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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation wherever he lives to cultivate and possess strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to uphold and safeguard.



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

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence inspects Monglwe Bridge across Nantmalwe Creek on Mongyan-Mongkat Road.—MNA

Departmental personnel to actively cooperate in regional development work

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets Tatmadawmen, service personnel, social organizations in Mongyan township

YANGON, 21 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, met military officers and other ranks and their families of Mongyan Station at Yang Myo Aung Hall in Mongyan township on 18 November afternoon. He gave instructions on undertaking of agricul-

tural and livestock breeding tasks on a manageable scale and carrying out of regional development work in cooperation with national local people.

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Military-Attache of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to Myanmar Brig-Gen Helal Uddin Ahmed welcomes Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence and wife at the reception to mark the 34th Armed Forces Day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on 21-11-2005.



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The aim and acts of the first person travelling from West to East were based on conceit and anger and to make threats against peoples and nations, to put pressure, and to take one-sided action. So, wherever he went, he faced protest demonstrations.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for development of normal trade at border

Prime Minister General Soe Win, accompanied by responsible officials, visited Buthidaung, Taungpyo-Letwe, Maungtaw and Yathedaung in Rakhine State on 19 November, inspecting development and construction work for the education and health sectors there and fulfilling the requirements.

In his meeting with members of district and township peace and development councils, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders, the Prime Minister urged smooth flow of goods for regional development, boosting normal trade from border trade and cultivation of a variety of new marketable crops including onion for self-sufficiency.

Development of a region or a district or a township depends on measures taken by the government, efforts of departmental personnel and conscientious cooperation of local people. The government, on its part, is fulfilling all the requirements for the education, health and economic sectors in each and every region and therefore the people, on their part, are required to actively and enthusiastically lend themselves to development endeavours of their respective regions.

The government is striving for harmonious development of all the regions across the Union and for higher living standard of the entire national people. For this end in view, it is giving special priority to development of transport infrastructure, building Union highways and river-crossing bridges all over the nation. In the regions like Rakhine State and Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions where people had to rely mostly on water transport, highways and bridges have now emerged. As a result, people can travel from one place to another easily and smoothly in a short time and their socio-economic status has become higher.

Rakhine State having favourable soil and climatic conditions for agriculture, pepper, rubber and onion are being cultivated there. Efforts are being made to grow rubber on 30,000 acres during a three-year period starting from 2005-2006. In addition, sea prawn breeding and offshore and coastal fishing are being done with added momentum in Rakhine State.

As Maungtaw District is a border area, border trade develops there. Steps should be taken also for boosting of normal trade from border trade.

We would like to call on departmental personnel and local people to extend cultivation of a variety of new crops and strive for boosting normal trade at the border by making the most of assistance rendered by the government.

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People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Basic Myanma Culture Course opened



Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Thet Htay speaks at the opening ceremony of Basic Myanma Culture Course. — MNA

YANGON, 21 Nov — The opening ceremony of Basic Myanma Culture Course, organized by Yangon East District Women Affairs Organization and Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Association, took place at the Dhamma Beikman of Kyaikkasan Pagoda in Thingangyun Township this afternoon.

Patron of Yangon Division WAO, chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Khin Thet

Htay explained matters on dissemination of Myanma cultural customs into the public to be carried out by members of WAO and MCWA. Secretary of Yangon East District MCWSC Dr Mu Mu Nyo and Dr Thein Lwin of Mingala Byuha Association clarified facts about the course as well. Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay accepted K 800,070 donated by the wellwishers. Altogether 241 trainees are attending the course till 25 November.—MNA

Ngamoeyeik project to supply 45 million more gallons of water to Yangon

YANGON, 21 Nov — Plans are under way to provide 135 million gallons of clean water daily for Yangonites, said Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin during his meeting with officials of city water supply project (Ngamoeyeik) today.

The mayor met with officials after inspecting the project near Arhtayu village in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.

Through its feeder canal in Hlegu Township, the project will provide 45 million more gallons to increase the daily water supply volume to 135 million gallons. Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, who is also

the chairman of Yangon City Development Committee, observed the completed sectors and work under way at the waterworks of the project.

Now the completed sector of the waterworks has started supplying water to the city, he said at the meeting.

Together with officials, the mayor inspected the work process and facilities to provide clean water to Yangon. He urged officials to strive with goodwill for soonest completion of the remaining sectors of the project, and sought means to facilitate the work. — MNA

Seminar on TV broadcasting systems through Digital Technology held

YANGON, 21 Nov — Organized by Myanmar Global Technology Co Ltd, seminar on TV broadcasting systems through Digital Technology was held by Rohde & Schwarz (R&S) Co of Germany at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this morning.

First, Manager Mr Hartmut Schafer of Rohde & Schwarz (R&S) extended greetings.

Seminar on TV broadcasting systems through Digital Technology and FM technology then took

place and Manager Mr Hartmut Schafer replied to queries raised by those present.

Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television, Director Lt-Col Win Shein of the Prime Minister's office, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, officials of City FM, Managing Director U Shein Thu Aung of Global Technology Co Ltd and others were present at the seminar. The seminar continues tomorrow at the same venue.—MNA



Mr Hartmut Schafer speaks at the seminar on TV broadcasting systems through Digital Technology.—MNA

Hu Jintao's four-nation tour achieves fruitful results

BUSAN (South Korea), 20 Nov — Chinese President Hu Jintao's four-nation tour and participation in the 13th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting have achieved "fruitful results," Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said here on Saturday.

During the 12-day tour beginning on 8 November, which took him to Britain, Germany, Spain and South Korea, President Hu took part in more than 70 events, said Li, who accompanied the Chinese President throughout the tour.

The Foreign Minister said China and the four countries have broadened consensus and promoted mutual trust, thus strengthening their relations.

President Hu and leaders of the four countries exchanged in-depth views on furthering bilateral relations under the current international situation and reached broader consensus, he said.

China and Britain agreed to enhance political dialogues and cooperate in bilateral and international affairs, so as to bring their all-around strategic partnership to a new high, Li added.

He said German leaders expressed the willingness to actively boost cooperation between Germany and China and

enrich their partnership, which has a responsibility for the world.

Sino-Spanish ties have entered a new stage as the two sides issued a joint communique — the first of its kind since they established diplomatic relations — which announced the establish-

ment of an all-around strategic partnership, Li said.

Leaders of the three major European Union (EU) countries also reiterated that they will consolidate and advance the all-around strategic partnership between Europe and China, he said.

The Foreign Minister said China and South Korea stressed that they will continue to deepen exchanges and cooperation in various fields, thus promoting the development of the all-around partnership of cooperation between the two close neighbours.

MNA/Xinhua

Murtha firm: 'We're not winning' Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov — Rep John Murtha, D-Pa, said on Sunday the Bush administration needs to face up to the mistakes it made on Iraq.

On NBC's "Meet the Press," Murtha said, "There's no question we're going in the wrong direction, and we're not winning."

The president "should be furious at the people" who gave him bad intelligence, Murtha said, add-

ing that someone should have been fired over it.

The decorated Vietnam veteran has come under sharp criticism from supporters of the war after his call last week for a withdrawal of US forces from Iraq.

On Sunday, President

Bush sought to tone down the rhetoric, calling Murtha "a good man."

Bush said he disagrees with his position on the war, but says he knows Murtha reached his decision "in a careful and thoughtful way."

Internet

British soldier killed, four injured in Iraq bombing

BASRA, 20 Nov — One British soldier was killed and four wounded by a roadside bomb in Iraq's southern city of Basra, the British military said.

"We can confirm there was one fatality and four injured," British army spokesman Major Steve Melbourne said on Sunday.

The blast hit an armoured four-wheel drive vehicle in the northern district of Maakal, sending it crashing into a wall, according to pictures taken at the scene.

In London, the Minis-

try of Defence confirmed the incident and said: "It is under investigation."

A total of 98 British soldiers have been killed in Iraq, including 65 in hostile action, since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to an AFP toll.

The last British soldier killed in Iraq died just a month ago in a similar roadside bomb attack.

The British government in October said it had evidence linking Iran and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militia to "improvised ex-

plosive devices" smuggled into Iraq that had cost the lives of eight British soldiers in the last few months. Tehran has strenuously rejected the charges.—Internet

"Gamma" douses Central America

EL PROGRESO (Honduras), 20 Nov — Tropical Storm Gamma doused Central America with heavy rain on Saturday, killing three people and cutting off part of the Honduran coast, as the 24th cyclone of the busiest

A man carries his belongings through a flooded street near La Lima, northern Honduras on 19 Nov, 2005. Tropical Storm Gamma doused Central America with heavy rain on Saturday, killing three people and cutting off part of the Honduran coast, as the 24th cyclone of the busiest Atlantic hurricane season on record inched toward Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. —INTERNET

Atlantic hurricane season on record inched toward Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

Gamma was expected to curve to the northeast as it neared the Yucatan, which is still recovering from a battering by Hurricane Wilma three weeks ago, and move over western Cuba before taking aim on southern Florida, where Wilma also wreaked havoc.

Rainfall linked to Gamma killed at least three people in Honduras and 13 were missing on Saturday, officials said.

Honduran officials said more than 5,000 people were evacuated along the Atlantic coast and authorities estimated more than 50,000 were cut off as bridges were damaged or destroyed, leaving several cities and towns isolated. Engineers were

working to erect temporary bridges in heavy rainfall.

Several people disappeared when a rescue boat overturned in raging river waters.

By 10 am EST (1500 GMT), Gamma was located about 160 miles east-southeast of Belize City in Belize and 255 miles south-southeast of Tulum, Mexico, near Cancun, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

Maximum sustained winds were 45 mph and the system was moving toward the north-northwest at 5 mph.

Rain was falling in Mexico's Caribbean beach resort of Cancun, which is still struggling to recover from Wilma's beating.

Honduran Officials urged communities cut off by the storm to ration food and water until help arrived. — MNA/Reuters

US soldier killed in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 Nov — A US soldier was killed and two others wounded in a vehicle accident, while patrolling an area in the northwestern Iraqi town of Tal Afar, the US military said on Friday.

"One soldier was killed and two soldiers were injured in a vehicular accident while performing a combat logistical patrol north of Tall Afar at about 8:25 am (0525 GMT) 17 November," the military said in a statement.

The name of the soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, it added.

The death toll has brought to more than 2,080 the number of US military personnel who have died in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media tally. MNA/Xinhua



A torn scarf hangs from a tree after a suicide bomber attacked a funeral on Saturday in the town of Abu Sayda, 65 kms (40 miles) north of Baghdad on 20 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

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Car bomb hit US military convoy northeast of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 20 Nov — A car bomb on Friday struck a US military convoy near an Iraqi town some 40 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, wounding three Iraqi civilians, an Interior Ministry source said.

"A car bomb parking on a road near the town of Kanaan in Deyala Province, wounding three civilians," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

It was not clear whether there were any US casualties, as the US troops cordoned off the area preventing police and people from approaching the scene, the source said.

MNA/Xinhua



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APEC leaders endorse initiative against spread of bird flu

BUSAN (South Korea), 20 Nov— Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders on Saturday agreed to take urgent actions to prevent the spread of the bird flu.

"We endorsed the APEC Initiative on Preparing for and Mitigating an Influenza Pandemic, which commits our economies to effective surveillance, transparency and openness, and close domestic, regional and international coordination and collaboration," said a statement adopted by the 21 APEC leaders.

The leaders also committed to multi-sectoral preparedness planning, timely data and sample sharing, science-based decision-making regarding trade and travel, and early implementation consistent to the revised International Health Regulations, according to the statement.

Moreover, the leaders agreed on collective, practical measures, such as strengthening cooperation and technical assistance among APEC economies to limit avian influenza at its source and prevent human outbreaks; developing a list of available and funded regional experts and capabilities for responding rapidly to pandemic influenza in its early stages.

They agreed on test-

ing pandemic preparedness, beginning with a desk-top simulation exercise in early 2006 to test regional responses and communication networks.

The leaders agreed to "enhancing public and business outreach and risk communication; and exchanging information on border screening procedures and controls to increase transparency and to reduce risk to trade and travellers", the statement said.

The leaders also extended their support effort of the World Health Organization (WHO), Food and Agriculture Organization and OIE (world organization for animal health), and the International Partnership on Avian and Pandemic Influenza.

The two-day APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting was concluded on Saturday on the South Korean second largest city of Busan.

MNA/Xinhua



Pakistani earthquake survivors wait their turn to get foodstuff at a camp in Balakot, Pakistan, on 20 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Strong quake jolts Indonesia, no damage reported

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov— A magnitude 6.5 earthquake hit Simeulue, Indonesia on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said, but officials said there were no reports of a tsunami or other damage or injuries.

"A strong earthquake occurred at (9:10 am EST, 1410 GMT) on Saturday, 19 November," the USGS said on its website.

"The magnitude 6.5 event has been located in Simeulue, Indonesia," an island off Sumatra about 900 miles northwest of Jakarta.

An official at Jakarta's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said the quake measured 6.2 magnitude and was centred in the ocean near Simeulue.

Asked if it could generate a tsunami, he said: "I don't think so. It's already been more than one hour and there have been no reports of a tsunami."

He said, however, the quake was felt by residents on mainland Sumatra Island to the west.

USGS geophysicist John Bellini said no damage or injuries were reported.

MNA/Reuters

Collapse of Rover costs taxpayer 231 million pounds

LONDON, 20 Nov— The British Government has estimated that the collapse of the Rover car company in Birmingham, central England, has cost the taxpayer more than 231 million pounds (401.9 million US dollars).

About 50 million pounds has been made available to retrain workers, whereas 6.5 million pounds was spent on keeping the company going for a week in April while a buyer was sought, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reported on Saturday.

Rover collapsed in April with a huge sum of debts and a loss of 6,000 jobs.

"It is very much money well spent, said Trade and Industry Minister Ian Pearson, adding the government had spent money on compensation for those losing their jobs, or retraining and helping the supply chain.

According to him, over half of those who had lost jobs are in work, 3,000 are booked onto training courses, whereas 2,000 have started training courses.

MNA/Xinhua

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Ex-Halliburton worker gets 15-month jail sentence

HOUSTON, 20 Nov— A former Halliburton Co worker was sentenced on Friday to 15 months in prison after pleading guilty in federal court in Illinois to taking more than 110,000 US dollars in kickbacks from an Iraqi company in 2004.

Glenn Allen Powell, who worked as a subcontracts administrator for Halliburton's KBR unit, will also pay 91,000 US dollars in restitution for directing a US Government contract worth 609,000 US dollars to an unnamed company in 2004 to renovate a warehouse, according to

Sharon Paul, spokeswoman for the US Attorney's Office in Illinois. The kickback was discovered by KBR during an internal investigation.

"When the issue was discovered, KBR removed the company in question from consideration for any future work as a subcontractor. KBR also issued the government a credit for the amount of the improper payment," Halliburton spokeswoman Melissa Norcross said in a statement.

The contract was

part of KBR's ongoing work for the Pentagon to provide services and support to US troops under the LOGCAP contracts in Iraq. Those contracts and the company's work on the Iraqi oil infrastructure has yielded more than 10 billion US dollars in revenues for Halliburton.

The case was heard in US District Court in Illinois because the district is home to the US Army Operations Support Command and Army Field Support Command.

MNA/Reuters

Russian plane crashes, eight feared dead

MOSCOW, 20 Nov— A Russian plane with eight people on board crashed overnight and all passengers and crew were feared dead, Russian media reported on Sunday.

The Cessna fight aircraft came down just outside Moscow and

burst into flames when it hit the ground, news agencies reported.

RIA Novosti news agency reported that among the passengers was Igor Olshansky, an assistant to a deputy in the State Duma Lower House of Parliament.

The identity of the other passengers was not known.

MNA/Reuters

Two more US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 Nov— Guerillas killed an American soldier near Baghdad and a British trooper in the south on Sunday, and US forces sealed off a house in the northern city of Mosul where eight suspected al-Qaida members died in a shootout some by their own hand to avoid capture.

In Washington, a US counterterrorism official said the identities of the suspected al-Qaida members was unknown. When asked if they could include terror leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the official replied: "There are efforts under way to determine if he was killed." The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.—Internet



Iraqi and US soldiers secure the site of a car bomb attack at a produce market in southeast Baghdad on 19 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Chinese-language newspaper operators' congress opens in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 20 Nov— Operators of Chinese-language newspapers from around the world met in Shanghai on Friday, with a purpose of finding ways for further business expansion.

While addressing the 38th annual congress of the World Chinese-Language Newspapers Operator Guild, Zhang Xiaoqing, the current chairman of the organization, urged the participants at the congress to report to the world China's new image which posed itself not only as an economic giant, but also a giant in terms of culture

and social ethics.

"The Chinese nation should have a strong media in international arena and carry out dialogue and exchange on an equal basis with the Western media," said Zhang.

During the three-day Congress, with Xinmin-Wenhui Newspaper Group of Shanghai as the host, a female correspond-

ents' forum and a mass media expo will also be held.

The World Chinese-Language Newspapers Operator Guild, founded in 1968, has a membership of more than 100, which are distributed far and wide in Asia, the Americas, Europe and Africa.

MNA/Xinhua



Police and security officials inspect a car entering a shopping centre in Jakarta on 19 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Rise recorded in British police-related road deaths

LONDON, 20 Nov— The number of people who died in British road accidents involving police cars increased by more than a fifth last year, statistics showed on Saturday.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) said 44 people were killed in England and Wales, up from 36 in 2003/04.

The IPCC said three men died in fatal shooting incidents involving the police and 36 died in or after being in custody, compared to 29 the year before.

A further 23 people died in or after other contact but the IPCC said they could not compare this fig-

ure with previous years as the statistics were unreliable in this category.

The IPCC recorded 106 deaths in total during or following police contact last year.

"Each of these deaths

was a tragedy," IPCC chairman Nick Hardwick said.

"It is an important part of each of our investigations to make recommendations which might reduce the likelihood of the

same event happening again.

The IPCC said the rise in deaths followed a change in the system for reporting such deaths and said this could be connected.—MNA/Reuters

Three killed in apartment building fire in Moscow

Moscow, 20 Nov—Three people were killed and five hospitalized for burns and intoxication following a fire in a 25-storey apartment building in western Moscow on Friday night.

The fire started from the 25th floor of the building. About 30 fire brigades were dispatched and the

fire was put down early Saturday morning after nearly five hours of effort, according to the ITAR-TASS news agency. The blaze had spread to an area of 250 square metres and four apartments were burned out completely.

Fifty-four of the inhabitants remain temporarily sheltered in a local school. Most of the dwellers were allowed to return to their apartments. The cause of the fire is under investigation.—MNA/Xinhua

Expert says China should develop its AIDS vaccine

BEIJING, 20 Nov—China should develop its own AIDS vaccine and the work should be put on the agenda as soon as possible, said a Harvard University professor here on Friday.

The priority for China's AIDS vaccine research is to develop a vaccine suitable for the physi-

cal conditions of Chinese people as soon as possible, said Dr Yichen Lu with Harvard School of Public Health on Friday at Beijing Forum 2005.

China has its own advantages in developing AIDS vaccine despite its lag behind the advanced countries for at least five years, he said.

Different races require different types of vaccines, and lots of experiments have to be conducted, he said.

The research is much more difficult than what is expected. To develop an AIDS vaccine needs

cooperation of the whole world, especially developing countries, said Dr Lu at the Public Health panel session.

Vaccine is the only effective way to fight against AIDS in the long

run. Currently the United States is the most advanced in AIDS vaccine research, and the third phase of the test of such a vaccine on human body is expected to begin next year.—MNA/Xinhua

At least 35 killed in car bomb in Iraq

BAQUBA, 20 Nov— Police said at least 35 people were killed and 50 wounded when a suicide car bomber attacked the funeral of a Shiite Muslim sheikh north of Baghdad on Saturday, a day after scores died in twin mosque bombings.

Saturday's car bomb exploded near crowded condolence tents at the funeral in Abu Sayda near Baquba, 65 kilometres (40 miles) north of Baghdad, Police Colonel Muthaffar Aboud said.

"At least 35 people were killed and 50 were wounded," Aboud said.—MNA/Reuters

Bomb left by WW II kills three Filipino fishermen

MANILA, 20 Nov— A bomb left by the Japanese troops in the Second World War went off in the northern Philippines, killing three fishermen, a local newspaper reported on Saturday.

The tragedy occurred on Friday noon in Rosario, Cavite, when the three aboard a fishing boat were trying to pry the bomb they found at the bottom of seawater, said the report of *Philippine Daily Inquirer*.

Witnesses told the newspaper that the bomb with unknown weight is thigh-sized.

According to the local officials, since dynamite fishing was forbidden in the province, fishermen were trying to dive and search for bomb in the seawater, from which they can get explosive material for use in blast fish.—MNA/Xinhua

Car bomb kills at least 15 at Baghdad market

BAGHDAD, 20 Nov — A car bomb killed at least 15 people at a market in southeastern Baghdad on Saturday, a day after more than 80 people were killed in a series of suicide attacks in Baghdad and in a northeastern town.

The blast in the Diyala Bridge section of the capital also wounded 15 people, police said. They said the toll could increase.

The attack came as more than 50 Iraqi politicians from across the country's sectarian divide were scheduled to hold reconciliation talks in Cairo aimed at easing bloodshed

that has plagued Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003.

On Friday, 77 people were killed and more than 80 wounded in twin suicide bomb attacks on mosques in the town of Khanaqin, near the border with Iran in northeastern Iraq.

A suicide car bomb

also detonated outside a popular hotel in Baghdad, destroying an apartment building and killing six people. More than 40 were also wounded.

Guerillas are waging a campaign of suicide bombings, shootings and assassinations in a bid to topple the US-backed Iraqi Government.—MNA/Reuters



Residents try to cross a bridge over the Monga River in Saba, northern Honduras, which collapsed because of the heavy rains on 18 Nov, 2005. Tropical Storm Gamma formed Friday off the coast of Honduras, the 24th named storm of an already record-breaking Atlantic hurricane season.—INTERNET

A land where various religions flourish

Myint Maung Aye

It is loving-kindness that can make all human beings polite and gentle and possess sympathy for one another. All Gods focus on loving-kindness in expounding discourses. If one is godless, one will become uncivilized. Each and every race needs to profess a religion, and therefore each has its own.

In the world, there are four major religions namely Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and Hinduism alongside other faiths. The people in the world profess respective religions they believe in. In the world, there have hardly occurred conflicts based on religions.

Buddhism is one of the four major religions. To be brief and simple, Theravada Buddhism depicts that one can profess Buddhism freely and uprightly without harming and criticizing people professing other religions. Buddhism is not based on blind faith but encourages people to practise mental cultivation themselves and to continue, with belief, to perform the deeds that benefit themselves and other people. That was made clear by Kalama Sutta expounded to Kalama people by the Lord Buddha Gotama during His trip to Kesamutti Village. According to the Buddhism, one will have to enjoy good results derived from the good deeds one has performed, and one will have to suffer evil consequences of the misdeeds one has committed. In other words, Buddhism is a religion that believes in the results of good or evil deeds, and firmly claims that insight can be attained only when both thinking and practice are correct, thinking alone is not enough.

So, Myanmar people who have been brought up under the Teachings of the Buddha fear to do

evils, and have empathy for others. Myanmar does not wish at all to do unfair acts against or bully other nations. The Myanmar government and people have never made any attempts to harm the world. In the world news stories, there is no country that has come under the aggressive war launched by Myanmar.

Nevertheless, how disappointing it is that such a polite and gentle nation is being accused of lack of religious freedom, oppression, torture and inhumane treatments, and the nation has been stated at the top of the list of CPC.

The Sule Pagoda, a church and a mosque are closely situated downtown Yangon, attesting to the fact that various religions exist together in Myanmar.

Religious organizations of the four major religions — Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism — exist with friendship and mutual respect. That reflects the religious freedom the entire national people have been fully enjoying in the nation.

On the days of religious significance of every religion, national level dignitaries grace the occasions with their attendance, and so do senior officials such as the minister and the deputy minister for Religious Affairs, and directors-general.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs, a ministry rarely found in nations, was established in Myanmar in 1992 with the aim of dealing with the religious matters with goodwill towards various religions.

Even though the government and the people have goodwill and loving-kindness towards others, certain nations with negative attitude on Myanmar have sowed discord among the people of various religions because such unjust accusations as human

rights, ILO labour affairs, forced recruitment of child soldiers, narcotic drugs, and trafficking in persons to put various forms of pressure on the nation did not work at all.

Here, I would like to warn those who are conspiring, speaking ill, and committing acts to harm others. There have been many instances that one can suffer from evil acts if one has made lies to disrupt others' interest and made mischief or driven a wedge between friends to harm their friendship.

In the time of the Buddha Gotama, a wealthy man married off his daughter Isidali to a son of a man of equal status. Their marriage lasted only a week and the husband left her. Then, the wealthy man married off his daughter to a poor man, then a slave, and then a beggar, but in the end, even the beggar left her. It was because in a past existence, Isidali made a mischief between friends, so she had to suffer from evil consequences resulting from her misdeeds.

So, a big nation and its associates who are sowing discord among other nations and manufacturing fabrications should notice that sometimes misdeeds yield evil consequences in this very life. Moreover, the wrongdoers will have to suffer evil consequences in next existences.

While writing this article, I noticed on TV two persons travelling around the world.

The aim and acts of the first person travelling from West to East were based on conceit and anger and to make threats against peoples and nations, to put pressure, and to take one-sided action. So, wherever he went, he faced protest demonstrations.

The aim of the other person travelling from East to West was to promote friendship and trade with other countries. So, wherever he was in the regions along his route he was accorded warm welcome by local peoples. It was very encouraging.

Of the two men, we will see who will make progress on the journey and who will face evil consequences in future.

Anyhow, world people wish the traveller from the West to stop wrong thinking and gain right views and be back on the right path.

Translation: MS

Myanmar people who have been brought up under the Teachings of the Buddha fear to do evils, and have empathy for others. Myanmar does not wish at all to do unfair acts against or bully other nations. The Myanmar government and people have never made any attempts to harm the world. In the world news stories, there is no country that has come under the aggressive war launched by Myanmar.

Annan promises Georgia to seek Abkhazia solution

TBILISI, 21 Nov — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan promised on Saturday to continue efforts to solve a stand-off over Georgia's breakaway Abkhazia region and called for all sides to respect the rule of law.

Abkhazia won effective independence from Georgia in a bloody 1992-93 war following the fall of the Soviet Union. Tens of thousands of people died and about 300,000 were made refugees.

"We will sustain our efforts and work with the parties and other friendly countries in search of a solution," Annan told reporters after meeting Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili during a brief refuelling stopover in Tbilisi.

"In the meantime it's just important that both sides respect the rule of law and the dignity of individuals. Because without ... respect for the rule of law it is difficult to settle these problems for the longer term," he said, in what was his first visit to Georgia.

MNA/Reuters

Turkish police arrest two for al-Qaeda links

ANKARA, 21 Nov — Turkish police arrested a father and his son in central Turkish city Konya for having links to al-Qaeda and found remote-control bomb equipment in their house, NTV news channel said on Saturday.

The police said the materials and notes found in the house show that al-Qaeda was preparing for a new attack. A security operation was underway to foil this, the police added.

The son, a university student, had been in prison for two years for terror-

ism charges after al-Qaeda-linked suicide bombings that killed dozens of people in Istanbul in 2003, and was released earlier this year.

A Turkish cell of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network claimed responsibility for truck bomb attacks in November 2003 on two synagogues, the local headquarters of the London-based HSBC Bank and the British Consulate. Sixty-one people, including the bombers, were killed and hundreds wounded in the blasts. — MNA/Reuters

Turkmenistan asks Russia, Ukraine to pay more for gas supplies

ALMA ATA, 21 Nov — Turkmen President Saparmurat Niyazov has warned that his country could halt gas supplies to Russia and Ukraine if they do not agree to pay more for them.

Niyazov told a Cabinet meeting on Friday that Turkmenistan will raise its prices for natural gas exports by about 35 per cent, to 60 US dollars per thousand cubic metres.

"If Russia and Ukraine don't buy Turkmen gas for 60 US

dollars per thousand cubic metres, we can wait for one to five years," he said at the meeting televised on Saturday.

"We will sell gas to Iran, increase liquefied gas production.

We will process more oil and gas. There will be no difficulties," he added.

Niyazov said the price rise was partly caused by increased production costs and higher costs of gas extraction equipment.

MNA/Xinhua

Health sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of health in the time of the Tatmadaw Government



Mass activities being launched in the fight against AIDS in Myanmar.

Progress made in the eradication of major diseases

Sr No	Disease	1988	2005
1	Malaria		
	-outbreak	24.5	*11.11
	-mortality	10.4	*** 3.65
	-epidemic	12	2
2.	Polio	+	nil
3.	Smallpox	nil	nil
4.	Leprosy	53.4	** 0.49 (nil)
5.	AIDS		
	-HIV blood test equipment	nil	all townships
	-disease monitoring	nil	31 townships

* 1,000

** 10,000

*** 100,000

Constant efforts being made for reducing and elimination of outbreak and spread of major diseases

In an effort to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation, tasks for ensuring health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation are imperative.

In the process, the government has laid down the objectives of health plans—to enable the entire national people to enjoy longevity and to be free from all kinds of diseases, and is taking steps for prevention of diseases, treatment and upgrading of health standard in harmony.

Now is the time when interrelation and communication are swift. At such a time, the government is constantly monitoring major diseases that can break out anytime. Disease prevention is being launched. At the same time, medical treatment is being given to those suffering from diseases.

Effective treatment is being given to six common diseases in Myanmar—malaria, TB, diarrhoea, dysentery, diabetes and hypertension with the use of potent medicines coupled with effective therapies. The government has been monitoring epidemic and new endemic diseases. Moreover, it has made arrangements to prevent the spread of those diseases.

Nowadays, smallpox, polio and leprosy in Myanmar have been eradicated. The third WHO Ministers' Meeting on Elimination of Global Leprosy held in Myanmar in 2003 declared Myanmar a leprosy-free nation.

In the meantime, a mass campaign in the fight against AIDS is being launched in the nation. Infectious diseases are common in developing countries with a high rate of infant mortality. Hence, extended vaccination against those diseases are constantly being given to every young children.

In this connection, vaccination against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, measles



Oral polio vaccine is being given to offspring of national races at border areas.

and TB is being given to children across the nation, and nearly cent per cent progress has been made in the project.

In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, effective treatment is being given to those with common diseases after laying down health plans, and unprecedented progress has been made in this regard.

The table shows progress made in the eradication of common diseases.

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Departmental personnel to actively cooperate in regional development work...

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Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with service personnel and members of social organizations in Mongyan, Shan State (East), discussed regional development. Also present on the occasion were the commander, Brig-Gen Win Aung of Mongphyat Station, Col Thein Oo of Monghkat Station and state level department heads.

Mongyan Township PDC Chairman U Kyaw Kyaw Win reported on the location and area of the township, conditions of agriculture, livestock breeding, education and health. Regarding the reports, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said he used to serve his duties in Mongyan 12 or 13 years ago. Now he is delighted to see the township progressing significantly. To ensure the balanced development of all parts of the Union and peace and stability of the State, the government is striving its utmost in all aspects. So, departmental personnel of the township are to cooperate in implementing the tasks of economy, health, education, transport and communications the govern-

ment laid down, and the township PDC is to take charge of supervision of the tasks. The township has 118.78 per cent of food sufficiency and farmers are urged to boost their cultivation of rice and crops to generate more incomes. As for the education sector, he said, the township education officer and respective

sound economic conditions, can departmental tasks be carried out effectively. Therefore, measures are to be taken for the improvement of their economy. Personnel on their part are to perform duties with goodwill for the regional development. Shan State (East) PDC is charged with the supplying of irrigation water for



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win discusses regional development at a meeting with departmental personnel and social organizations in Mongyan.

MNA

schoolheads and teachers are urged to train and nurture more matriculated students. Only then will there be educated citizens in the country who can help develop the State.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win added that only when service personnel enjoy

summer paddy cultivation through Namlway creek and officials are to give help to farmers for boosting cultivation. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win urged all departmental personnel to actively cooperate in regional development work.

Mongyan Town-

ship with 1049.678 square miles has a population of 8,8472 and 16,689 houses. It has 34,838 acres of cultivable land. It cultivated 25,426 acres of paddy in 2004-2005 and is cultivating 29,200 acres of paddy in 2005-2006.

Later, Lt-Gen

Kyaw Win and party inspected Monglway bridge on Mongyan-Monghkat road and gave instructions on the maintenance of the bridge to officials. Then he met local people of Monglway model village and urged them to boost paddy cultivation.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and the commander and party looked into the Mongyan-Yankhaing-Monglway-Longkyan road.

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Commander inspects regional development in three townships

YANGON, 21 Nov — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe and officials inspected agricultural and regional development in Hmawby and Taikkyi Townships yesterday.

The commander and party observed harvesting

and threshing of paddy on the farms in Kalargon Village in Hmawby Township and cultivation of paddy in Tarkwa Village in Taikkyi Township. The commander then gave instructions.

In meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people at Taikkyi Township Peace and De-

velopment Council Office, the commander said the government is implementing the tasks for emergence of a peaceful, modern developed democratic nation after laying down the seven-point Road Map. In doing so, strong economy plays vital role in national development.

He said Yangon Divi-

sion is making efforts for boosting production in 14 major sectors including agriculture, fish and meat, forest and industrial sectors.

Agricultural and industrial sectors are major ones that contribute to uplift of economy of Yangon Division. Altogether 1,200,078 acres of monsoon paddy have been

grown in the division. He urged the farmers to strive for increase of income, acreage and boosting of per acre yield in accord with the four cultivation methods.

The commander also spoke on triple cropping, cultivation of perennial crops and cooperation of service personnel in the efforts for emergence of a

peaceful modern developed nation.

Next, Chairman of Taikkyi Township Peace and Development Council U Myat Kyaw reported on data of the township and development tasks.

The commander and party inspected bank erosion preventive measures in Aphyauk. The commander met officials concerned, members of social organizations and local people and they inspected use of modern equipment at the farm of farmer U Po Seik in MoKalar Village.

After inspecting the Aikalaung, Thabyedan and Yaypawthoung river water pumping stations in the township and Gyogon river water pumping station in Htantabin Township, he fulfilled the requirements.

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Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe views paddy harvesting in Hmawby Township. — MNA

Taikkyi, Aphyauk BEHS gets...

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Afterwards, Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted the cash donation for the multi-media rooms amounted to over K 10.8 million do-

nated by wellwishers. In the afternoon, the commander went to Aphyauk BEHS in Taikkyi Township and also unveiled the sign-board of the school's

multi-media room. At the opening ceremony, wellwishers donated K over 9.3 million to the fund of the school through the commander. *MNA*



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donations from an official for multi-media classrooms of Aphyauk BEHS. —MNA

Transport Minister attends ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting

YANGON, 21 Nov — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe participated in ASEAN Transport Ministers' meeting held in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 17-18 November.

At the first day of the meeting, ASEAN ministers signed the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transit

Transport. During the meeting, the ministers also discussed with the delegation of the People's Republic of China cooperation in aviation sector between China and ASEAN member nations and matters on trans-national transportation.

At the meeting of Japanese transport delegation and ASEAN trans-

port ministers, the two sides discussed the implementation of 21 projects of ASEAN member countries and Japan.

On 14 November, Myanmar transport delegation led by the deputy minister for transport also attended the ASEAN transport senior officials' meeting which lasted till 16 November held in Vientiane. — *MNA*

Home Affairs Minister's Shield Volleyball Championship begins

YANGON, 21 Nov — Home Affairs Minister's Shield Volleyball Championship kicked off today at Aung San Stadium here.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe delivered an opening address, and a total of eight teams are participating in the champi-

onship. Women and men team events will be held at 9 am daily up to 25 November. *MNA*

Home Affairs Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe speaks at the opening of Home Affairs Minister's Shield Volleyball Championship. — HOME AFFAIRS



Objectives of the 58th Anniversary Independence Day

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

South-East Command holds Kathina Robes Offering Ceremony

YANGON, 21 Nov — The 18th Kathina Robes Offering Ceremony of the South-East Command was held on 14 November at the command.

First, the congregation led by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife received the Five-Precepts from Patron Sayadaw of Webyan Monastery in Mawlamyine Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Vijaya

Bhivamsa.

Afterwards, the commander, Deputy Commander Col Zaw Min, departmental officials and their wives offered robes and offertories to members of the Sangha and shared merits gained. — *MNA*

Aged being taken care of at Hninzigon Home

YANGON, 21 Nov — A ceremony to take care of the older persons, organized by Yangon West District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, took place at Hninzigon Home for the aged in Bahan Township this morning.

First, chairperson of Yangon Division

MCWSC Daw Khin Thet Htay explained matters on taking care of the aged being carried out by Yangon Division MCWSC.

Daw Khin Thet Htay and officials accepted K 1.2 million donated by wellwishers who received certificates of honour.

Next, Aphwa Daw Nyunt May expressed her thanks.

After the ceremony, chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay and officials donated traditional medicines to the older persons and observed health care services for them at hospital for the aged. *MNA*



Yangon Division MCWSC Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay views taking care of the older people at the hospital for the aged. —MNA

Sharon to quit ruling Likud Party

JERUSALEM, 21 Nov — After holding talks with his top aides, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has decided to leave his Likud Party and set up a new party for upcoming general elections, Army Radio reported Sunday. Unidentified party sources was quoted as saying that "a political earthquake is on the way" as Sharon has made a dramatic and unequivocal decision to leave the Likud.

Meanwhile, Sharon will also announce to ask for the country's President to dissolve the Parliament to pave the way for early elections, said the radio. *MNA/Xinhua*

Albert II formally begins reign of Monaco

MONACO, 21 Nov — Prince Albert II of Monaco was enthroned on Saturday, completing the formal succession in a process that began in July and marking the beginning of the playboy prince's reign of the tiny European principality.

Albert, the 47-year-old son of Prince Rainier and Hollywood actress Grace Kelly, was sworn in as head of state in July after a three-month mourning period for his father who died on April 6 at the age of 81 after having ruled for 55 years.

"Today is a day of joy in Monaco", Monsignor Bernard Barsi, the

archbishop of Monaco, said during the ceremony at the Roman Catholic cathedral, the site of Rainier's marriage to Grace, who was killed in a car crash in 1982.

The archbishop said that Albert was a worthy heir to a dynasty that has led the principality for more than seven centuries.

About 900 people

packed the cathedral, including foreign dignitaries and royalty, although no kings or queens attended.

Monsignor Fortunato Baldelli, special envoy of Pope Benoit XVI, blessed a kneeling Albert, as he and his sisters Caroline and Stephanie shed tears.

MNA/Reuters

Five dead, three missing as flood hits Prachuap Khiri Khan

BANGKOK, 21 Nov — Five people were reported dead and three are missing in southern Prachuap Khiri Khan province which has been hit hard by floods since Saturday.

Interior Minister Air Chief Marshal Kongsak Wanthana, Monday inspected damage in Bang Saphan district, the worst-hit area after flash floods wrought havoc since Saturday. Provincial authorities will allocate emergency assistance worth 50 million baht (1.25 million US dollars) to deliver food and other necessities to

flood victims, reported the Thai News Agency.

Describing it as the worst natural calamity in 50 years, Kongsak urged government agencies such as the Department of Public Works and Town & Country Planning to prepare a long-term plan to reduce the effect of floods in the future.

Meanwhile, Pro-

vincial Electricity Authority governor Pracherd Sook-kaew said that only 20 percent of Bang Saphan district is still without electricity as some areas are still under water.

Service was expected to resume Monday, if there are no more heavy downpours, the agency said.

MNA/Xinhua

OPEC chief says no plans for production cut

RIYADH, 21 Nov — OPEC oil exporters will not consider cutting production at next month's meeting unless prices fall rapidly, the organization's chief said on Saturday.

"I don't think there is an idea to cut production in our December meeting unless prices will be in a very bad situation," OPEC President Sheikh Ahmad al-Fahd al-Sabah told reporters.

The next meeting of OPEC oil ministers is in Kuwait in December.

He said prices were now "more comfortable" after easing from record levels in August, though OPEC will probably keep its offer of 2 million barrels per day of spare capacity on the table.

He said prices were likely to rise in the northern hemisphere winter but were unlikely to rise back over 70 US dollars per barrel. "I think the ceiling of 70 (dollars) is the highest ceiling, the worst scenario". — MNA/Reuters

Pakistan gets pledges of over \$5b in aid for earthquake relief

ISLAMABAD, 21 Nov — The world community has made cumulative pledges of 5.827 billion US dollars for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction of Pakistan quake-hit areas and the amount is likely to rise further, Pakistan's Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said on Saturday.

Speaking at a news conference at the end of

the one-day international donors' conference in Islamabad, Aziz said that of the total pledges, 3.9 billion were soft loans and the remaining 1.9 billion were grants.

The Pakistani Prime Minister said that some of the loans would be concessional, some interest free and some will have only service charges. —MNA/Xinhua



Kashmiri children warm themselves over a fire outside their tents in Drangyari, 81 miles northwest of Srinagar, on 20 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Singapore promotes awareness of living donor kidney transplant

SINGAPORE, 21 Nov — As there are more than 750 new kidney failure patients in Singapore every year, the Singapore Society of Transplantation hopes to promote people's awareness of living donor transplant.

According to Channel NewsAsia report on Saturday, a campaign named "Share a life: support organ donation" has been launched recently, aiming to bring home to people the fact that liv-

ing donor kidney transplant is safe for both the donor and the recipient.

The chance of kidney patients staying alive five years after undergoing transplants is more than 90 per cent, while the chance of survival for those patients having five years' dialysis is about 56 per cent, according to the society.

Since the kidney transplant rate in Singapore stays at 7.5 per million population, lagging far behind America's 22 per million population, the Society hopes that more Singaporeans will consider kidney donation.

MNA/Xinhua

AIDS kills hundreds of Mozambican policemen a year

MAPUTO, 21 Nov — The AIDS epidemic is killing hundreds of Mozambican policemen a year, local media reported on Friday.

According to the general commander of the Mozambican police, Miguel dos Santos, the disease kills between 500 and 600 policemen a year in the country.

He said that although the police train about 1,200 new officers every year, yet that does not produce the desired effect because of deaths, notably from AIDS, and also because of the regular expulsion from the force of policemen who commit serious disciplinary offences.

On the graduation of 1,195 new police officers on Friday, dos Santos said he feared that these new graduates may not represent much of an improvement in terms of numbers if one takes into account that another 600 or so policemen are likely to be lost to AIDS within the next 12 months.

Dos Santos added that these new officers will be allocated to various posts across the country to guarantee public order, particularly with the approach of the festive season, when crime tends to increase. Most of them will be stationed in the areas reporting the highest crime rates, including Maputo City and province. — MNA/Xinhua

China announces \$300m concessional loan for Pakistan's reconstruction

ISLAMABAD, 21 Nov — China has announced a concessional loan of 300 million US dollars to fund reconstruction and rehabilitation plans in earthquake-hit areas of Pakistan.

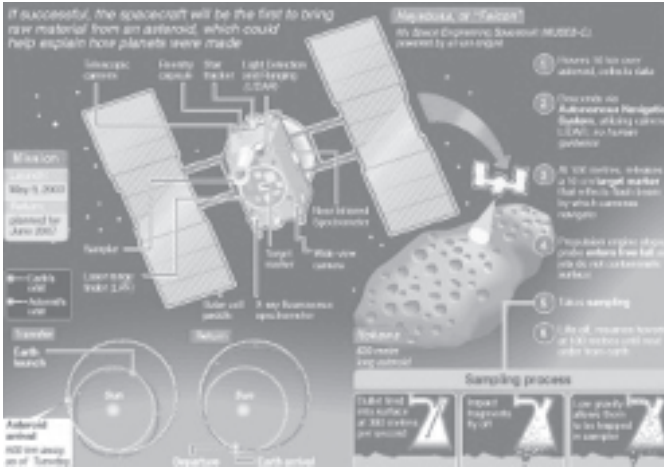
Chinese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Wu Dawei made the announcement in a speech on behalf of the Chinese Government and the Chinese people at the international donors' conference held in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad on Saturday.

He said that the concessional loan would fund the repair of Karakoram Highway, the provision of health and educational facilities in Balakot of the North-West Frontier Province, and the establishment of a network of seismic stations throughout Pakistan.

Last Tuesday, before leaving Balakot, the China International Search and Rescue (CISAR) donated its medical facilities worth 60,000 dollars to the local authorities, according to Wu, the head of the Chinese governmental delegation to the international donors' conference. — MNA/Xinhua



Laser lights beam from commercial buildings along Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong on 21 Nov, 2005. The 18-minute 'A Symphony of Lights' was awarded with the title of the world's 'Largest permanent Light and Sound Show' by the Guinness World Records. — INTERNET



Japan's space agency says it suffered a glitch for the second time on a landmark mission to extract samples from an asteroid 290 million kilometres away from Earth. — INTERNET

China signs biggest aircraft purchase agreement with Boeing

BELING, 21 Nov — The China Aviation Supplies Import & Export Group Corporation (CASGC) signed a general purchase agreement with Boeing to buy seventy B737-700/800 aircraft here on Sunday, the biggest purchase agreement in China's aviation history.

The agreement unfolded a promising co-operation future between China and the United States in aviation and other fields. China's economy has developed rapidly in recent years, so has the aviation industry. In the next five years, China will need more aircraft, said Zhang Xiaoqiang, vice-minister of the National

Development and Reform Commission.

Sunday's purchase agreement will promote Sino-US economic and trade development. Since China bought the first Boeing aircraft B707 in the 1970s, the total Boeing aircraft bought so far reached 534, occupying two thirds of China's fleet, said Yang Guoqing, vice-minister of the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China.

In the next 20 years, China needs over 3,000 new aircraft, being one of the biggest civil aviation markets in the world. In the past 33-year cooperation, Boeing has been devoted to helping China's

airline companies in expanding their fleet and ensuring safety operation, said Robert Laird, vice-president of the China Sales of Boeing Commercial Aircraft Company. The catalogue price of the aircraft purchase agreement was about 4 billion US dollars and the planes will be delivered to eight leading Chinese airline companies between 2006 and 2008.

The Chinese airline companies are Air China, China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Shanghai Airlines, Xiamen Airlines, Shandong Airlines, Hainan Airlines and Shenzhen Airlines.

MNA/Xinhua

Iranian Parlt approves bill to stop nuke checks if referred

TEHERAN, 21 Nov—Iran's Parliament approved a bill on Sunday to require the government to block snap inspections of its nuclear facilities if the country's nuclear case is referred to the UN Security Council.

The bill was passed with 183 yes out of a total of 197 lawmakers present. The bill came ahead of a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Thursday to decide whether to refer Iran's nuclear dossier to the UN Security Council for possible sanctions.

The IAEA board of governors will discuss Iran's nuclear case based on a report submitted by IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei. The bill also obliges the government to resume uranium enrichment which Teheran suspended in November

2004 to build confidence for nuclear talks with the European Union (EU).

Iran is accused by the United States of developing nuclear weapons, a charge repeatedly denied by Teheran, which claims its nuclear programmes are to generate electricity.

Iran resumed uranium conversion activities, a preparatory step for uranium enrichment, in early August, which prompted the EU to stop its nuclear talks with Teheran.

The IAEA, the UN nuclear watchdog, adopted an EU-sponsored

resolution in September, urging Teheran to re-suspend all enrichment-related activities and

warning a refusal will risk a referral of its case to the UN Security Council.

MNA/Xinhua

15 civilians, US Marine killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 Nov— Fifteen Iraqis, eight guerillas and a US Marine were killed in a roadside bomb blast followed by gunfire in the flashpoint town of Haditha, northwest of Baghdad, the US military said on Sunday.

A roadside bomb detonated on Saturday near a joint US and Iraqi military convoy while passing through Haditha, some 220 kilometres northwest of Baghdad, the military said in a statement.

Guerillas opened small arms fire at the convoy sparking a fire fight, the statement added.

A US Marine, assigned to Regimental Combat Team 2 of the 2nd Marine Division, was killed when his vehicle was hit in the blast, said the statement.

Eight guerillas were killed in the clash and another wounded, while fifteen civilians were also killed in the area, it said. — MNA/Xinhua

China reports two new outbreaks of bird flu

BEIJING, 21 Nov— China reported on Sunday two new outbreaks of bird flu in which almost 3,700 poultry died and more than 7,000 were culled as provinces hit by the deadly virus tightened preventive measures.

About 3,500 geese died at a family farm in a development zone in Shishou City in the central province of Hubei, the official Xinhua news agency said, adding that 3,800 poultry were slaughtered within a radius of 3 kilometres (2 miles).

MNA/Reuters

Indian parties oppose pro-US stand on Iran issue

NEW DELHI, 21 Nov — The Indian Left parties Sunday urged the central government against a pro-US stand on voting on the Iran nuclear issue at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) meeting on November 24, Indo-Asian News Service

reported.

Leaders of the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M), the Communist Party of India (CPI), the Forward Bloc, the Samajwadi Party and the JD-S demanded at a meeting in Hyderabad, capital of south India's

Andra Pradesh, that the government should take a clear stand on the issue.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh still did not release the government's stand on the issue, said CPI-M general secretary Prakash Karat.

MNA/Xinhua

Indian engineer, three others kidnapped in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 21 Nov— An Indian engineer, along with his two guards and one driver were lost Saturday in Afghan southern province of Nimruz, a local official said Sunday.

"Yesterday in Bakwah area, an Indian engineer and his two bodyguards and the driver were getting lost when they were driving from Khash Rod District to Zaranj, the provincial capital of Nimruz," Mohammad Hashim, the district chief of Khash Rod told Xinhua. "The investigation is still going on, and we will try to find them as soon as possible," he added.

At the same time, Taleban's spokesperson Qari Yusuf Ahmadi said Taleban has kidnapped these four persons, and kept them in a safe place now.

The kidnapped Indian

engineer was reported to be from an Indian governmental construction team named Border Road Organization, who is carrying out road construction work in Nimruz now. — MNA/Xinhua

Taleban gives deadline for releasing kidnapped Indian engineer

KABUL, 21 Nov— Taleban has announced Sunday evening the ultimatum to the Indian company to leave Afghanistan for the safe release of the kidnapped Indian engineer.

Taleban's spokesperson Qari Yusuf Ahmadi said, Taleban has given the Indian construction company named Border Road Organization the ultimatum to leave Afghanistan in 48 hours, otherwise they will behead the kidnapped Indian engineer.

The Indian engineer from the Border Road Organization, together with his two bodyguards and one driver, was kidnapped Saturday by Taleban militants in Afghan southern province of Nimruz.

About the three local kidnapes, Ahmadi said Taleban's high council will decide about their fate. — MNA/Xinhua



A train transporting 12 containers of German nuclear waste reprocessed in La Hague in France passes through the city of Blainville, Eastern France, on its way to the Gorleben storage facility in Northern Germany, on 20 Nov, 2005.

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Police identify third Bali suicide bomber

JAKARTA, 20 Nov— Indonesian police claimed Saturday it has identified the last of three suicide bombers in the 1 October restaurant bombings in Bali.

The third bomber was identified as Ayib Hidayat, 25, a resident of the West Java town of Ciamis, a high ranking officer said.

"I got the information last night and this is valid," Inspector-General Aryanto Boedihardjo, spokesman with the police headquarters, was quoted by the Detikcom online news service as saying.

Investigators have earlier identified two other bombers in the attack, which killed 23 people and injured scores more.

The two were identified

as Misno and Salik Firdaus. The three suicide bombers have made a video recorded testimony before launching the attacks. The VCD containing the testimony was seized from the hideout of top terrorist Azahari Husin who was killed on November 9 in a shootout with security officers in Batu, East Java.

The recording was first broadcast by Vice-President Jusuf Kalla with the presence of top Muslim clerics at his official residence earlier this week.—MNA/Xinhua

Hungarian-French joint military exercise underway in Hungary

BUDAPEST, 20 Nov— A joint military exercise by the Hungarian Air Force and the French Navy's Air Force is underway in central Hungary, the Hungarian military said on Friday.

The joint exercise, which started on Tuesday and will continue through next Wednesday, prepares pilots and service staff to carry out flights in line with NATO procedures. Brigadier-General Istvan Peto, commander of Hungary's Keckskemet air base, told reporters.

The French Navy has sent four Super Etendard fighter aircraft for the exercise, while Hungary participates with four MIG-29 and four L-39 ZO fighter planes, he said at

CIA reportedly has anti-terror co-ops in over 20 countries

WASHINGTON, 19 Nov— The US spy agency CIA has established cooperation centres in over 20 countries to hunt down terrorists since the 9/11 terror attacks, The Washington Post reported Friday.

These secret centres are financed mostly by the CIA and employ some of the best espionage technology the spy agency has to offer, including secure communications gear, computers linked to the CIA's central databases, and access to highly classified intercepts once shared only with America's closest allies, according to the report.

CIA agents and their foreign counterparts at the

centres make daily decisions on when and how to apprehend suspects, whether to whisk them off to other countries for interrogation and detention, and how to disrupt al-Qaeda's logistical and financial support.

The network of the secret centres reflects the centerpiece of the CIA's overseas anti-terror strategy in the aftermath of the 9/11 terror attacks — persuading and

empowering foreign security services to help.

Virtually every capture or killing of a suspected terrorist outside Iraq since the 9/11 attacks — more than 3,000 so far — was a result of the co-ops between the CIA and their foreign counterparts.

CIA officials said their goals have been changed from stealing secrets of other governments to seeking ways to join forces with countries it once reproached or ignored to undo a common enemy.

According to The Washington Post, the CIA has opened co-op centres in Europe, the Middle East and Asia and even has a multinational centre in Paris which includes representatives from Britain, France, Germany, Canada and Australia.

MNA/Xinhua

No injuries from 2 bombs at Spanish bank in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 20 Nov— A bomb went off at a branch of a Spanish bank near Mexico City on Friday, damaging office furniture and shattering windows, while another planted at a separate location owned by the company failed to detonate.

"We don't have reports of any victims; we have initiated an investigation," Alfonso Navarrete, attorney general for the State of Mexico, told broadcaster Televisa about an explosion early on Friday in Atizapan, a suburb north of the capital.

The television station said flyers reading "Mexico united against poverty" and "No to Mexico's support of the United States" were found inside a branch of the

BBVA-Bancomer bank, a unit of Spain's BBVA.

A second bomb was found at a BBVA automatic teller machine in the northern suburb of Tlalnepantla. Earlier, a radio station mistakenly reported that the ATM belonged to rival Banamex, a unit of New York-based Citigroup.

"There was no explosion. The device burnt and was giving off smoke, but didn't cause damage and no

victims were reported," said a banking sector source who asked to remain anonymous.

No group has claimed responsibility for either of the bombs planted in separate locations in an industrial zone in the State of Mexico not far from the capital.

"We think this is a mere publicity stunt... they were trying to get attention," Navarrete said.

MNA/Reuters

Prince Charles takes action against tabloid

LONDON, 20 Nov— Britain's Prince Charles took legal action on Friday against a tabloid newspaper that published extracts from his private journal.

A spokesman for the heir to the throne said he had reluctantly decided on the move against publisher Associated Newspapers after extracts appeared in the Mail on Sunday.

Lawyers for Prince Charles went to the High Court on Friday to sue the publisher for breach of copyright and confidentiality. Associated Newspapers has 14 days to respond. The newspaper does not accept it breached any copyright or confidentiality, a spokesman for the Mail on Sunday said in a statement.

The journal contained Charles' views on the 1997 handover of the British colony of Hong Kong to China. He was said in one comment to have described

Chinese diplomats as "appalling old waxworks".

"This is a matter of principle," said his principal private secretary Sir Michael Peat in a statement.

"Like anybody else, the Prince of Wales is entitled to write a private journal without extracts being published.

"This journal was copied and passed to the Mail on Sunday without permission. We made this clear to the Mail on Sunday on five occasions, both orally and in writing," he added.

But the newspaper's statement said: "This was not a private journal. It was widely distributed and viewed, as Clarence House (the Prince's office)

confirmed to us, as a historic document intended for eventual publication."

It said the story had raised important questions about Britain's relations with China and the Prince's influence on British political thinking.

"We believe the public has a right to know the considered views of the heir to the throne on the matters of great public interest," the statement said.

"The reporting of leaked documents is a classic journalistic enterprise. We are very surprised at the action taken by Clarence House which, if pursued, raises serious issues about the freedom of the Press."

MNA/Reuters

UAE calls for impartial approach to WMD in region

DUBAI, 20 Nov— United Arab Emirates' Defence Minister called on the international community to be even handed in its efforts to rid the region of weapons of mass destruction, the official WAM state agency reported on Friday.

WAM also quoted Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum as calling on states which possess banned weapons to destroy them, as they were a threat to regional and international stability.

"International groups, most important being the United Nations, are called upon to launch a balanced and just initiative that could be implemented and applied by all states without bias," it quoted Sheikh Mohammed as saying in an interview to a local publication.

"WMD ... are a source of worry and

danger to peace and stability. States which own such weapons must take the initiative to destroy them in order to protect human life." Sheikh Mohammed did not name any state that had WMD, but the UAE is one of several Arab member countries of the International Atomic Energy Agency pushing the organization to condemn Israel as a threat to peace in the Middle East for having nuclear arms.

Israel neither denies nor admits having a nuclear arsenal, but experts estimate it has between 100 and 200 atomic bombs.

MNA/Reuters

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Shanghai auto parts show attracts renowned foreign firms

SHANGHAI, 20 Nov— More than 200 Chinese and overseas suppliers will attend Shanghai international exhibition for auto parts and accessories scheduled for 6-9 December.

Among them are auto parts giants such as Bosch, GE, Dupont and Goodyear. And France, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, as well as Hong Kong and Taiwan will send delegations to the show, said sources from Adsale Exhibition Services Ltd, the organizer.

The forecast that China will become the world's third largest auto producer this year has turned the Shanghai show into a target market that no companies of auto parts and accessories in the world would like to ignore.

a spokesman for Adsale Exhibition Services Ltd said.

So many foreign auto parts suppliers will bring their latest products and technologies to the show, said the spokesman.

Zhang Xiaoyu, honorary chairman of the council with China

Automotive Industry Association, predicted that China would replace Russia to become the third largest auto producer in the world by the end of this year, with its automotive output expected to exceed 5.6 million.

He said that China's automotive industry

would maintain its growth rate little higher than that of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) in the future, and one of the four tasks for developing its automotive industry is to build a powerful industrial base for auto parts.

MNA/Xinhua

S Africa to host international newspaper congress in 2007

JOHANNESBURG, 20 Nov— South Africa will host more than 1,300 newspaper publishers and editors from around the world when an international newspaper congress is held in Cape Town in 2007, it was announced on Friday.

The Newspaper Association of South Africa (NASA) has won

a bid to host the World Association of Newspapers' (WAN's) 60th

World Newspaper Congress, and the 14th World Editors Forum and Expo Services for 2007, Natasha Volans, general manager of Print Media SA, said in a statement.

The SAPA news agency reported that South Africa's bid, which was endorsed in a letter to WAN by South African President Thabo Mbeki, was presented earlier this month in Copenhagen, Denmark.

MNA/Xinhua

Mercedes car purchase dogs UNSG

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Nov — The United Nations has put a wall of secrecy around a luxury car bought in the name of Secretary-General Kofi Annan by his son Kojo on terms available only to his diplomat father at a savings of 20,600 US dollars.

By using his father's name in buying the Mercedes Benz car in 1998, Kojo received a 6,541-US-dollar discount and saved 14,103 US dollars in import duties waived by Ghana, an investigation by a UN-appointed panel found.

Both price breaks were granted on grounds the car was said to be intended for an international diplomat's personal use.

But since the findings released in September, UN officials have repeatedly

refused to disclose where the car is, who ended up owning it or whether any of the money saved under apparently false pretenses has been paid back.

When a reporter asked this week who was giving the instructions not to

comment, UN spokeswoman Marie Okabe responded, "I am the official spokeswoman for the United Nations and I take my guidance from the Secretary-General ultimately." She declined to elaborate.—MNA/Reuters

Joint seismic data acquisition concludes at South China Sea

BATANGAS (The Philippines), 20 Nov— With a Chinese exploration ship docked here, energy companies of China, the Philippines and Vietnam on Saturday celebrated the completion of seismic data acquisition in the South China Sea, witnessing the first milestone of international joint efforts to uncover energy resources in the region.

The seismic data acquisition, an initial work to detect geological

structures of the seabed in one part of the South China Sea, was conducted

by China Oilfield Services Limited (COSL) with its exploration ship codenamed *Nanghai 502*. The ship accomplished the mission on 16 November, within only 75 days after it started the journey from Guangdong Province of China, Li Xunke, vice-president of COSL told *Xinhua*. "Our process has been much faster than the given period of eight months," Li added.

There were 11,000 kilometres of sensor cable deployed on the seabed in this mission, covering an area of around 140,000 square kilometres, Li said, the data were collected smoothly and are ready to be processed and analyzed.

"Mutual respect and trust between the three



Microsoft Corp Xbox 360 video game console and controller are pictured in Los Angeles on 18 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Tanzania to mark World Toilet Day for better sanitation

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 20 Nov— Tanzania observed on Saturday for the first time the World Toilet Day in the hope of arousing public awareness on the need for all households to have clean working toilets.

WaterAid (Tanzania) Project Manager Alexander Mawi quoted a census as pointing out that one in 10 households in Tanzania does not use a toilet facility. The lack of household toilets has been blamed for the outbreak of such diseases as cholera.

The Tanzanian Ministry of Health has set

forth a target of increasing improved sanitary toilet facilities in schools in the country from the current 50 per cent of schools to 100 per cent by 2010.

19 November was declared "World Toilet Day" in 2001 by 17 toilet associations around the world. Since then, the day has been becoming a platform for academics, sanitation experts, toilet designers, and environmentalists to share the latest on rural and urban toilets.

The purpose of the World Toilet Day is declared to have people in all countries to take action, to increase awareness of toilet user's rights to a better toilet environment, and to demand for it from the toilet owners.

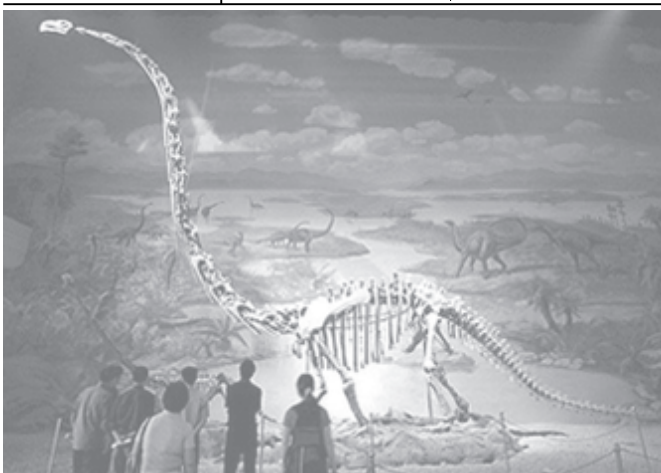
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Zambia to introduce new national airline

LUSAKA, 20 Nov—The Zambian Government is planning to introduce a new national airline, to be named Air Zambia, in a bid to boost the country's economy and tourism in particular following the liquidation of its former carrier Zambia Airways in 1994, local media reported on Thursday.

The private sector-driven Air Zambia would carry the national flag and the company has already applied for an operating permit with the Ministry of Communications and Transport, National Airline Taskforce (NAT) chairman George Lewis was cited by *Times of Zambia* as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



This photo taken recently shows people admire a skeletal replica of the *Omeisaurus Tienfuensis*, the second largest found in Asia. A Swedish researcher has found traces of grass in the fossilized dung of dinosaurs, proving that grass existed on Earth much earlier than previously believed and changing beliefs about dinosaurs' diets, a new study showed.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Tottenham draw 1-1 with West Ham

LONDON, 21 Nov—Anton Ferdinand headed a last-gasp equalizer to earn West Ham a dramatic 1-1 draw at Tottenham on Sunday.

The Hammers seemed set to lose out after Mido put Spurs in front in the 16th minute, sending a looping header over the out-of-position Shaka Hislop.

Teddy Sheringham forced a stunning close-range save from Tottenham keeper Paul Robinson in the second half as Spurs seemingly moved towards victory.

But in the dying seconds, Ferdinand converted Paul Konchesky's corner.

The goal sparked delirious scenes among the West Ham players who seemed destined to pay the price for the lack of a cutting edge.

Spurs had begun better of the two sides and a ferocious Edgar Davids shot went just wide after a deflection from Danny Gabbidon before Robbie Keane forced a save from Shaka Hislop from a tight angle.

At the other end Hayden

Mullins saw a shot fly narrowly wide with Robinson beaten before Yossi Benayoun hit a low shot past the England goalkeeper's post. Spurs were ahead shortly afterwards, however, although Hislop must take his share of the blame.

Dawson's long pass seemed innocuous, but it found the unmarked Mido whose looping header caught the Hammers' keeper hopelessly out of position.

Play continued to flow with Keane and Teemu Tainio both causing the Hammers' defence problems with long-range efforts, before the visitors' Marlon Harewood blazed wildly off-target following a neat set-up.

But as the half wore on, the game became rather scrappy.

Mark Noble had a strike chalked off for offside for the Hammers, but Spurs

reached half-time without any major scares.

The interval seemed to refresh Spurs and they began the second period with a flurry of half-chances.

Mido just failed to connect with a cross, then Hislop came out well to block an attempted overhead kick from Keane before a Davids piledriver was blocked by Ferdinand.

MNA/Xinhua



West Ham's Anton Ferdinand, third left, scores against Tottenham Hotspur during their English Premier League soccer match at White Hart Lane Stadium in London, on 20 Nov, 2005. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. — INTERNET

Hearts held by Aberdeen in Rix's first game

GLASGOW, 21 Nov—Hearts missed the chance to go level with Scottish Premier League leaders Celtic when they were held to a 1-1 draw at Aberdeen in Graham Rix's first game in charge on Sunday.

Hearts have 36 points from 15 games, two behind Celtic who romped to a 3-0 home win over champions Rangers on Saturday.

Hibernian remain third with 31 points while

Rangers are languishing in fourth spot on 23 points.

Aberdeen's Jamie Smith slotted home a low, angled shot from the right of the box into the bottom left hand corner to give his side the lead after 13 minutes at Pittodrie.

Hearts levelled through Czech Republic forward Rudi Skacel, whose 25-metre shot deflected off defender Zander Diamond and looped over keeper Ryan Esson midway through the second half.

MNA/Reuters

Biseswar earns Feyenoord last-gasp win at Roda

AMSTERDAM, 21 Nov—Feyenoord grabbed a 3-2 win over Roda JC Kerkrade to climb to second in the Dutch First Division on Sunday, one point behind leaders PSV Eindhoven.

Dirk Kuijt opened the scoring for Feyenoord in the 25th minute with a close-range header but Brazilian Sergio levelled three minutes later with a superb long distance strike.

Central defender Andre Bahia made it 2-1 to Feyenoord but on the stroke of halftime Andres Oper equalized again.

Ten minutes from end, 17-year-old Diego Biseswar combined well with Sebastian Pardo and sealed Feyenoord's win with his first goal. Roda finished with 10 men after Pa Modou Kah's 82nd-minute dismissal.

PSV, held 4-4 in a thriller at fourth-placed RKC Waalwijk on Saturday, are top with 29 points from 12 matches.

AZ Alkmaar, who drew 0-0 with Groningen, slipped to third with 26 points. Ajax Amsterdam are sixth with 18 following a 2-0 win over Twente Enschede.

Heerenveen beat Sparta Rotterdam 2-1 to go level in points with Ajax, Fernando Derveld opening the scoring five minutes before the break.—MNA/Reuters

Milan sunk by Toni's Fiorentina double

MILAN, 21 Nov—Italy international Luca Toni scored twice for Fiorentina in a hugely impressive 3-1 win over AC Milan which left the clubs level in second place in Serie A on Sunday.

Leaders and champions Juventus, who won 4-1 at AS Roma on Saturday, have 33 points, five ahead of Milan and Fiorentina. Another Tuscan club, Livorno, are in fourth place after their 2-0 win over Empoli although Inter Milan can overtake them if they beat Parma at the San Siro later on Sunday. Aimo Diana and Francesco Flachi earned

Sampdoria a 2-0 win over Lazio while Palermo fought back from two goals down to draw 2-2 at Treviso.

Toni, Serie A's top scorer, headed Fiorentina in front in the 10th minute when he was left unattended by the Milan defence to nod in a Manuel Pasqual free kick at the back post. Milan fought back 15 minutes later with

Alberto Gilardino's glancing header from Serginho's cross sending them in level at the break.

Just 35 seconds after the restart Martin Jorgensen restored Fiorentina's lead after Milan's Italy international defender Alessandro Nesta failed to deal with a cross from Pasqual and the Dane slid the ball home.

MNA/Reuters

Middlesbrough beat Fulham 3-2

LONDON, 21 Nov—A Middlesbrough showed great resilience as they twice came from behind to beat visiting Fulham 3-2 on Sunday.

Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink drove in the winner with only six minutes to go to inflict the cruel defeat on the visitors.

Collins John's wonderfully executed goal -- the striker turned and volleyed in the same movement -- had given Fulham an early lead they defended valiantly.

But in the 64th minute James Morrison collected Yakubu's cross and clipped the ball past Tony Warner to equalize.

Fulham regained their lead when Papa Boubou Diop headed in, but Yakubu's disputed goal made it 2-2.

Fulham will wonder how they emerged with nothing to show from this game given Brian McBride hit the post when they 1-0 up and the disputed nature of Yakubu's goal.

The visitors were incensed Boro's second goal was allowed, arguing the Nigerian was offside after the ball hit him following Hasselbaink's shot.

Yakubu had slid in to collect Gareth Southgate's cross but he was unable to reach the ball.

Lurking behind the Nigerian was Hasselbaink whose side-footed shot

might have missed the target had it not hit the prone Yakubu.

Boro had plenty of possession but until Morrison's goal the home side laboured to create clear openings for Hasselbaink and Yakubu.

When Boro did manage to get in shots and headers they were thwarted by Tony Warner.

The Fulham goalkeeper's best save came when he spooned away the ball after Queudrue sent in a diving header from a Boro corner.

Early in the second half Hasselbaink briefly glimpsed the Fulham goal, but the Dutchman's fiercely struck shot was blocked by his own teammate Chris Riggott.

Fulham took the lead on nine minutes when Sylvain Legwinski cushioned a pass to John in the area from a Niclas Jensen throw.

The young Dutch striker controlled the ball on his chest and then swivelled and clipped a volley over Brad Jones' outstretched hand to claim his fourth goal in six games.

MNA/Reuters



Middlesbrough's Yakubu, left, takes a shot on goal past Fulham's Zat Knight, right and Moritz Volz, centre, during their English Premier League soccer match at the Riverside, Middlesbrough, England, on Sunday, 20 Nov, 2005.

INTERNET

Anarchists attack banks with firebombs in Athens

ATHENS, 21Nov — A group of about 40 youths threw firebombs at three bank branches in downtown Athens in the early hours of Saturday morning, the police said on Saturday.

The individuals broke the frontages of three bank branches in central Athens and threw firebombs in the interior of the bank branches, causing extensive damage, Athens News Agency reported.

The fire was extinguished by 15 firemen with three fire engines. Police are conducting an investigation to locate and arrest the culprits, without,

however, having specific data.

A spate of firebomb attacks were launched against police, government agencies and French institutes based in Greece by local anarchists, who expressed their support to the Paris riots, said the police.

MNA/Xinhua

Int'l drug-trafficking group smashed in Macedonia

TIRANA, 21Nov — Macedonian police smashed a multinational drug-trafficking ring and seized more than 10 kilos of cocaine in an overnight

action on Friday. Press reports reaching here from Skopje, Macedonia's capital, said Saturday.

With information provided by Customs and

other related authorities, police Friday night checked an "Opel" car at a port on the border with Bulgaria, the *Macedonian News*

Agency reported.

Police arrested two Macedonian drug-traffickers and found some 10.5 kilos of cocaine in the car which carried a license plate registered in Skopje.

The police put the drugs' market price at about 1.2 million euros (some 1.44 million US dollars).

With clues obtained in the operation, police carried out further searches and nabbed all the other three members of an international drug-smuggling ring composed of Macedonian and Greek drug-traffickers.

MNA/Xinhua

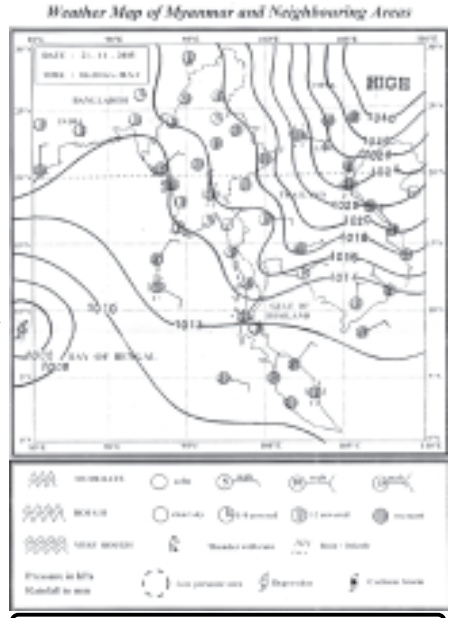


A snow cannon blankets the Olympic Alpine Ski Slalom and Giant Slalom courses of Sestriere, Italy, on 19 Nov, 2005 as the village is seen in background. Sestriere will host the Alpine Ski races of the Winter 2006 Olympic games, scheduled to start in Turin on 5 Feb, 2006.—INTERNET

Storm News

(Issued at 11:00 hours MST 21-11-2005)

According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, low pressure area over South-west Bay has intensified further into a depression with its centre about (130) miles East of Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka. It is forecast to move West Northwest wards.



WEATHER

Monday, 21 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain 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 (4°C) below normal in Yangon Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha and Mindat (8°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Taungoo (0.67) inch.

Maximum temperature on 20-11-2005 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 21-11-2005 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 21-11-2005 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 20-11-2005 was (7.2) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 21-11-2005 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 (5) mph from East at (14:20) hours MST on 20-11-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, low pressure area over South-east Bay has intensified further into a depression with its centre at about (130) miles east of Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka. It is forecast to move West Northwest wards. Weather is partly cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 22-11-2005: Isolated light rain or thundershowers are likely in Chin and Northern Rakhine State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Dealtaic, Gulf of Mottama, Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-11-2005: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-11-2005: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Radio Myanmar

Tuesday, 22 November
Tune in today

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -If you come to me
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Another day
- 8.50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -More than a friend
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Hollow
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
- A thousand day
- Everything
- 9.00pm English Speaking Course Level III Unit 19
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Weekly sports reel
- 9.35 pm Music for your listening pleasure - I never
- 9.45 pm News & Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

TV Myanmar

Tuesday, 22 November
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 5. တရားဝန်ပွဲများ
- 8:00 am 6. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:05 am 7. Song of yesteryears
- 8:15 am 8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 pm 9. တံတော်ခင်းလင်းရေးသောတံခမ်း
- 8:30 am 10. International news
- 8:45 am 11. Let's Go
- 4:00 am 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Sing and Enjoy
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- 7:00 pm 5. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

Lt-Gen Tin Aye attends ceremony to hand over new school building

YANGON, 21 Nov — A ceremony to hand over the new school building of Chanayethazan Township No 15 Basic Education High School, Mandalay Division took place at the school yesterday morning.

First, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, headmistress Daw Tin Tin Yi and donor U Than Win of Man Myanmar Construction formally opened the new school building.

Member of the State Peace and Development

Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence then unveiled the signboard of the new one and observed it.

Next, donor U Than Win handed the documents related to the new school building to the Ministry of Education and Director-General U Thaug Khaing of No 2 Basic Education Department expressed thanks.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye presented cash to the outstanding teachers of the school.

After that, Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party looked round

multimedia classrooms of the school and attended to the needs.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win, Secretary of Mandalay Division PDC Lt-Col Kyi Thein and officials, Division Education Officer U Aung San, social organizations and others.

The two-storey school of 140 feet by 30 feet has eight classrooms and was built at a cost of K 8.40 million. —MNA

Taikkyi, Aphyauk BEHS gets multimedia classrooms

YANGON, 21 Nov — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe yesterday attended the opening ceremony of the multi-media classrooms of Taikkyi and Aphyauk Basic Education High Schools in Yangon North District and unveiled the signboard of the rooms.

At the opening ceremony of Taikkyi BEHS, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and the headmistress and an official formally opened the multi-media rooms of the school.

Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address at the opening ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion at Taikkyi Township BEHS, he stresses the importance of education for the development of the State. He said that education plays a key role in implementing the development of the State, and so the Government laid down the 30-year education promotion plan. Multimedia classrooms of the BEHSs also play an important part in e-Education System which is being implemented by the Government, and students will have the opportunity to use the modern teaching aids, he added.

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Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe views the learning of students in multimedia classroom at Taikkyi BEHS. —MNA

Dr Tin Hlaing: winner of National Literacy Award in Translation (Knowledge) Genre



Dr Tin Hlaing

Dr Tin Hlaing who won 2004 National Literacy Award in Translation (knowledge) genre was born in 1941 at Thakhutpinleywa Village, Ayadaw Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division. He got a BSc degree in 1963 and later got an MSc degree. He obtained a PhD degree majoring in nuclear physics in 1976. He served at the universities

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at various capacities for over 30 years. He is currently serving as an executive of Myanmar Academy of Technology, as an adviser of the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University and a part-time professor of the Sitagu International Buddhist Academy. He wrote research papers, articles and two university textbooks in English version. He is now writing other informative and educational books and biographies. He won the National Literacy Award with his book titled *O o n a u k - m y a - k o Mihnyichin*. His penname is Bo Hlaing. The original

book was written by Indian President APJ Abdul Kalam.

The book was aimed at handing down the fine traditions in social, religious, economic and technological fields to the Indian youths and enabling them to be capable of facing the challenges of future. It was also aimed at broadening the horizons of Indian youths who are to shape the future of India.

Although his work was aimed at young people, it was found to be the most informative and educational for the adults.

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Daung Nay Min wins National Literacy Award for collected short stories



Daung Nay Min (U Sein Win)

“This is my first ever published collected short stories”, said Daung Nay Min (U Sein Win) referring to his work “Khan-sar-hmu Theik-thee-hsa Ahmat-ta-ya” that won the National Literacy Award for collected short stories.

“I have gathered my

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short stories which I suppose are appropriate in remembrance to my works”, he said, adding that his works reflect the lives of grassroots.

I have entered the literary profession after my work “Ane-khet Athe-khet” won the consolation prize in Moe Moe (Inya) Short Stories competition in 1994.

The writer won prizes for five times in the competitions. He won second prizes for his works in

2001 and 2002 and other consolations in 1996 and 1998. Since 1994, the writer has contributed about 50 short stories in various magazines.

Daung Nay Min (U Sein Win) was born on 19 July 1960. He got the BSc (Physics) degree from Yangon University in 1980. His current address is 734, Waibagi Road, Nya Ward, North Okkalapa.

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