawn carriage drives along past the snow-covered firs after the first snow of the season in the Thuringian Forest near Oberhof, eastern Germany, on 19 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Iraq jitters fuel war of words

WASHINGTON, 19 Nov—In recent weeks a war of words in Washington has turned ugly, with Republicans and Democrats at each others' throats over Iraq.

Not only is there a fierce debate over how the US got into the conflict—there is an equally rancorous argument about how it gets out.

Both sides have become engaged in the kind of systematic campaign to discredit opponents and pro-

mote their own positions more often seen at election time.

President Bush and Vice-President Cheney have launched sharp attacks on the Democrats claiming their criticism of the war effort is irresponsible and

the offensive because of the substantial decline in public support for the war and in the president's handling of it.

"They realise it is the one issue that could return them to the majority in Congress in 2006.

"The Bush administration and Republican leaders in Congress are hitting back hard because they see the same decline and know they must reverse it."

Stephen Hess is another renowned Washington scholar who has served on the White House staffs of Presidents Eisenhower and Nixon, and advised Presidents Ford and Carter.

Thomas Mann, a leading academic and seasoned observer of Capitol Hill politics, told the BBC: "Democrats have gone on

accusing them of changing their minds on Iraq.

Pushing back against the push-back, the Democrats say the administration continues to mislead America about how it got into Iraq and what must be done to finish the mission.

The angry rhetoric is being fuelled by falling public support for the president's stay-the-course strategy in Iraq—a fact deeply worrying for the White House and an opportunity for the opposition.

Internet

Two Taiwanese drug traffickers sentenced to death in Laos

HANOI, 19 Nov — A Lao court has just imposed capital punishment on two Taiwanese men on the charge of drug trafficking, according to Laos' newspaper *Vientiane Times* on Friday.

The Vientiane Criminal Court on Thursday gave the death penalty to Woo Jaoxieng, 40, and Seun Siouyuan, 32, who were arrested last year at the Wattay International Airport in Vientiane capital, and charged with trying to smuggle heroin out of Laos.—MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers search a building in Baghdad recently. —INTERNET

Cambodia destroys more surface-to-air missiles

KOMPONG SPEU (Cambodia), 19 Nov—Cambodia destroyed two C-125M (SA-3) surface-to-air missiles on Friday aimed to prevent them from falling into the hands of terrorists.

Meas Sophea, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) and commander of the Army, presided over the destruction ceremony. Some diplomats also attended the ceremony.

Meas Sophea said the destruction was ordered by Prime Minister Hun Sen in order to prevent

them from falling into the hands of international terrorists. The 36 surface-to-air missiles were discovered recently at a military base. The Defence Ministry started destroying them at the RCAF Armour Centre in Kompong Speu Province on 25 October, and all have been destroyed by Friday.—MNA/Xinhua

Bombs kill five US soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 Nov—Five US soldiers were killed on Saturday and five others were wounded in a pair of roadside bombings in northern Iraq, the US military said.

The soldiers were assigned to the 101st Airborne Division and were on patrol near Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad, the statement said.

Three of the wounded were transported to a US military hospital, and the two others were treated and returned to duty, the statement added.

At least 2,090 members of the US military have died since the war began in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count.

Internet

Vietnam intensifies child abuse prevention

HANOI, 19 Nov—Vietnam on Friday launched the National Child Abuse Prevention

Campaign 2005 to raise public awareness on protecting children from physical and emotional abuse. The campaign, in response to the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse (19 November), includes organization of drawing contests for children, and production of films, leaflets and posters on the issue, said Phung Ngoc Hung, vice-director of the Vietnam Commission for Population, Family and Children (CPFC), at a Press briefing on Friday.

The campaign, lasting until 30 December, also comprises of existing services provided by provincial CPFC offices across the country, like free counselling hot lines.

Vietnam will perfect its legal system on child protection, making greater contribution to the improvement of their lives, Hung said.

Recent studies conducted in the country's capital Hanoi, northern Lao Cai Province, central Quang Tri Province and southern An Giang Province by CPFC, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Plan (an international, child-centred development organization with no religious, political or governmental affiliations) showed that physical punishment was still a method of educating local children, and that emotional and verbal abuse of children still existed.—MNA/Xinhua

Chinese President meets Hong Kong SAR chief executive

BUSAN (South Korea), 19 Nov— Chinese President Hu Jintao met here on Friday with Donald Tsang Yam-kuen, chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting.

During a breakfast, Tsang briefed President Hu on Hong Kong's latest social and economic developments as well as the opinions from Hong Kong's various circles on the HKSAR government's constitutional development plan.

The Chinese President said the central government will continue to give full support to the HKSAR chief executive and the HKSAR government's governance according to law.

Hu said the chief executive's achievements in putting forward the administrative concept of "strong governance for the people", uniting various circles and promoting social harmony and development, are well recognized.

Hu said Hong Kong's economy continues to maintain the momentum of

strong growth while local residents and international investors have growing confidence in the prospects of Hong Kong's economic development.

Hu called on the Hong Kong community to grasp the opportunity to quicken the pace of development and promote the social common consensus of harmonic development.

"It is the central government's consistent

policy to support the HKSAR in its efforts to develop its democratic system which suits its own practice by means of following the law and advancing step by step," said the Chinese President.

The Chinese President and the HKSAR chief executive are in South Korea's southeastern port city of Busan for the annual APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting. —MNA/Xinhua

Iran defends nuke programme

WASHINGTON, 19 Nov—Iran on Friday took the highly unusual step of running a costly full-page ad in the *New York Times* defending its nuclear activities and accusing the United States and European allies of creating an "unnecessary crisis".

As US and other key officials met in London to discuss efforts to force Teheran to abandon what they believe is a weapons-related programme, Iran in its advertisement issued a detailed rebuttal of all

charges and said it resumed uranium conversion this week because Britain, France and Germany, under US pressure, violated a 2004 agreement.

But Iran also held out the possibility of resolving the dispute, saying "a diplomatic and negotiated framework is the desired approach for a successful outcome and Iran is ready to consider all constructive and effective proposals".

Central to Teheran's argument is the assertion that

Mukherjee invites RAC "MiG" to present 5th generation planes concept

Moscow, 19 Nov—India's Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee has invited Russian Aircraft Corporation (RAC) MiG to present its concept of fifth generation fighter aircraft before the top brass of Indian Air Force even as New Delhi has expressed its desire to join the Russian project.

"MiG had presented its concept of fifth generation fighter aircraft when I visited them yesterday (Wednesday). I invited them to make a presentation in India for the IAF officers," Mukherjee told reporters before leaving for home Thursday night at the end of his three-day Moscow visit.

In the course of his Press conference at the Russian Defence Ministry Thursday, Mukherjee had for the first time publicly acknowledged that India is keen to take part

in the development and financing of the fifth generation fighter aircraft with Russia, which would rival the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) being developed by the United States.

Russia had for the first time made this offer to NDA government three years ago after successful completion of *Sukhoi Su-30MKI* project, which already incorporates some features of the futuristic super fighter plane.

Local defence experts have noted that China, a major buyer of Russian military hardware has not been offered stake in the project. France is the only other foreign nation, which has also been invited

besides India.

Russian Air Force had identified Sukhoi Corporation as the designer of the fifth generation fighter aircraft, which has already made presentation in India.

However, India seems to be in favour of a lighter aircraft, in which RAC MiG specializes.

On the last day of his Moscow visit, the Defence Minister addressed the cadets and staff of the Russian General Staff Academy and visited NPOM, the Russian partner of Indo-Russian "BrahMos" joint venture for the manufacture of supersonic cruise missiles. —MNA/PTI

First Portuguese soldier killed in Afghanistan

LISBON, 19 Nov — A Portuguese soldier was killed and three others were wounded when their military vehicle hit a landmine in Afghanistan on Friday, Defence Minister Luis Amado said.

The Iberian nation's first military death in Afghanistan happened during a regular patrol in the Afghan capital Kabul, authorities said.

"The accident happened as a result of a mine," Amado said during a televised news conference.

One of the wounded soldiers was in serious condition while the other two suffered only light injuries. Portugal has about 200 soldiers in Afghanistan. It is in charge of security at Kabul airport as part of a NATO force. —MNA/Reuters

One killed, ten injured in explosion in Istanbul

ANKARA, 19 Nov — One person was killed and nine others injured in an explosion near an overpass in Beylikduzu District in Istanbul, the largest city of

Turkey, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Friday.

The report said that a bomb placed in a trash can caused the explosion near Tatilya Entertainment Centre in Beylikduzu District.

Ten people were injured in the explosion, and one injured person later died in hospital, the report said, adding the blast was under investigation.

A string of bombing attacks seem to have been targeting Turkey's tourist destinations in recent months, which might be carried out by Kurdish, leftist and Islamic militant groups.

On 4 August, six people were slightly injured in two explosions in the southern province of Antalya, a popular tourist resort on southern Mediterranean coast. —MNA/Xinhua



A male deer grazes during the rutting season in Richmond Park in south-west London, on 18 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

UN says int'l probe needed in Iraq jails

GENEVA, 19 Nov — United Nations human rights chief Louise Arbour on Friday called for an international probe into conditions in Iraqi jails after accusations of serious abuse of detainees at a secret Interior Ministry detention centre.

The Iraqi Government has already announced an inquiry into the discovery of 173 malnourished and in some cases badly beaten men and teenagers, some of whom showed signs of having been tortured.

But given the high level of international concern and the importance of reassuring Iraqis, an internal investigation might not be enough, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights said in a statement.

"In the light of the apparently systemic nature and magnitude of the problem, and the importance of public confidence in any inquiry, I urge the authorities to consider calling for an international inquiry," Arbour said.

"An international element would help the authorities address the problems in the system of detention in an impartial and objective way," she added.

Her call echoed that of Sunni Arab politicians who have demanded an international investigation into allegations that Shiite militias linked to Iraq's Interior Ministry were behind the torture and abuse of prisoners.

MNA/Reuters



A group of civilians talk to an Iraqi policeman (C) as they view the wreckage of a suicide car bomb in Baghdad on 19 Nov, 2005. Police said 11 civilians and three policemen were injured when a suicide car bomber exploded his vehicle on Baghdad's busy Sadoon Street Saturday afternoon. —INTERNET

Instead of inventing falsehood and imposing economic sanctions to keep minions

Kyaw Myint Naing

According to modern political science, in the world nothing can hinder the process — productive relation makes progress in accord with that of productive forces.

Democracy represents human rights and productive relations. In accordance with productive forces that develop based on increased production of the market-oriented economic system, human rights represent improvement in essence of democracy — freedom, equality, and justice.

For example, the peoples in developed countries where market economy flourishes enjoy economic democracy — more attractive salaries, social welfare, life insurance and pensions than those in developing and under-developed countries. Besides, with economic development, community peace and tranquillity and national solidarity, they also enjoy political democracy — freedom of press, speech, meeting, and organizing.

So, there is a saying that goes “Freedom is interrelated with wealth”. Today, in the drive for Myanmar democracy transition are two policies that are against each other.

The first policy is practised by rightist opportunists who stick to the conception that democracy can be introduced only with the downfall of the dictatorship. And they regard the Tatmadaw government as the dictatorial one and are resorting to all possible ways as democracy movements with the intention of overthrowing the Tatmadaw government and helping NLD come into power.

Meanwhile, the Tatmadaw government introduced the market-oriented economic system in the nation, held the election, and is convening the National Convention for the framing of a State constitution so as to translate the election results into reality and implementing the State’s seven-point Road Map. On the other hand, destructive elements are making attempts to help hand over the State power to NLD without a State constitution calling on international community and UN Security Council to put pressure on the nation, and to enable NLD to seize State power through international economic sanctions and pressure on the nation to make the nation and the people get into economic crisis and to incite public anti-government sentiment that will lead to the downfall of the Tatmadaw government. They are supporting and participating in all anti-government campaigns, within or without the frame of law, as democracy movements.

The utopian rightist opportunists are claiming that democracy can be introduced by just toppling the Tatmadaw government and directly copying the democracy system of developed countries without fulfilling any material requirements essential for transition to democracy, and priority is to be given to the nation’s political changes (handing over State power to NLD) in order to achieve economic development.

What is opposed to the policy of rightist opportunists is pragmatic policy of democracy transition. That is in conformity with the conception that development of productive forces go together with that of human society. Democracy of equality and justice indicates productive relations that makes progress in line with the development of productive forces.

It is necessary to develop productive forces if

democracy is to develop. And it is therefore essential to strive first for the progress of market economy to realize the goal.

In fact, community peace and stability and national solidarity plays the most crucial role in the drive to ensure the flourishing of the market-oriented economic system. The armed opposition against the ruling government, and economic sanctions can harm peace and stability, national unity, and proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system and hinder the process of productive forces. Such acts are barriers to democracy transition, so a peaceful policy is to be practised to achieve the goal.

It means to cooperate with the government in the national development tasks whatever form or type of the government it is, while building mutual trust, settling disagreements, and avoiding armed struggle line, economic sanctions and pressure that cause hindrance to the productive forces. It is indeed a general principle.

Today, the Tatmadaw government has been taking steps for proper evolution of the market economy in the nation and implementing the State’s seven-point Road Map for transforming the nation into a democratic one. This being the case, all the groups are to join hands with the Tatmadaw government in a bid to ensure proper evolution of the market economy, national economic development and democracy transition.

If they agree to the democracy transition, they will have to announce that they renounce their unlawful methods (armed opposition and violence and organizing movements from abroad to oust the Tatmadaw government). And internal and external anti-government groups will have to release an announcement dropping the demands for handing over of the State power without a State constitution through economic sanctions and political pressure as well as all the movements to seize State power through incitement to create economic crisis and mass demonstrations. To collaborate with the Tatmadaw government is the peaceful policy to transform the nation into a democratic one without adversities and injuries.

However, in the Myanmar democracy movements, internal and external elements have refused to practise the peaceful policy that can have no adverse effects to the nation and the people and themselves, but instead given priority to their party to take hold of absolute State power. At the same time, the West bloc led by the US government has refused to recognize the Tatmadaw government’s endeavours to ensure democracy transition, and economic and political development with the aim to dislodge the Tatmadaw government from playing the national political leadership role. They are doing so because Myanmar government can never become their minion if the Tatmadaw plays the national political leadership role. Moreover, they have considered the Tatmadaw government’s nation-building tasks as the act for long existence of the dictator junta. They are also flagrantly voicing their support for all the anti-government acts, billing them as democracy movements.

Furthermore, western broadcasting stations have launched media attacks with slanderous news stories to mislead the international community and the Myanmar people into opposing the Tatmadaw government. The nation was reduced to ashes and the entire

national people were in dire poverty due to falling under the subjugation of British colonialists for 123 years and suffering from the evil consequences of World War II and Fascism for three years. Even though the nation regained independence in 1948, she had been unable to carry out reconstruction tasks effectively because of multi-coloured armed insurgents. Since 1988 when the Tatmadaw took over State duties, it has practised the market-oriented economic system and multi-party system. There have still been requirements for the development of the nation and the people as the government has to reconstruct the nation braving a broad range of economic sanctions imposed and disturbances created by the elements at home and abroad. They are exaggerating as though these undesirable situations of the nation happened due to the military dictatorship.

Among the exaggerations and falsehood is that the president Bush’s 13-9-2005 report to the US congress said that Myanmar failed to adhere to the agreements on anti-narcotics drive.

It is because the narcotic drug problem is just an evil legacy the British colonialists had intentionally left in the nation but not at the instigation of the Tatmadaw government. To make the matter worse, Chinese Kuomintang troops that intruded into Myanmar territory to oppose Communist China contributed towards poppy cultivation to take a foothold.

Successive previous governments could not take effective measures for elimination of poppy till 1962. Since 1962 when the Revolutionary Council Government took up state responsibilities, the strength of multi-coloured insurgents had been on the wane, thus putting greater efforts into the fight against narcotic drugs. After its assumption of State duties in 1988, the Tatmadaw government has been able to make peace with 17 national race armed groups and to step up tasks for eradication of narcotic drugs. Now, Myanmar is implementing the plan for elimination of narcotic drug production by 2015.

Throughout the period of more than 180 years from colonial days to 1988, the national races in border areas had to rely on poppy cultivation as their major source of income. So, pressure alone is impossible to get rid of poppy cultivation and there still needs to spur them to grow poppy-substitute crops. The Tatmadaw government has to make heavy investment in the nation-building tasks with the small amount of income of such a developing nation. And at the same time, it also has to place emphasis on elimination of poppy cultivation and development of border areas.

However, in 17 years the Tatmadaw government has been able to drastically reduce poppy sown acreage to 2,057 from 61,562, destroy 163,753.89 acres, and receive 100,257.57 small baskets of poppy seeds from local farmers for destruction. So far, it has held 19 ceremonies to destroy seized narcotic drugs in Yangon, and 32 ceremonies in states and divisions, and put 1,290,065 acres under annual crops and 140,088 acres under perennial crops as poppy-substitute crops.

Thanks to the cooperation of the Tatmadaw government and local national races, poppy cultivation was on the decrease annually. Although the UNODC and the US anti-narcotics group recognized the drastic decrease in poppy cultivation, the US government and State Department not only have failed to recognize the significant reduction of poppy cultivation but also have constantly accused the government of being the world’s second largest poppy cultivator and of failing to take part in the anti-narcotics drive enthusiastically.

All of their attempts are focused on brushing the Tatmadaw aside the national political leadership role, downfall of the Tatmadaw government and helping NLD come to power as they will not be able to get the future Myanmar government under their domination if the Tatmadaw takes part in the national political leadership role.

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Health sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of health in the time of the Tatmadaw Government

Emerging medical universities, training schools and courses

In implementing national health plans to uplift the health standard of the entire nation, emphasis is being placed on creating the health system which is in conformity with changing political, economic and social systems.

The role of health staff in various medical specialties is important in providing health care services to the public. Therefore, skilled doctors, nurses and health staff are being nurtured with the aim of developing human resources in the health sector.

Health staff nurtured in the country have been providing health care services to all national people in



The main building of University of Traditional Medicine in Mandalay.

Development of medical institutes and training schools

Sr.	Subject	1988	2005
1.	Institute of Medicine	3	4
2.	Institute of Nursing	-	2
3.	Institute of Pharmacy	-	2
4.	Institute of Paramedical Sciences	-	2
5.	University of Community Health	-	1
6.	Traditional Medicine University	-	1
7.	Institute of Dental Medicine	1	2
8.	Nurses Training School	6	23

Remarks: There are one Traditional Medicine Institute, 16 midwifery training schools and four nurses related training schools.

accord with the objective of the health plan—to raise the health standard of the people, and to provide health care services to all national people.

Thanks to the successful implementation of health plans, Myanmar's health sector has improved year after year. To provide better health care services to the public on a wide scale People's Hospital Upgrading Projects (2001-2006) has been implemented in three phases.

New hospitals have been built and the old ones upgraded and some specialist hospitals have served as teaching hospitals. New medical universities have emerged in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

In medical universities, 29 courses for Masters in Medical Science, 23 diploma courses for staff doctors, two diploma courses for outsiders and three diploma courses for graduates are conducted. Moreover, 30 subjects in post-doctorate courses and seven subjects in doctorate courses have been lectured since 1997.

The table shows emerging medical universities and training schools and growing number of health experts in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Extended post-graduate medical courses at home

Sr.	Subject	2005	1988
1.	Dr MedSc Course for personnel doctor	-	30
2.	PhD Course for personnel doctor	-	7
3.	MMedSc course for personnel doctor	-	29
4.	Diploma course for personnel doctor and dentist	-	23
5.	Diploma course for general practitioners and dentists	-	2
6.	Diploma course for any graduate	-	3



The nurses training school in Kengtung, Shan State (East)

Prime Minister General Soe Win pays homage to the Buddha Image at the Lawkananda Pagoda in Swittway.—MNA



Unity and cooperation of departments and local people contribute to development in economic...

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He added that he is proud of development status of the township. As departmental personnel and local people are undertaking the tasks on self reliant basis in security, economic and social sectors harmoniously, and although the town is located at the border area, it should not be regarded as an insignificant one.

The Prime Minister presented exercise books and pencils for the education department of Buthidaung to Township Education Officer U Aung Kyaw Tun.

They flew to

Taungpyo-Letwe of Maungtaw Township by helicopter. They were welcomed by departmental personnel and local national people.

At the office of Taungpyo-Letwe Town General Administration Department, they met with departmental personnel and townselders. Town Administrator U Kyaw Soe reported on matters related to the town, development tasks, requirements of installation of telephone lines, construction of TV re-transmission Station, staff quarters for health personnel, and requirements of equipment

for the operation theatre at the hospital.

The Prime Minister attended to the needs and presented TV and VCD sets to the town administrator. Similarly, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave exercise books, pencils and refreshments to administrator U Kyaw Soe.

At Taungpyo-Letwe Hospital (16-bed), they fulfilled the requirements of the operation theatre. After inspecting the border bridge, they met with officials of Border Area Immigration Inspection Control Headquarters in Taungpyo-Letwe.

In Maungtaw, they were welcomed by Tactical Operations Commander Col Thein Aye

and officials. They oversaw No 1 Exit/Entrance Bridge Gate of Border Area Immigration Inspection Control Headquarters. Assistant Director U Thaung Naing of Border

Maung Myint gave supplementary reports. Next, the Prime Minister and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions. Afterwards, they paid homage to Myoma

sance to the Buddha images kept at in the monastery. Then the members of the Sangha were offered alms. The Prime Minister and party visited Maungtaw People's Hos-



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects No 1 Broder Gate Bridge in Maungtaw township. — MNA

The Prime Minister stressed the need for ensuring speedy flow of commodity, development of border trade, cultivation of onions and the importance of national unity.

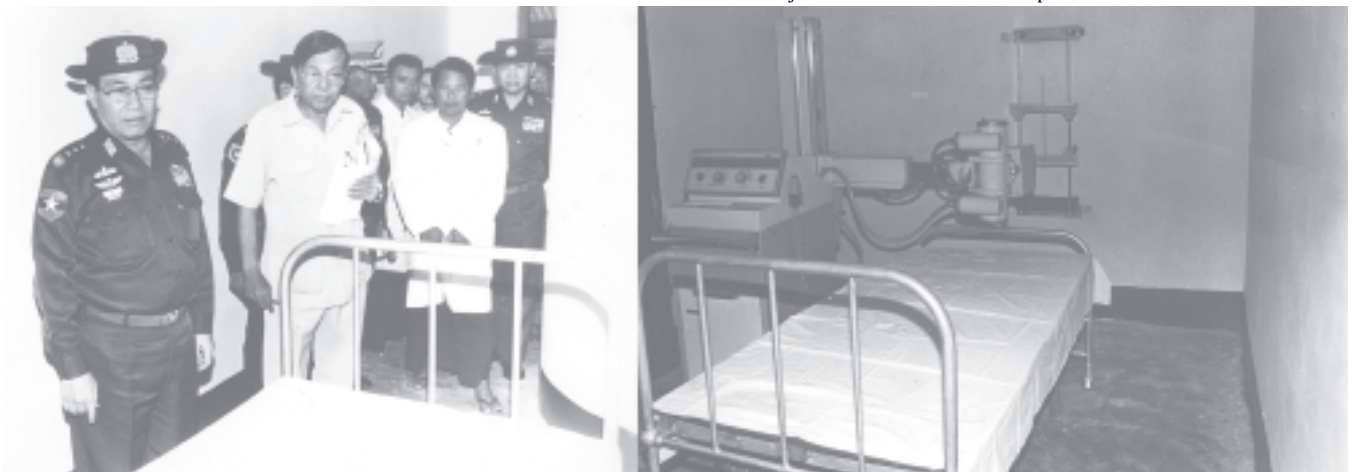
Trade Department briefed them on export and import tasks and collection of tax.

Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Commander Maj-Gen Khin

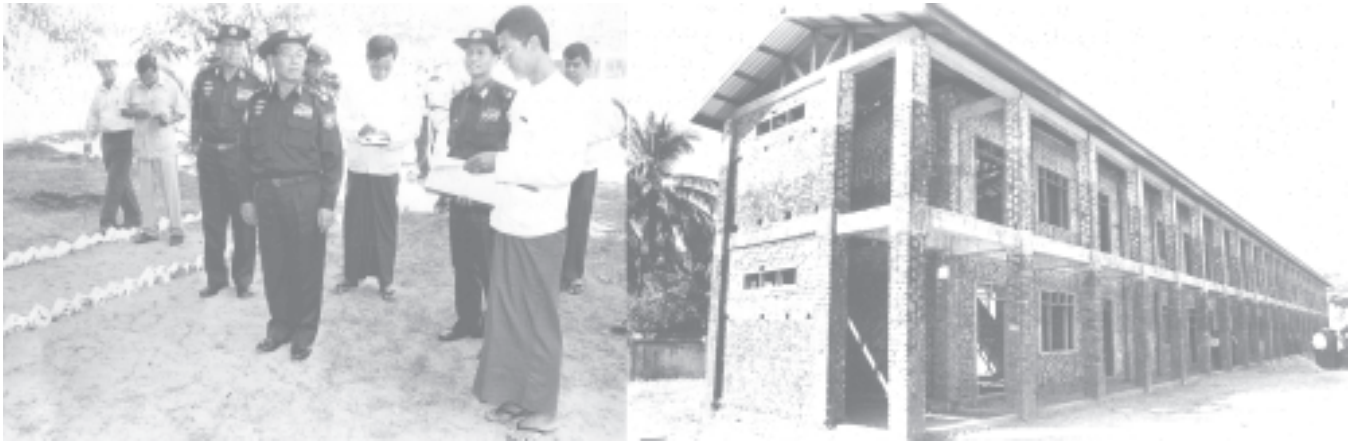
Pariyatti Sarhintaik Sayadaw Maha Ganthavasaka Pandita Bhaddanta Ketu and members of the Sangha. They also offered flowers and water and paid obei-

pital (16-bed) and Maungtaw basic education high school and inspected construction of two-storey school building.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects the X-ray room at Buthidaung Hospital (25-bed). —MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects progress in construction of two-storey school building at Maungtaw BEHS.— MNA

Unity and cooperation ...

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At 3 pm, the Prime Minister met departmental staff, members of social organizations and townspeople at Thirimingalar hall of the township. Maungtaw District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Yan Myo Aung reported on economy, social, health and education affairs; and Maungtaw Township PDC Chairman Capt Ni Aung and officials on measures being

taken for regional development. The Prime Minister stressed the need for ensuring speedy flow of commodity, development of border trade, cultivation of onions and the importance of national unity. After presenting exercise books and pencils for the schools in the township to the township education officer, the Prime Minister cordially greeted those present. On arrival at

Yathedaung, the Prime Minister inspected the construction of May Yu Hall. An official reported on progress in construction. The Prime Minister and party then inspected construction of a two-storey building at Yathedaung BEHS. The Prime Minister next encouraged Ma Phyu Phyu Thein who won six distinctions in 2004-2005 matriculation and urged the teachers to train students to become educated as the emergence of edu-

cated citizens is very important for building a modern developed nation. The Prime Minister visited the 25-bed hospital and left necessary instructions there. The Prime Minister met departmental staff, members of social organizations and townspeople at the township General Administration Department. The township PDC chairman and a senior engineer of Public Works reported on area and population of

the township, agricultural tasks, breeding of sea prawn and regional development work and arrangements being made for construction of Ponnagyun road. After fulfilling the needs, the Prime Minister donated exercise books for the schools in the township. Then he cordially greeted those present. The Prime Minister and party helicoptered to Sittway. In the evening they visited the Lawkananda Pagoda and

offered flowers and water to the Buddha images. Next the Prime Minister made cash donations and signed the visitors' book. He then paid homage to Cakya Muni Buddha Image. CEC members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein met with members of USDA from state, districts and townships at Rakhine State USDA office in Swittway. MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win oversees construction of two-storey building at BEHS in Yathedaung.— MNA

Instead of inventing faleshood...

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In reality, in the political problem of democracy transition, the nation has lacked national capitalist leaders due to the fact that the nation fell under alien subjugation, suffered evil consequences of WW II and fascism, and leftist opportunist socialists regarding national capitalist class as enemies, combatting capitalism and trying to introduce socialism. These historical evidences have borne witness to the fact that democracy movements could not make any progress without Tatmadaw's participation in the national political leadership sector. In addition, it has been also proved by the AFPPL government that came to power in 1948 and could maintain their rule just for 14 years. So, the Western nations should review their outlook on Myanmar democracy transition and the Tatmadaw government by taking lessons from historic evidences that as world nations joined hands in the Marshall Plan with the enemy countries that practised Nazism and Fascism, these evil policies are now no more and those nations have become democracy friendly nations, and due to harmonious combination of military administration and the market-oriented economic systems in Thailand and the Republic of Korea, they have become democracy nations that have been dealing with world nations as friendly nations in the economic and military matters.

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Forestry Minister leaves for PRC

YANGON, 20 Nov — At the invitation of the minister for Forestry of the People's Republic of China, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung left here by air for the PRC this afternoon to hold discussions with officials of the Ministry of Forestry of the PRC till 25 November. He was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan

Mu and departmental officials. The minister was accompanied by

Director-General U Than Swe of Planning and Statistics Department and

Managing Director U Win Htun of Myanma Timber Enterprise. MNA



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung being seen off at the airport. FORESTRY

Victorious sports teams representing...

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team, chess team, badminton team, men's judo team and body builder and physical culture team.

Daw Khin Thet Htay, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Sports Association, accepted cham-

pionship shields presented by women's basketball team, women's table tennis team, women's weightlifting team, women's badminton team and women's judo team.

The commander made a speech.

A dinner was hosted to the sports teams in their honour by the commander and wife.

Yangon Division have won 21 championship shields in the Inter-State/Division sports competitions. —MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw cordially converse with tourists at Putao Airport. (News on page 16)—MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presents foodstuff, newspapers and cash assistance for departmental personnel in Metmang through Town Administrator U Maung Tha Mya.—MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects...

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methods and fertilizers, sufficiency of rice in the region, cultivation of other crops suitable for the region, establishment of cottage industries, nurturing local children to be educated ones who will serve their own region as well the country and cooperation with the local people

for successful implementation of seven-point Road Map.

The new Metmang Township with a population of 33,096 is 1,168.23 miles wide and comprises two wards, 28 village tracts and 203 villages.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented commodities and newspapers to officials. Lt-

Gen Kyaw Win and party visited the town and the people's hospital and met students and teachers at basic education high school. They presented cash assistance to the students. They also inspected terrace cultivation, land preparation for cold season crops and development of Mongyang.—MNA

13th anniversary conference of Myanmar Oil Dealers Association held

YANGON, 20 Nov — Myanmar Oil Dealers Association held the 13th anniversary conference at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this afternoon, attended by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang.

Meeting Chairman U Thein Han, Minister U Aung Thuang and Patron of ODA U Win Myint made speeches and the first session went into recess.

In the second session, the report of executive committee and financial statement of



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang speaking at 13th anniversary conference of Myanmar Oil Dealers Association.—INDUSTRY-1

2004 were read out and the new executives were elected.

Next, the meeting

ended with the concluding remarks by the meeting chairman.

MNA

Transport Minister arrives back from LPDR

YANGON, 20 Nov — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe arrived here back from Lao People's Democratic Republic yesterday evening after attending the 11th ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting held in Vientiane, LPDR from 17 to 18 November 2005.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn

Myint, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than and departmental heads.

Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Director-General U Hla Thuang Myint of Road Transport Administration Department, Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung of Public Works, Deputy Director Daw Aye Aye Kyi of the Attorney-General's Office and Deputy Director

U Kyaw Myo of Department of Civil Aviation who accompanied Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe to LPDR also arrived back.—MNA

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe being welcomed back at the airport after attending 11th ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting in LPDR.

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Indonesian university leader to be quizzed over weapons

JAKARTA, 20 Nov — Indonesian police investigators are planning to question again Muhammad Attamimi, the rector of Ambon State Islamic Institute (STAIN), for his role in the alleged storage of weapons and explosives within the institute's com-

pound, reports said Saturday.

Attamimi was earlier questioned in his capacity as a witness in the case, reported *The Jakarta Post* newspaper.

While in an earlier questioning session police focused on finding out why the weapons and

explosives were stored in the institute compound, in the second session to be held soon, the rector would face interrogation over his alleged links with several terror groups that have been waging terror in the province in the past few years.

MNA/Xinhua



Dr Toe Hla: Winner of National Literary Award in GK (Arts) Genre



Dr Toe Hla

Dr Toe Hla who won the National Literary Award in the general knowledge (arts) genre was born of father U Aung Thu and mother Daw Mu in Thabyaybin Village in Yezagyo Township, Pakokku District, in 1943. He started his student life at Sayadaw U Rajinda of West Thabyaybin Monastery in 1948. He passed the matriculation examination from No 2 Basic Education High School of Pakokku in 1959, and joined Mandalay University.

He organized the publication of the wall magazine of Pakokku Township Association of the University. He got a BA degree in 1963. He

News and photo by Ko Ko Soe Nyunt

discharged the duties of tutor at History Department of Myitkyina College. Since the tutor life, he has been composing songs. In 1970, he got a masters degree. And, he became Assistant Lecturer at Mandalay Arts and Science University in 1972. After that, he was transferred to Yangon Institute of Education in 1977. Next, he was sent to the University of Illinois in northern United States of America in 1983 to pursue education for the doctorate course. While studying the doctorate course in 1986, he was promoted as Lecturer. In 1987, he was conferred Doctor of Philosophy-PhD.

In 1988, he continued his career of faculty member as Lecturer at Yangon University, and he was transferred to Mandalay University in 1989. At Magway Degree College in 1992, he became Associate Professor. He served the

duties at Monywa Degree College in 1994 and Mandalay University in 1995. Afterwards, he was appointed as Deputy Director-General of Universities' Historical Research Department in 2002. At present, he is discharging the duties as member of Myanmar History Commission. From 1969 to date, he has compiled a lot of papers and written 10 books on various topics.

Translation: TTA

Dr Ma Tin Win wins National Literary Award for third time



Dr Ma Tin Win

"I'm so happy that I won the National Literary Award for the book titled 'Minkha Yaukkyā' (Royal Servant) in belles-letters genre," said Dr Ma

News and photo by Ko Ko Soe Nyunt

Tin Win (Institute of Education), who has won the award for the third time. Her book titled 'Konbaung-go-sanyway' won the award in 2001, and she was awarded again for the book titled 'Colonialists Who Gradually Annexed Asian countries' in 2003. She said the books titled 'Child's Physical Development (from infant to aged 10)' and 'Famous People Who Have a Lot of Friends and Enemies' are expected to be awarded

next year. Other books titled 'Sitmemyeinmyatmasein-themyay' and Bobwa-ahmway-zatimayay are nearing publication. 'Famous People Who Have a Lot of Friends and Enemies' depicts the life of Alexanders, Julius Caesar, Napoleon, Peter The Great and Asoka. Dr Ma Tin Win said she would continue her works that serve the interests of the State.

Translation: ST

Winners in Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Contest announced

YANGON, 20 Nov — Winners of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Contest organized by Printing and Publishing Enterprise was announced today.

In the novel genre, Nay Soe Thaw won the first prize, Annawa Nay Min Thaik the second and

Chit Nyunt Kyaw the third. Nay Myo Thant stood second and Thein Zaw (Shweli Oo) third in the collected short stories genre. Myaypyant Win Thway secured the first prize in the collected poems genre, Zeyar Phone Myint the second and Shwebo Tin Aung the third.

The first prize went to Aung Nyein Chan (Mann Tekkatho) in the general knowledge (arts) genre, the second to Reporter Thaug Nyunt (Pyapon) and the third to Kyaikhtaw Khin Moe Aye (BA). Dr Myint Than (Nyaunglebin) swept the first prize in the general knowledge (science and applied science) genre, U Maung Chit (Yadanabon) the second and Win Lwin (Letpadan) the third.

In the belles-letters genre, Zin Min (Thameinhtaw) got the second prize and Dr

Myint Hlaing the second. U Shwe Tun grabbed the first prize in the Myanmar culture and fine arts literature genre together with second prize winner Htan Hlaing and third prize winner Hmat Kyauk. In the child literature genre, the first prize winner was Myat Myo Myint, the second prize winner Dr Myint Than (Nyaunglebin), and the third prize winner Myaylat Maung Myint Thu.

Nanda Khin (Thakkalamyay) won the first prize in the youth literature genre, Than Aung (Anyamyay) the second and Yebaw Mya Thein (Hopong) the third. Zin Min (Thameinhtaw) possessed the third prize in the drama genre. In the translation genre, Mra Hnin Si secured the first prize. No entry were accepted for the political literature genre among the 12 genres of the contest.

Winners are to contact the Chief Editor of Sarpay Beikman, 529-531, Merchant Street, Tel: 252560, the Deputy Chief Editor, Tel: 240048, and the Head of Branch (Admin) (In-charge), Tel: 381449, on 8 December.

The prize presentation ceremony will be held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street at 1 pm on 11 December. The rehearsal prize presentation will be held at 1 pm on 9 December at the National Theatre.

The entries that did not win the prizes may be taken out from the Sarpay Beikman within six months. Those wishing to take part in the contest may submit the entries, not later than 31 December 2005. The winners in the 16th National Motto, Short Story, Article and Poem Contests are to contact the departments concerned.—MNA

Castro launches do-or-die anti-corruption drive

HAVANA, 20 Nov — President Fidel Castro has mobilized an army of young Cubans on a crusade to stamp out rampant theft hobbling Cuba's state-run economy and shore up its Communist society.

"In this battle against vice, nobody will be spared," Castro warned on Thursday night in a speech to Havana University students. "Either we defeat all these deviations and make our revolution strong, or we die," the 79-year-old leader said.

Castro railed against Cuba's "new rich" spawned by reforms that allowed limited private enterprise a decade ago after the demise of the Soviet Union plunged the island of 11 million into deep economic crisis.

He vowed to eliminate differences that emerged in Cuba's officially egalitarian society between those who have access to hard currency — mainly cash remittances from relatives in Miami — and those who do not and struggle to make ends meet.

Current targets of his wrath are owners of small restaurants allowed to seat no more than 12 people,

private taxis who drive gas-guzzling vintage 1950s American cars, and gas pump attendants accused of pocketing millions of dollars.

A month ago, young social workers wearing black T-shirts took over Havana's gas stations after a pep talk from Castro. They sent employees home and began working the pumps. In his five-hour speech, Castro said authorities found half the cash from gas sales was being stolen.

He said 28,000 young social workers were involved in the anti-theft drive, with another 10,000 ready to join up.

"I'm not theorizing. We are acting. We are marching toward a total renewal of our society," he said. "The work of these young people will put an end to a lot of vices, pilfering and sources of dishonest money for the new rich," he said.

Castro said hard cur-

rency stores could be targeted next in the drive to stop stolen goods and also subsidized medicines being sold on the black market. He indicated that Cuba might revalue its currency again, a step taken in April that reduced the purchasing power of Cubans who receive cash from relatives in the United States. —MNA/Reuters

IAEA report demands Iran do more to clarify nuclear plans

VIENNA, 20 Nov — Chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Mohamed ElBaradei presented a report on Friday, saying the Iranian government has improved its cooperation with the IAEA on its nuclear issue but still needs to do more to clarify its nuclear plans.

The report, presented to the 35 members of the IAEA governing board in Vienna, said Iran is still denying access to sensitive sites and information of its nuclear plans, officials close to the UN watchdog said.

"Iran's full transparency is indispensable and overdue," the report said.

The IAEA has been given nuclear documents that Iran got from people linked to the black market set up by Abdul Kadir Khan, the father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb, it said.

The report urged Iran to provide more information and documentation related to the procurement of dual use equipment and allow visits to locations linked

to sites such as Lavizan, which was closed before IAEA inspectors could go there.

The United States accuses Iran of developing nuclear weapons secretly, a charge rejected by Teheran as politically motivated.

The European Union has rejected a Russian proposal for talks with Iran in Moscow due to Teheran's resumption of uranium conversion in its Isfahan plant.

The governing board of the IAEA is to meet on 24 November in Vienna for renewed discussions of Iran's nuclear policies, including whether the case should be brought before the UN Security Council.

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ITEM No	COMMODITIES	DIMENSION	QUANTITY
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	Mild Steel Plate (6 mm)	4×8	10 Sheets
2.	Flexible Steel Wire Rope (Steel Core)	Ø 16 (mm)	500 m
		Ø 18 (mm)	500 m
		Ø 24 (mm)	400 m
	Nylon Rope	Ø 26 (mm)	1163 m

Firm Quotation are invited to the foreign companies for the supply of stores enumerated so as to reach the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, No.400, Lower Pazundaung Road, Yangon, Myanmar: on or before 12, December, 2005. Payment for the supply of the stores will be in U.S. Dollars. (For Tender form and further detail information please contact Deputy Director, Procurement Division during office hours.)
 Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems.
 Fax : 95-290230, E-mail: dwsir@myanmar.com.mm, info.dwsir@mot.gov.mm
 Tel: 291533.



Chinese health workers disinfect vehicles against bird flu in a poultry market in Qionghai, south China's Hainan Province on 19 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Small-sum loans help Chinese women shake off poverty

XI'AN, 19 Nov— Small loan grants have proven to be effective in helping Chinese women shake off poverty, whose number fell from 250 million in 1978 to 26.1 million in 2004, said sources with a national meeting on advancing women's poverty eradication.

Women's federations in 28 Chinese provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities have launched the small-sum loan services to help more women start up money-making ventures and become prosperous, the source said.

By August this year, Chifeng Women's Federation amassed funds totalling 6.34 million yuan (782,716 US dollars) from banks, international organizations and foreign governments.

A total of 42,300 women in Chifeng City have been granted small loans totalling 39.75 million yuan (4.9 million US dollars), of which 99.97 per cent have been paid back upon maturity.

MNA/Xinhua

East China's Anhui Province, for instance, has granted small loans totalling 2.51 billion yuan (about 310 million US dollars) to 2.6 million women in the province in the past decade who have earned 1.16 billion yuan (143 million US dollars) in economic benefits.

The women's federation in Chifeng, a city in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, has made active efforts to attract overseas funds as the source of



A Kashmiri crosses over to the Pakistan side of Kashmir, escorted by a porter, on a footbridge on the Line of Control in Teethwal, some 205 kilometres (128 miles) north of Srinagar, India, on 19 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

China prepares to mass-produce bird flu vaccine for humans

BEIJING, 19 Nov— The Beijing-based vaccine producer Sinovac Biotech, the first in the world to develop SARS vaccine, said Friday it has made preparations to produce human-use bird flu vaccine in mass quantity.

Sinovac has installed a special production line for the human-use bird flu vaccine, said Yin Weidong, general manager of the company, which is working with the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention to research bird flu human vaccine.

"We have applied for human clinical trials for the vaccine with the Chinese State Food and Drug Administration and the vaccine can be put into production once the

clinical trials complete," said Yin, adding the price of the vaccine could be lower than the commonly-used flu vaccines.

Chinese scientists have

developed a bird flu vaccine for human use and will carry out clinical tests in days. "Tests show that the vaccine is highly safe," said Yin. —MNA/Xinhua

Industrialized nations must cut emissions

BANGKOK, 19 Nov— Thailand will try to convince industrialized countries to side with developing nations in combating global warming at the forthcoming 11th meeting of the parties to the Kyoto Protocol, Natural Resources and Environment Minister Yongyuth Tiyapairat has said.

After meeting with climate change experts to draft Thailand's position at the conference on 28 November - 9 December in Montreal, Canada,

Yongyuth said Thailand is severely affected by global warming although it emits only small volumes of greenhouse gases. "This is because developed coun-

India sends another quake relief consignment to Pakistan

NEW DELHI, 19 Nov— India on Thursday dispatched the third relief train to Pakistan carrying 600 tons of relief material, including tents, sleeping bags, blankets and medicines.

Junior Minister for External Affairs E. Ahamed will be going to Pakistan on Friday to represent India at the international conference being held by Pakistan to request funding for the long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction of quake

affected victims.

India has pledged 25 million US dollars to Pakistan at the International Donors Conference in Geneva on 26 October.

The 27-wagon consignment includes medical equipment, including injections such as Pethidine for pain and X-ray machines.

With this consignment, the total amount of aid sent by India will go up to 1300 tons. Earlier, relief goods

weighing about 300 tons were sent in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, which was followed by a consignment of 400 tons.

Apart from official support by the Indian Government, several private organizations have sent relief material to Pakistan.

The Pakistan High Commission here has also been permitted to source supplies of relief material from India. —MNA/PTI

Alcohol sales to be restricted in certain venues in Thailand

BANGKOK, 19 Nov— All stores across Thailand will be banned from selling alcohol at midnight from 1 January next year, the Excise Department has said.

A tough law, which will take affect on 1 January, 2006, has been launched by the Financial Ministry to reduce the sales time to

only 10 hours a day and ban the liquor sales in certain venues, Excise Department Director Uthit Thammawathin was quoted by Bangkok Post newspaper as saying on Friday.

Under the law, alcohol for personal consumption can be only sold in the periods of 11 am-2 pm and 5 p.m.-midnight with no application to wholesale transactions, he said. Liquor sale will also be banned at specified places including mini-marts at 10,000 gas stations nationwide, stores in school campuses and places of religious worship.

According to the Excise Department, up to 585,200 outlets allowed to sell alcohol will see their licences expired at the end of this year.

MNA/Xinhua

IFFI includes more foreign films in competition section

NEW DELHI, 19 Nov— The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) this year aims at going truly global, taking entries from African and Latin American countries in its competition section that was earlier restricted to

Asian cinema only.

The ten-day film fest in Goa, opening with the Brazilian film "Olga" directed by Jayme Monjardim on 24 November, will also have as a "mid-fest gala" the world premiere of Prakash Jha's Hindi film "Apharan" that stars Ajay Devgan and Bipasha Basu. In all, 16 films from 13 countries, including the Indian entries — recently released Bollywood movie "Iqbal", directed by Nagesh Kukunoor, and Kamal's Malayalam film "Perumazhakkalam", are there in the competition section. — MNA/PTI

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China starts 22nd scientific expedition toward Antarctic

SHANGHAI, 19 Nov— One hundred and fifteen Chinese scientists left the Shanghai Minsheng Port for the South Pole by a ship named *Snow Dragon* at 10:25 am Friday, starting China's 22nd Antarctic scientific expedition.

Dr Yang Huigen, vice director of China Polar Region Research Centre, said the team will make research on the data collected at China's Changcheng and Zhongshan stations and tour the hinterland of the ice cap during their 130-day expedition.

The expedition projects include monitoring the environment in Antarctic, inspecting the geology in the iceless zones, making an international joint testing of GPS and doing other researches on the glaciers and biology in the region.

The team will also launch China's fourth inspection of the world famous Grove Mountain in one month time, said Yang, who was appointed chief scientist of the team.

Situated inside the Princess Elizabeth Land, Grove Mountain is located about 460 kilometres from China's Zhongshan Station.

The 3200-square-kilometres area is composed of more than 60 islands and mountains which are not covered by ice and snow, and it is regarded one of the most spectacular areas in the South Pole.

Researchers will collect and study the aerolites and carry out climate and geological researches in the Grove Mountain area. During the past three explorations, Chinese scientists collected 4,480 aerolites in the Grove Mountain, ranking world third after Japan and the United States.

Yang said they will also do some researches and

investigation in the area for the establishment of China's third scientific station in Antarctic.

The team is composed of 144 members in total and is headed by Wei Wenliang, secretary of the Chinese Communist Party for State Oceanic Administration's polar region inspection office.

MNA/Xinhua



Motocross freestyle driver Justin Hoyer of the US practices on a snowmobile in Moscow's Red Square on 18 Nov, 2005. A motocross event with snowmobiles staged in Red Square will take place this weekend.—INTERNET

China debuts "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"

BEIJING, 19 Nov— "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," the fourth installment of a hugely successful series of films, made its much publicized and greatly anticipated debut in China.

In Shanghai, Arnold Schwarzenegger, the California governor and former Hollywood star accompanied more than 300 "Harry" at the premier screening at the Shanghai Museum's cinema.

"I just want to say 'thank you very much for this great, great time we have had in Shanghai' and we are really looking forward to seeing this movie tonight," Schwarzenegger said at the ceremony prior to the screening.

Although the world premiere was slated for Friday, Beijing and Shanghai arranged for premier screenings on Thursday evening.

Dozens of Harry Potter

fans dresses as their favourite characters from the movie waited outside the Stellar International Cineplex in Beijing.

"I've been waiting for this film for half a year!" said Wang Yifan, a student of the Beijing Agricultural College.

She said she has read all the six volumes of Harry Potter and keeps informed of comings and going of the young wizard on English websites. Following the plot of

Rowling's novel, the series takes a darker turn with Goblet of Fire as Harry is tormented by his evil nemesis Lord Voldemort and enters a dangerous multi-wizardry competition.—MNA/Xinhua



The world's largest passenger cruise liner 'Queen Mary 2' passes by a light house as it leaves the port of Hamburg, northern Germany, on early Saturday, 19 Nov, 2005 on the River Elbe. The passenger ship with a length of 345 metres and a width of 41 metres stayed in the dockyard at 'Blohm und Voss' for eleven days for maintenance and repairs.—INTERNET

Canada, India sign science, technology cooperation agreement

OTTAWA, 19 Nov— Canada and India signed a joint science and technology agreement on Friday that will strengthen collaborative research and development activities between the two countries.

The agreement was inked in Toronto on Friday by Canada's International Trade Minister Jim Peterson and India's Minister of State for Science

and Technology and Ocean Development, Kapil Sibal.

This agreement will support the development of science and technology partnerships and collaborative research among business, academic and government researchers and innovators in various sectors, including biotechnology and nanotechnology, renewable energy and earth sciences, and infor-

mation communications technology.

It will also facilitate joint research and development activities that will help Canadian companies to commercialize their innovations by providing access to international technologies and by promoting Canada as a destination for foreign technology-based investments.

MNA/Xinhua

China, European Space Agency sign agreement on space cooperation

BEIJING, 19 Nov— The Chinese Government and the European Space Agency signed cooperation agreement here Friday on space cooperation for peaceful purposes.

Chinese State Councillor Chen Zhili met Jean-Jacques Dordain, director-general of the European Space Agency (ESA), and attended the signing ceremony.

Chen said space cooperation between China and the ESA is of great significance, and the two sides have carried out quite a number of cooperation programmes for peaceful purposes.

"The signing of the Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the European Space Agency

Concerning Space Cooperation for Peaceful Purposes would raise the bilateral space cooperation to a new level," Chen noted.

For 30 years, the ESA has worked for promoting space cooperation for peaceful purposes between European countries.

The agreement would provide effective cooperation mechanism for China and the ESA to expand space cooperation, sources with the China National Space Administration said.

MNA/Xinhua

Contestants ready for Thailand's Tsunami Memorial Design Competition

BANGKOK, 19 Nov— A total of 679 contestants from 49 countries registered for the Tsunami Memorial Design Competition, which Thailand had launched to gather conceptual designs for building on interactive memorial in south Thailand to commemorate the devastated tsunami in December 2004.

Plodprasob Suraswadi, Vice Minister for Natural Resources and Environment and Chairman of the Sub-Committee for Tsunami Memorial Project, said that the memorial will be built at Khao Lak-Lamru National Park in Phangnga Province, which was most seriously hit by tsunami in Thailand last year.

"At the closure of the registration process 15 on November, the organizing committee has received 679 registrants from 49 countries," Plodprasob said during a news conference here on Friday.—MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Manchester United's Ruud Van Nistelrooy, left, challenges Charlton Athletic's Chris Powell for the ball during their English Premier League soccer match at The Valley, east London, on Saturday, 19 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

China, UNEP sign MoU on environmental protection for '08 Olympics

BEIJING, 19 Nov — Beijing Olympic organizers and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) signed a memorandum of understanding here on Friday to promote environmental protection in staging the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Under the agreement, the UNEP will provide the Beijing Organizing Committee for the 2008 Olympics (BOCOG) with data and technical resources on environmental issues.

Klaus Toepfer, execu-

tive director of the UNEP, said that the memorandum of understanding is aimed at helping Beijing with its proposals in areas ranging from air, water and noise pollution up to transport, landscaping and the dis-

posal of solid wastes.

"Big sports events always run the risk of burdens on the environment," said Toepfer at the signing ceremony.

"Let's all join hands and work for a safe and wonderful environment," he added.

Green Olympics, High-tech Olympics and People's Olympics are the three concepts that Beijing uses to promote the 2008 Games. In line with the Green Olympics concept, the Chinese capital has been making great efforts to improve its environment.—MNA/Xinhua

Souness warns of Chelsea backlash

LONDON, 19 Nov — Newcastle United manager Graeme Souness has warned his players that Chelsea would recover from the previous loss in the English Premier League to become a "dangerous animal".

Chelsea are still leading the Premier League table despite their 1-0 loss to Manchester United following a Champions League defeat by Real Betis.

"Chelsea lost the last game they played and for me when this happens to any team it makes them a dangerous animal," Souness told reporters on Friday.

"We are playing against a team that is successful and used to winning, a team that has had a bit of criticism of late and all those things make them dangerous," added the manager, whose side will visit Chelsea on Saturday. Newcastle will be without skipper Alan Shearer following a hernia operation, leaving striker Michael Owen to spearhead the Newcastle attack.—MNA/Xinhua

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Weah to meet Nigeria's Obasanjo over presidential run-off

LAGOS, 19 Nov — Football great George Weah, one of the two candidates in the Liberian presidential run-off, is to meet with President Olusegun Obasanjo this weekend in Nigeria over the election, the official News Agency of Nigeria reported Friday.

Weah's visit was "part of efforts to resolve disputes" over the poll on November 8 which pits him against former finance minister Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, said Mohammed Ibn Chambas, executive secretary of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

Weah undoubtedly has lost but he had alleged that the second round was

marred by fraud. Hearings into his claims opened Wednesday but his lawyers failed to deliver related witnesses or documents.

Chambas explained that Weah, who was expected in Nigeria's capital Abuja Thursday to meet with Obasanjo, also chairman of the African Union, could not keep the appointment because he was attending the hearings.—MNA/Xinhua

Henry double helps Arsenal to victory at Wigan

LONDON, 20 Nov — Wigan Athletic's six-game winning streak in the Premier League came to an end on Saturday with a 3-2 defeat by Arsenal in a rip-roaring clash at the JJB Stadium.

Wigan's record home crowd were treated to a pulsating first half in which a classy Arsenal raced into a 2-0 lead after 21 minutes with goals from Robin Van Persie and Thierry Henry.

Henri Camara gave second-placed Wigan a lifeline after 28 minutes only for Henry to restore Arsenal's two-goal cushion with a delicious free kick past Wigan goalkeeper John Filan.

Wigan, who have enjoyed a superb start to their first season in the top flight, hit back again on the stroke of halftime when Jimmy Bullard turned Sol Campbell to shoot past Jens Lehmann.

Arsenal, who were without an away win in the league, survived an anxious opening spell before taking the lead after 10 minutes when Van Persie's fierce left-foot shot found a way past Filan.

When the majestic Henry slotted in a perfect

pass from Cesc Fabregas 11 minutes later, Wigan looked to be heading for a heavy defeat.

However, Camara's close-range diving header restored Wigan's belief and even Henry's textbook

second goal failed to dampen their spirits.

Bullard left Campbell sitting on his backside before picking his spot to set up an intriguing second half.

MNA/Reuters



Wigan Athletic's Leighton Baines, left, battles for the ball with Arsenal's Francesc Fabregas, right, during their English Premiership League soccer match at the JJB Stadium, Wigan, England, on 19 Nov, 2005. Arsenal won the match 3-2.—INTERNET

Cadiz to promote El Salvador in kit sponsorship deal

MADRID, 19 Nov — Cadiz will promote El Salvador on their strip for the rest of the season under a sponsorship deal with the central American state's tourist board.

"We are the first country in the world sponsoring a football team that plays in the best league in the world," El Salvador's Minister for Tourism, Jose Ruben Rochi, told Spanish sports daily AS on Friday.

The deal, reported to be worth around 150,000 euros (175,300 US dollars), will see the words "Visit El Salvador" printed on Cadiz's shorts.

Cadiz, 12th in the Primera Liga, have had a special link with El Salvador since the 1980s when they signed one of the country's most famous footballers, Jorge "Magico" Gonzalez.

The talented forward, who played in the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain, had two spells with Cadiz where his talent and notoriously bohemian lifestyle guaranteed him cult status.

"This deal has come about because of Gonzalez," Rochi said. "He is the country's most important sportsman of all time and although he retired a few years ago, he remains immensely popular." —MNA/Reuters

Wenger believes Arsenal can manage without leading left-backs

LONDON 19 Nov — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has insisted the Gunners could do well despite the absence of leading left-backs Ashley Cole and Gael Clichy.

Both defenders have suffered broken left feet and will be replaced by either Kolo Toure or Pascal Cygan in the coming game against Wigan on Saturday.

"It is a big blow but I've never complained when players are out," Wenger said Friday. "I've always believed that the players who are available can do it, and I believe we can cope with this. We've done it in the past and we will do it again."

Wenger remained confident even though Arsenal have lost three previous league games after international duty. This time, we could prepare quite well so we won't have any problems. The players came back early in the week, apart from Jose Antonio Reyes and Philippe Senderos, who were with Spain and Switzerland.

"It's the first time we have prepared in normal conditions for an away game since the start of the season, with a decent squad available apart from the left-back position." —MNA/Xinhua

Sri Lanka's new President takes oath

COLOMBO, 20 Nov — Sri Lanka's new President Mahinda Rajapakse pledged to revive peace talks with the Tamil Tigers and consult all parties to end the ethnic separatist conflict after being sworn in as the country's 5th president on Saturday.

Rajapakse took his oath as the 5th elected president of the island country at 1:20 pm (0720 GMT) Saturday before Chief Justice Sarath N de Silva at the Presidential Secretary.

Addressing the nation after being sworn in, the new President pledged to revive peace talks with the Tamil Tigers and achieve national consensus for a "honourable peace" to end the ethnic separatist conflict. Rajapakse said at the sworn-in ceremony that he would venture into peace talks with the LTTE when the Tigers say they would be ready to return to the negotiating table.

"I will start talks with the LTTE and consult all political parties to achieve peace," Rajapakse said, adding that he will continue getting international assistance for the peace

efforts. The new government's policy would be to maintain the ongoing cease-fire, the new President stressed.

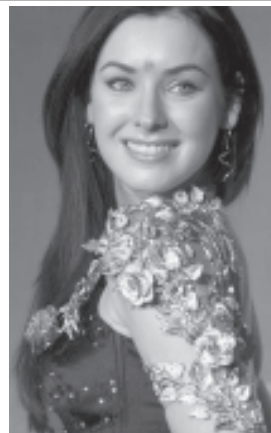
The new government's action to revive the peace talks will come under focus as Rajapakse was supported in the election campaign by two extremist Sinhala majority parties who are bitterly opposed to a negotiated settlement to the ethnic separatist armed conflict.

In addition to the ethical conflict, economy is another priority for the new President, which includes how to lower cost of living, better the living conditions and create

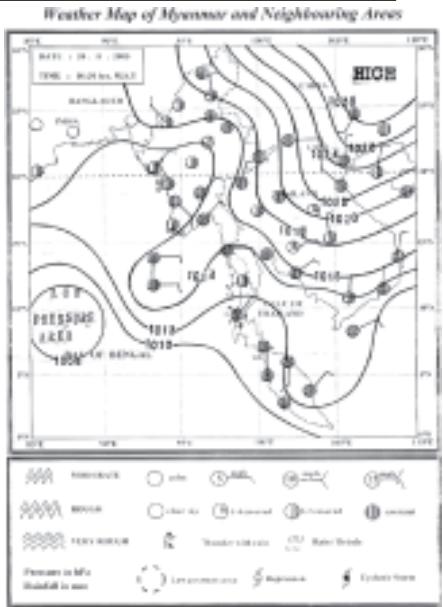
jobs. Rajapakse vowed to build up a "national economy" by attributing the positive attributes of free market economy with domestic aspirations in order to ensure a

modern and balanced approach, by which domestic enterprises can be supported while foreign investments are encouraged.

MNA/Xinhua



Miss Universe Natalie Glebova wears a thousand diamond-studded 10 kilogramme gold armband, inspired by the ancient thought 'vein of love from the ring finger to the heart' at an event in Mumbai, India, on 18 Nov, 2005. Glebova is in India to promote AIDS awareness. The armband is priced at USD\$1 million.—INTERNET



WEATHER

Sunday, 20 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Eastern Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, Magway, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (8°C) and Mindat (9°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Hinthada (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 19-11-2005 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 20-11-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 20-11-2005 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 19-11-2005 was (8.1) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 20-11-2005 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 (10) mph from North at (12:30) hours MST on 19-11-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Southeast Bay and adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal still persists. It is likely to intensify further into a Depression within next (24) hours. Weather is cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 21-11-2005: Isolated light rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of rain or thundershowers in southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-11-2005: Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-11-2005:** Generally fair weather.

Earthquake Report (Issued at 21:00 hours MST Today)
An earthquake of strong intensity (6.5) Richter Scale with its epicentre outside Myanmar about (1000) miles South of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory, (246) miles South-South East of Banda Aceh, off-shore of Northern Sumatra, Indonesia) was recorded at (21) hrs (43) min (41) sec MST on 19 November 2005.

Special Weather News (Issued at 11:30 hours MST 20-11-2005)

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Monday, 21 November Tune in today

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -Bop Bop Baby Westlife
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Let's dance - Five
- 8.50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:(Dance)³ S club 7
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:15 am Music:
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
- 1:40 pm Listen to the radio - Don Williams - Crying in the rain - Tracy Huang
- 9:00pm Spotlight on the star "Pan flute"
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Drug Elimination
- 9:35 pm Local Gems Golden Land's Melody - For you I'll - You light up my life
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

TV Myanmar

Monday, 21 November View on today

7:00 am

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- 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. Song of national races

- 8:00 am
- 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 pm
- 8. Cute little dancers
- 8:15 am
- 9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
- 10. ရန်ကင်းတိုင်း မဟာရာဇာလောင်းတစ်
- 8:30 am
- 11. International news
- 8:45 am
- 12. Grammar Made Esay
- 4:00 am
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. Demonstration Exercises for Correct Pronunciation
- 4:45 pm
- 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
- 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (သိပ္ပံအထူးပြုအားလုံး) (ခါတုစော)
- 5:15 pm
- 6. Dance variety
- 5:25 pm
- 7. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:30 pm
- 8. Song and dance of national races
- 5:35 pm
- 9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာတေး
- 5:45 pm
- 10. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:55 am
- 11. Industrial achievement
- 6:05 pm
- 12. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 6:10 pm
- 13. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုပ်နှစ်ဆရာကြီး ကြွက်ဆိတ်အလေး" (အပိုင်း-၄၀)
- 6:30 pm
- 14. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
- 15. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်လှေကားတစ်စင်းများ" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 7:35 pm
- 17. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:40 pm
- 18. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm
- 19. News
- 20. International news.
- 21. Weather report.
- 22. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူလက်ဆောင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 23. The next day's programme

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects development of Metmang

YANGON, 20 Nov —Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Brig-Gen Win Aung of Mongphyat Station and officials inspected integrated agriculture and livestock breeding farm of Triangle Region Command on 18 November.

Lt-Col Aye Lin of the command reported on cultivation of paddy, rubber and mango and breeding of cattle and fish, reclamation of land. Commander Maj-Gen



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets departmental personnel, social organization members and local people in Metmang.— MNA



Min Aung Hlaing also reported on arrangements for agriculture and livestock breeding. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win then gave instructions.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected

breeding of neo-brown poultry and domestic fowls and rubber plantations. They went by helicopter to Metmang, a new hill station at the 5,200 feet above sea level.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people. Officials concerned reported on administrative, economic and social affairs and

strength of service personnel.

In his discussions, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said on behalf of the Head of State he came to the region to fulfill the requirements. Considerable develop-

ments in every sector have been made. He called on officials to make concerted efforts for development.

He spoke at length on use of modern cultivation (See page 10)

Victorious sports teams representing Yangon Division honoured

YANGON, 20 Nov — A ceremony to honour athletes of Yangon Division

pionship shields handed by men's table tennis team, Myanmar Thaing team,

men's weightlifting team, U-18 men's basketball (See page 10)



Victorious chess team hand over championship shield to Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe.— MNA

who won prizes in Inter-State/Division sports competitions for 2005 organized by the Ministry of Sports took place at Yangon Command Headquarters yesterday evening, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay.

Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted cham-

Commander inspects construction of Putao-Phonkanrazi earth road

YANGON, 20 Nov — Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and party inspected construction of Putao-Phonkanrazi earth road on 17 November.

At the Khakaborazi guest house, Chairman of Putao District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Soe, Deputy General Manager U Ye Myint of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and officials reported on construction of the road.

The commander and the minister gave instructions on construction of Putao-Upper Hsangoung-Wasadan-Ziyadan and

snow-capped Mount Phonkanrazi road.

The commander and the minister and party posed for documentary photos together with tourists who would visit the snow-capped mountain and those who had visited there.

They inspected the site, the earth road between Nankhamti Bridge and Marmule Village, Mansay suspension bridge, Upper Hsangoung, removal of boulders and progress of work. The commander and the minister and local people in Upper Hsangoung Village ex-

changed gifts. Secretary of Putao Township USDA U Phonrimin accepted 300 membership applications.

The commander and the minister formally opened Hsangoung Pataik Creek small hydel power station.

They went to Manpan Village and presented gifts to local people. They also observed health care services provided to the villagers at Dagushizar Village.

Next, Secretary of Kachin State USDA U Rawanjon accepted 1,106 membership applications.—MNA

Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspect progress in construction of Putao-Upper Hsangoung-Wasadan-Ziyadan-Phonkanrazi earth road in Kachin State.— MNA

