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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of congratulations to President of Sri Lanka

YANGON, 22 Nov— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Mahinda Rajapakse, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, on the assumption of the high office of the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 19 November 2005.—MNA

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

The Union of Myanmar

The State Peace and Development Council

The Board of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Law

(The State Peace and Development Council Law No. 6/2005)

The 7th Waning of Tazaungmone 1367 ME

(22nd November, 2005)

The State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts the following Law:

Chapter I

Title and Definition

1. This Law shall be called the **Board of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Law**.
2. The following expressions contained in this Law shall have the meanings given hereunder:

(a) **Electric Power** means the electric power produced from steam turbines or hydro-power

turbines or fuel engine or natural gas turbines or nuclear power plant or solar power plant or by any other means.

(b) **Electric Power Works** means the works of exploration, production, transmission and distribution of electric power.

(c) **Area of Yangon City Electric Power Supply** means the area prescribed by the Ministry of Electric Power, with the approval of the Government for the purpose of this Law.

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Even places in far corners of Rakhine State can now catch up with other regions in terms of progress in multi-sectors

Prime Minister General Soe Win tours Rakhine State

YANGON, 22 Nov — Prime Minister General Soe Win looked into progress in construction of the Government Technological College (Sittway) in Rakhine State on 20 November morning. He was accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Commander of

Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the SPDC office and departmental heads. Principal Dr Win Naing reported on construction progress of the three-storey main building and learning conditions of the students.

The Prime Minister went to the briefing hall of

Sittway University construction project. Pro-rector U Ba Shwe reported to him that Sittway College was opened in 1973 and it was upgraded to the university in 18-9-1996. He also reported on subjects being taught in the university, conducting of undergraduate and master's degree courses,

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Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects Pyaingchaung Dam Project near Mindan village in Kyauktaw Township. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Make continued efforts for greening Meiktila plains and for sufficient water supply

Having favourable soil and climatic conditions, Myanmar has potential for extending its agricultural work. This being the case, the government is taking all the necessary steps to boost the production of the agricultural sector, especially by building dams and river water pumping stations to ensure sufficient water supply for agriculture and green the dry and arid zones.

Nowadays, farmers grow ten major crops, namely paddy, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, green gram, mung bean, pigeon pea, cotton, sugar cane and corn, according to aquatic and terrestrial conditions of their respective regions.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with responsible officials, toured Meiktila District on 18 November and inspected Nyaunggon, Letkhokpin, Lunngin and Chaungkauk dams there.

In his meeting with departmental personnel at Nyaunggon dam, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged them to try to successfully implement the greening project for the Meiktila plains, to be able to irrigate all the cultivated farmland through support dams to the Meiktila Lake and to extend sown acreage.

Last year, Meiktila District had only 47 rainy days with a total rainfall of 26 inches but this year it has had 51 rainy days with a total rainfall of 31 inches. Moreover, due to the supply of water from the Meiktila District greening project and the support dams to the Meiktila Lake, cultivation of crops can be extended this year.

The influx of water into Nyaunggon dam in Meiktila Township this year has been 3,305 acre feet and it can irrigate 183 acres of monsoon paddy and Chaungkauk dam more than 6,000 acres of monsoon paddy. Similarly, as Letkhokpin, Lunngin and Chaungkauk dams have had good influx of water, they can supply water to the Meiktila Lake. As a result, more than 170,000 acres of monsoon paddy, over 86,000 acres of long-staple cotton and more than 200,000 acres of beans and pulses can be grown this year.

We would like to call on regional authorities and local farmers to make continued efforts to be able to successfully implement the greening project for Meiktila District, to meet the targeted sown acreage for paddy and other crops and to be able to supply as much water as possible to all the farmland.

Myanmar delegation arrives back

YANGON, 22 Nov— After attending the Workshop on Teachers' Training jointly organized by Civil Service Selection and Training Board and Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan in Singapore, a Myanmar delegation led by member of CSSTB U Hla Myint Oo arrived back here on 20 November. They were welcomed back at the airport by Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun and members U Nyunt Swe and U Aung Myint and officials. — MNA

People's Desire

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

Minister receives guests

YANGON, 22 Nov — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received President Mr Lin Gang and party of China Machinery Complete Equipment Engineering Corporation (CMCC) of the People's Republic of China this afternoon. They discussed matters on progress in implementation of Hydrogen Peroxide Factory project of Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries in Chauk, Magway Division.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minis-



ter Brig-Gen Thein Tun and departmental heads. MNA

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung receives President Mr Lin Gang and party of China Machinery Complete Equipment Engineering Corporation (CMCC). — INDUSTRY-1

Myanmar-Japan medical team attends to patients with eye problems in Patheingyi

YANGON, 22 Nov — A medical team comprising Myanmar and Japanese eye specialists gave free treatment to patients with eye problems today at Patheingyi People's Hospital in Ayeyawady Division. A total of 3228 outpatients received the treatment, and medical team has performed 46 ophthalmic surgeries at the hospital.

The 13-member Myanmar-Japan medical team was headed by Prof Dr U Than Aung of Institute of Medicine-1, Prof Dr Daw Myint Khaing and Dr Fujita Yoshifumi of Association of Japan Myanmar Mutual Cooperation. A Seminar on Phacoemulsification Cataract Surgery and Outreach Ophthalmic Surgical Services organized by Ministry of Health, UNDP, WHO and UNICEF was held yesterday afternoon at Sanny Paradise Resort at Ngwesaung Beach in Patheingyi.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung made an opening address and thanked the Japanese eye specialists for their cooperation with

Myanmar eye specialists in giving free treatment to eye patients in Ayeyawady Division.

At the opening ceremony of the seminar, Japanese Eye Specialist Dr Fujita Yoshifumi donated eye surgical equipment worth US \$ 150,000 to be used at Patheingyi People's Hospital and Yangon Eye Specialist Hospital and a wellwisher also donated medicines worth K 500,000 through the commander.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and resident representatives of UNDP, UNICEF and WHO and Japanese Eye Specialist Dr Fujita Yoshifumi yesterday morning visited Farmer's Hospital in Sarmalauk Village in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

Chinese Ambassador calls on Industry-2 Minister

YANGON, 22 Nov— Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin this afternoon received Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and discussed matters relating to economic and industrial cooperation between the two countries.

Also present were Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials. MNA

Data Protection Technologies Seminar held

YANGON, 22 Nov— Seminar on Data Protection Technologies jointly organized by MCPA and Myanmar Credent Technology was held at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hlaing Township this morning.

First, President of MCPA U Thaung Tin explained the purpose of holding the seminar and General Manager U Zaw Naing, purpose of the data protection. System Engineer U Nay Myo Tun explained system for data protection and Executive U Wai Lin Kyaw on data protection technologies.

Next, Manager of Asia Region Andrew J Tan discussed matters on data protection technology, practical works and findings.

Those present took part in the discussions. MNA



Manager of Asia Region Andrew J Tan discusses matters on data protection technology, practical works and findings. — MCPA

NAM information ministers meet in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 Nov—The Sixth Conference of the Ministers of Information of Non-Aligned Countries opened here on Monday, providing a platform for delegates to exchange views on how to advance and consolidate mutual cooperation in the fields of information and communication in facing globalization.

About 70 member countries of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) sent delegations to attend the conference officiated by Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak representing Prime Minister Abdullah Ahamad Badawi. Delegates will discuss Malaysia's proposal of setting up the NAM News Network (NNN), which is an Internet-based news exchange centre aimed at presenting accurate news on NAM countries rather than biased news as portrayed by some Western media.

Last Saturday, senior officials of those participating countries, while finalizing arrangements for the

ministerial meeting, expressed their support for the proposed NNN.

At the two-day conference, delegates are also expected to endorse Kuala Lumpur Declaration, which aims to intensify South-South cooperation in the field of information and communication and bridge the information divide among NAM countries.

Themed "Advancing Information and Communication Collaboration Towards a more Dynamic NAM", this conference convened nine years after the fifth meeting of information ministers in Abuja, Nigeria in 1996.

MNA/Xinhua

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Indian porters carry luggage of Indian citizens crossing into Pakistan at the Line of Control (LoC), at Chakan Da Bagh, Poonch, about 250 kilometres (156 miles) northwest of Jammu, India, on 21 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Bush urged to level with US public

WASHINGTON, 21 Nov—The Bush Administration needs to "level with the American people" about the war in Iraq if it wants to stem eroding support for the conflict, and to step back from the unrealistic goal of establishing a liberal democracy there, Democratic Senator Joseph Biden said on Sunday.

"Persuading the people to let you win — that's exactly what they've lost," Biden said on Fox News Sunday, referring to a quote from British World War II Prime Minister Winston Churchill by Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld earlier in the show.

"They have persuaded the American people we can't win, because they don't level. They've persuaded people we can't win," the Delaware senator told interviewer Chris Wallace, suggesting the administration follow the example of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and outline the war's progress. "He said take out your maps, folks, here's where we're winning, here's where we're losing, here's what we have to do."

"Why can't the

president do that? We're losing the American people, and that is a disaster," Biden said.

What was needed in Iraq was a consensus on a Constitution, functioning government ministries, "small-bore" projects to resolve such problems as sewage and electricity services and further training of Iraqi troops.

Biden also urged bringing in regional powers as well as international ones, saying it was not in the interests of Iran, France, Turkey or Saudi Arabia to have a civil war in Iraq.

"And so what you do is you have them in on the deal just like we did in Afghanistan, the six plus two talks, produce a consensus and then build

from there," he said.

Biden estimated that about 25,000 to 30,000 Iraqi troops had been effectively trained so far, up 5,000 to 7,000 from a figure reported several months ago.

To reduce the number of troops needed in Iraq, the mission there must be changed, he said.

MNA/Reuters

Gunmen kill Iraqi police officer in western Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 21 Nov—Unknown gunmen assassinated an Iraqi police officer on Sunday morning in western Baghdad, police said. "Major Naser Hamid, a police officer was gunned down by unknown armed men near the tunnel of Nafaq al-Shurta in

western Baghdad," Captain Ahmed Abdullah from Baghdad police told Xinhua. The attack took place at about 9:50 am (0650) as Hamid was driving to his work in the Doura police station in southern part of the capital, Abdullah said.

Another person, who was accompanying Hamid, was wounded in the attack, Abdullah added. Guerrillas frequently target Iraqi police and government officials in a bid to topple the Shiite-dominated government.

MNA/Xinhua

Colombian congressman killed in chopper crash

BOGOTA, 21 Nov—A Colombian congressman and five others were killed on Sunday in a helicopter crash in the mountains north of Bogota, authorities said.

The chopper went down 40 kilometres north of the Colombian capital in the state of Cundinamarca, killing all six on board, including congressman Roberto Camacho, said the province's police spokesman William Rodriguez.

The helicopter crashed amid a storm, and there was nothing to indicate a terrorist attack, he added.

In addition to Camacho, the victims included Cundinamarca State deputy Efrén Bejerano and the state's former deputy governor, Adolfo Leon, Rodriguez said.—MNA/Xinhua

Jamaican drug smugglers get prison terms in Cuba

HAVANA, 21 Nov—A Cuban court sentenced three Jamaican men caught smuggling 1,340 pounds (610 kilos) of marijuana to prison terms of up to 20 years,

the ruling Communist Party newspaper *Granama* reported on Saturday.

Rudolph Allen Black, Malson Cambell and Robert Wallace were arrested last November after their speedboat ran out of fuel and was drifting near a key off Cuba's northeastern coast.

Cuban officials said the men had thrown the bales of marijuana overboard. The drugs were recovered and later incinerated by Cuban officials.

Cambell was sentenced to 20 years in prison, Black to 18 years and Wallace 17 years, *Granama* reported.

They had set out from Jamaica and were apparently heading for Bahamas, but were intercepted thanks to a tip off from the Jamaican military, the newspaper said.—MNA/Reuters

US troops kill five of Iraqi family

BAGHDAD, 21 Nov—Five members of an Iraqi family, three of them children, have been shot dead by US forces who opened fire on their car outside a military base northeast of Baghdad.

Three other family members were wounded in the incident which took place near Baquba at around 6.30am (0330 GMT) as they were returning from a funeral, police and hospital sources said.

Ahmad Kamil al-Sawamara, a 22-year-old student who was driving the car but escaped serious injury, said he suddenly saw US military vehicles just ahead of him. "The soldiers started shooting at us from all over. I slowed down and pulled off the road, but they continued firing," he told reporters.

"I saw my family killed, one after the other, and then the car caught fire. I dragged their bodies out."

Internet



A US Black Hawk medivac helicopter is seen on the Dora Highway in Baghdad, Iraq, on 21 Nov, 2005 where a truck carrying equipment for the US forces was attacked by a roadside bomb explosion, according to Iraqi police. —INTERNET



Indonesian construction workers work on a building in Jakarta on 21 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

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Methadone helps drug addicts in S-W China rebuild life

KUNMING, 12 Nov — Over 110 drug addicts are working to rebuild their lives in southwest China's Yunnan Province — by turning to methadone.

In Ruili, a city on Yunnan's southwest area, these drug addicts are permitted to take the therapy drops daily at a local methadone clinic that opened last June, and take a prescribed dose of methadone under doctor supervision.

To ensure they actually drink methadone, drug addicts are neither allowed to take more than

the prescribed dose nor take the potion out of the clinic.

Dr Yang Guangwen of the clinic said that the methadone programme runs quite well, and there have been more drug users coming for the therapy since the clinic's opening.

Most patients come on a regular basis for the therapy and back home they publicize the benefits

of methadone substitution among their peers, said Yang, who has met a handsome number of people consulting about or applying for the therapy everyday. Government regulations stipulate that only drug users who have been discharged from official detoxification centres can qualify for the methadone programme.

MNA/Xinhua

Health Minister says China's bird flu controllable

SHANGHAI, 21 Nov — China's bird flu epidemic is currently controllable, says Minister of Health Gao Qiang here on Sunday, who is attending the Shanghai Healthy City International Forum.

Gao told *Xinhua* that China has basically brought the bird flu under control, saying that the Heishan County in northeast China's Liaoning Province, where the disease epidemic was most grave, has not reported any new infectious cases for 10 days.

He further explained that the epidemic will end soon though the spread still occurred in some other provinces. "The spread of bird flu virus is caused mainly by migratory birds and their migration has almost completed," Gao acknowledged.

The effective control of the virus spread among poultry will reduce the human infectious cases, Gao said, adding that the chance for human infection is limited. Compared with the grave situation of Symptoms of Acute Respiratory Syndrome or SARS in 2003, China's monitoring and control over bird flu are being performed in a more systematic and orderly manner, Gao said.—MNA/Xinhua

"Gamma" weakens to tropical depression

MIAMI, 21 Nov — Gamma, the 24th named storm in the record-breaking hurricane season, has weakened into a tropical depression, the National Hurricane Centre said on Sunday.

Gamma's maximum sustained winds dropped to 35 miles per hour, but the storm was expected to bring rain to southern Cuba, the Cayman Islands, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Gamma lashed Central America on Saturday and killed at least 12 people, three of them in a plane crash on their way to a luxury jungle lodge owned by film director Francis Ford Coppola.

Nine of the dead were in Honduras, where another 14 people are missing. Over 5,000 people were evacuated on Hon-

duras' Caribbean coast and rescue officials said more than 50,000 were cut off as bridges were damaged or destroyed, leaving several cities and towns isolated.—MNA/Reuters

Annan says, Mideast leaders fear another Iraq in Syria

UNITED NATIONS, 21 Nov — Middle East leaders want Syria to cooperate with a UN inquiry into the killing of a former Lebanese leader but fear a UN confrontation with Damascus could lead to "another Iraq," Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Monday.

During a recent tour of the region, every capital Annan visited wanted to see Syria convinced to cooperate through diplomatic means rather than via a change in regime or military action as occurred in neighboring Iraq, Annan told reporters.

The region's leaders

"are all concerned and anxious to see Syria cooperate and to see the issue settled diplomatically and not lead to a situation that destabilizes possibly Syria and Lebanon," he said. "They are worried if we are leading to another Iraq situation."

Annan said he assured

them the UN Security Council wanted only "to get to the truth and ensure that the culprits are brought to justice." The 15-nation council ordered the UN inquiry into the 14 February murder of former Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri in a Beirut truck bombing, and also demanded that

Syria cooperate. Top US leaders have repeatedly warned Syria in recent weeks to fully cooperate with the investigation.

Some US officials have also hinted that Annan was stepping on investigators' toes by pressing for a compromise after Detlev Mehlis, who heads the UN inquiry, insisted on questioning six top Syrian officials in Lebanon—where he has the power to detain suspects—and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad refused.

But Annan defended calls he made last week to Assad in search of agreement on a site where Mehlis could question the officials.

Mehlis ultimately rejected the compromise proposed by Assad and Annan—that he use UN offices in the Golan Heights.

Internet

Two killed in car explosion in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 21 Nov — Two civilians were killed and an Army commander was injured in a car explosion in Afghanistan's southern Helmand Province on Saturday morning, a local official said.

"Today in Sangin District of Helmand, a car explosion left two persons in the car killed and a commander named Payanda Mohammad Khan injured," Haji Mohammad Wali, spokesperson of the provincial governor of Helmand told *Xinhua*.

"The investigation is still going on, and no one has been arrested so far," he added.

At the same time, Taleban's spokesperson Qari Yusuf Ahmadi claimed the responsibility for the car explosion and said the two killed were the commander's bodyguards.—MNA/Xinhua

Bus crash in Argentina kills three, injures 24

BUENOS AIRES, 21 Nov — A bus carrying students turned over in western Argentina on Sunday, killing three and wounding 24, rescuers said on Sunday.

The vehicle, taking students from a college in the Buenos Aires city of Guernica on an end-of-course trip, turned over on a path heading for Valle Grande, a tourist spot close to the Mendoza city of San Rafael, about 1,000 kilometres from Buenos Aires.

Many of the adolescents were trapped inside the bus, rescuers said.

The three killed were girls aged between 13 and 15, and only three of the 24 injured remained in hospital, officials said.

MNA/Xinhua



Demonstrators shout as others hold pictures, they say depict tortured detainees, during a protest in Baghdad, on 20 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

15th Plenary Meeting of Fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee commences

YANGON, 22 Nov — The 15th Plenary Meeting of Fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was held at Wizaya Mingala Dhammathabin on Kaba Aye Hill here this morning.

It was attended by member Sayadaws, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Adviser U Arnt Maung, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Myo Kyaw, Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint and officials. Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara presided over the meeting and Joint Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Tejanya acted as master of ceremonies.

First, Joint Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Tejanya declared the start of the meeting and read out the attendance of the Sayadaws.

Next, Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara gave a Saraniya Ovakatha.

The Sayadaw said he would like to inform holding the workshop on upgrading of Sasana universities on 7-8 October. Suitable points from the discussions and suggestions at the workshop would be undertaken soon. Today is the age of information technology. Teaching methods based on conventional ways cannot be applied in the IT age and therefore it is necessary to upgrade Sasana universities established by the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs. He said the Committee performed opening of State Pariyatti Sasana Universities and missionary schools, monastic schools, International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University in education sector. The Committee carried out conferring Sasana titles to Sayadaws in line with rules and regulations of religious affairs. Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers offered cash and provisions to Sarhintaiks every year. World Buddhist Summit was held by spending a large sum of money in December of 2004.

After that, Joint-Secretary Sayadaw submitted the report and member Sayadaws presented sector-wise reports and the morning session went into recess.

Next, members of SSMNC discussed Vinicchaya

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara reads Saraniya Ovakatha at the 15th Plenary Meeting of the Fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee.
MNA



affairs, religious affairs, academic affairs.

Afterwards, U Kyaw Htaik of No 66, Lanthit Street, Lanmadaw Township offered dawn Soon to Sayadaws and members of Sangha. U Thein Zan and family, U Tin Win and Daw Thein Thein Oo and Dr Daw Thin Yu Aung and family offered day Soon to Sayadaws and members of Sangha.

The meeting continues tomorrow. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicates on religious matters at the 15th Plenary Meeting of the Fifth 47-member SSMNC. — MNA

Cooperative Minister inspects regional development tasks

YANGON, 22 Nov — Joint-Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min and officials concerned inspected thriving monsoon paddy grown on 5560 acres carried out by Oaktara Star Cooperative Syndicate in Patheingyi Township on 20 November.

Next, Minister Col Zaw Min attended membership application presentation ceremony of Oaktara Star Cooperatives Syndicate. Also present on the occasion were Mandalay Division Head of General Administration Department U Kyin Lin, Secretary of Mandalay Division USDA U Tin Maung Oo and members, Director of Department of Cooperatives U Aung Phyu

and officials. First, Minister Col Zaw Min accepted a total of 2710 membership applications. Next, the cooperative associations made cash donations. The secretary of Patheingyi Township USDA accepted cash K 500,000 and the Joint-Secretary-General cordially conversed with those present.

Afterwards, Minister Col Zaw Min and party arrived at 545-acre paddy field in Madaya Township. After that, he attended paddy harvesting ceremony and instructed officials concerned to grow summer paddy on 545 acres and to distribute paddy strains to Patheingyi Township.

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Minister Col Zaw Min attends harvesting of Hsinmantala high-yield paddy in the 100-acre field.—COOPERATIVES

Military code of conduct contest held



Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein inspects the military code of conduct contest. — MNA

YANGON, 22 Nov — To mark the 61st Anniversary of Armed Forces Day, a military code of conduct contest at Camp Commandant Office under the Ministry of Defence took place at Konmyinttha Hall this morning. Camp Commandant Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein and senior military officers visited the contest.

A total of 25 in officer level, 34 in warrant officer level, 52 in sergeants level and 27 privates participated in the contest that was divided into four levels. —MNA

Fifty roads being upgraded in Yangon municipal area

Reporter Than Swe (Pabedan)



Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect tarring of Natmauk Road.

The Union of Myanmar is made up of 14 states and divisions. These states and divisions have respective capitals as well as districts, townships, wards and villages. The State has assigned duties and responsibilities to respective commands, ministries and subordinate organizations to ensure development of the capitals, districts, townships, wards and villages.

Networks of road, water and air transports have stretched throughout the nation. Myanmar relies on road transport more than other modes of transport.

Nowadays, more and more Union highways and large bridges are under construction, while roads within and without the states and divisions, districts and townships, being upgraded, and district-to-district and township-to-township roads being extended with added momentum.

Respective ministries are taking responsibilities for the building of some road sections in Yangon Division, and the Yangon City Development Committee, for transport links in the townships and districts with the passage of time.

I would like to spotlight the special project being implemented by the YCDC in 33 townships, for which it is taking responsibilities to be completed dur-

ing the period from October 2005 to May 2006.

The Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) under the YCDC is playing a major role in constructing roads and bridges. The department is speeding up tasks for the development of Yangon City such as laying concrete slabs on platforms on both sides of the

gravel roads, seven miles of granite roads, and 217 miles of laterite roads.

It has built many roads in the Yangon City municipal area. With respect to maintenance tasks, it is tarmacking old roads and filling the potholes on the roads.

It started tarring 25 roads and laying gravel on 25 roads in the city on

of West Shwegonedaing Road between Kaba Aye Pagoda and U Wisara Roads, 1400-foot Hledan Road between Kamayut Junction and Hledan Overpass, 14082-foot section of Anawratha Street between Lower Pazundaung and Strand Roads, 8100-foot section of Thamaing Budayon Road between Insein Road

Road and Lanthit Street, 17000-foot section of Waizayanta Road between Thanthuma and Parami Roads, 5300-foot section of Saya San Road between Kaba Aye Pagoda and Yankin Roads, 6235-foot section of Natmauk Road between Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Setyon Street, 8220-foot section of Merchant Street between Shwedagon and Yazadariz Roads, 14580-foot section of Ledaunk-kan Road between East Racecourse and Thanthuma Roads, 2088-foot section of North Racecourse Road between Saya San and East Racecourse Roads, 7959-foot section of Kyaikkasan Road between Natmauk and East Racecourse Roads, 13452-foot section of Bogyoke Aung San Street between Lower Pazundaung Road and Thakin Mya Park, 19400-

and 4921-foot section of Thameinbaran Road between Tarmway Junction and Lagunein Bridge. The width of the roads will be 22 to 72 feet as necessary.

The respective sections of the following 25 roads will be upgraded:

The 1885-foot section of Medawi Street between Waibagi Road and Specialist Hospital in North Okkalapa Township, 6700-foot section of Thudhamma Road between Waibagi Road and Khayebin Street, 2100-foot section of Thumingala Road between Thitsa and Parami Roads in South Okkalapa Township, 500-foot Natsin Street in Kyimyindine Township, 363-foot Htana Street (entrance road to Baho Sanpya Fish Market), 393-foot Sagawabin Street (entrance road to Baho Sanpya Fish Market), 1593-foot Alanpya Pagoda Street in Dagon Township, 2000-foot Myanmaragonyi Street between Upper Pansodan Street and Theinbyu Roads in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, 1900-foot Myayagon Street between Bo Min Yaung and Theinbyu Roads, 3200-foot Budayon Street between Lanthit and Insein Roads in Insein Township, 5893-foot section of Hlawga Road between No 4 Highway and Maha Bandoola Road in

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The Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) is taking responsibilities for renovation or maintenance of 1,474 miles of roads — 1,250 miles of tar, concrete or gravel roads, seven miles of granite roads, and 217 miles of laterite roads.

roads, expansion of platforms, upgrading of earth drains into brick or concrete ones, extension of the mouths of junctions of the roads, and renovation or upgrading of junctions of the roads.

The population of Yangon City is on the increase, thus leading to the emergence of new towns one after another. In 1988, Yangon City consisted of 27 townships with 133.63 square miles in total with a population of around 4 million. Now, the number of the townships has increased to 33 with total area of 265 square miles with a population of over 5.295 million. Its area has doubled with many new roads.

The Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) is taking responsibilities for renovation or maintenance of 1,474 miles of roads — 1,250 miles of tar, concrete or

1 October 2005 and the project is scheduled to be completed by 31 May 2006. The tarring of the roads is being carried out with five work units with five machines.

Roads under extra concrete laying according to the plan are 2650-foot section of Strand Road between Ahlon and Bayintnaung Roads, 9960-foot section of Bayintnaung Road between Parami Road and Kamayut Creek Bridge, 4176-foot section of Banyadala Road between Kyaikkasan Road and Tarmway Junction, 9418-foot section of Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road between Pyay and Insein Roads, 10175-foot section of Entrance Road to Nyaunghnapin Road, 33500-foot section of Parami Road between Dagon Myothit (North) Bridge and Bayintnaung Road, 4400-foot section

and Bayintnaung Bridge, 5000-foot section of U Chit Maung Road between Saya San Road and Tarmway Junction, 6078-foot section of Kanpatlan Road between Bahan Roundabout and Setyon Street, 7000-foot section of Maha Bandoola Street between Sule Pagoda

foot section of Thanthuma Road between Ledaunk-kan and Parami Roads, 3200-foot section of U Htaung Bo Road between Kaba Aye Pagoda and U Wisara Roads, 4500-foot section of East Racecourse Road between Tarmway Junction and North Race Course Road,



Workers of the Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) under the YCDC, laying rocks to upgrade a road into a tar facility within the target period.

Health sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of health in the time of the Tatmadaw Government

Achievements in surgical operations

Health is the most basic requirement for development of a society. Health is wealth, and it also contributes to intellectual development. Hence, the government is placing emphasis on uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation.

In the health sector, a number of highly-qualified medical scientists emerged through the institutes of medicine and the training schools. New hospitals were built and the old ones upgraded in cities of the states and



divisions. More doctors, nurses and staff were appointed at those medical centres.

Altogether 180 more specialists and 34 physicians were appointed at state and divisional level hospitals for 12 specialist subjects including medical science, surgical operation, obstetric and gynecology, pediatric health, anaesthetic and ophthalmology while 248 more specialists were appointed at district level hospitals for six specialist subjects. Rare and unusual medical treatments are being provided there.

Modern lab equipment, advanced surgical equipment including blood and flesh kits and intensive care units were facilitated at hospitals in states and divisions. Like Yangon, international level surgical operations coupled with modern lab equipment were successfully performed in Mandalay.

The standard of health care services in upper Myanmar is now equal to that of lower Myanmar. Surgical operations that could be done only at Yangon General Hospital in the past can now be performed at Mandalay General Hospital. Likewise, some surgical operations that could be done only abroad can now be performed locally.

The aim of the Myanmar medical science is to enable all to enjoy



The first ever liver transplant successfully performed by Myanmar surgeons led by Professor Dr Norman Hla at the New General Hospital (Yangon) on 25-8-2004.

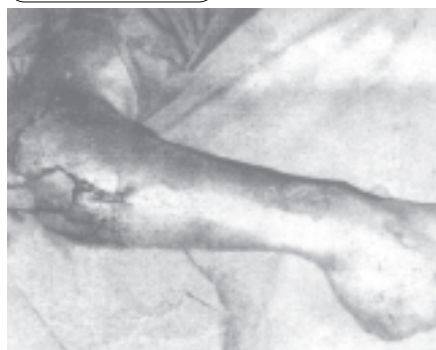
The 11th renal transplant done at the New General Hospital (Yangon) on 18-7-2005.

Achievements in surgical operations

Sr No	Subject	1988	2005
1.	conjoined twin	2	* 4
2.	pericarditis	nil	1
3.	traumatically amputated arms	nil	4
4.	kidney transplant	nil	28
5.	liver transplant	nil	** 1

* 19th accomplishment in the world

** First achievement in South East Asia



The 2nd surgical operation on a traumatically amputated distal forearm successfully performed at YGH on 18-11-2003.

longevity and save their life. The health sector has been able to improve health standard of Myanmar through its own medical science. The ability of Myanmar medical scientists is on a par with that of international level medical scientists. Myanmar medical science has been acknowledged by international community.

Achievements in surgical operations done by Myanmar surgeons who have been recognized by international community were put on record in the time of the Tatmadaw Government.

The table shows achievements in surgical operations performed by Myanmar surgeons in the time of the Tatmadaw Government.

Government giving priority to ensuring proportionate...

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At 10 am, General Soe Win and party met members of Rakhine State PDC and district and township PDCs and departmental officials at the hall of Sittway Station. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint reported on acreage of state's cultivable land, growing of 10 major crops and other crops such as rubber, thitseint, oil palm, coffee, tea, onion and pepper, efforts for the transformation of Rakhine State into a pepper region, sufficiency in food and measures being taken for better transport and power supply.

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Managing Director U Maung Maung Tin reported on arrangements being made for changing of telephone line in the state into digital system and state Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung of Public Works on conditions of Pauktaw-Minbya and Myebon-Minbya roads. Next, the Prime Minister stressed the need for supply of electricity though biogas, husk-fired power and wind power for regional development. He also gave instructions on boosting cultivation of pepper, onion and rubber that can generate more incomes, extended breeding of fish and prawn and development prospects of

the state thanks to the assistance of the government.

The Prime Minister next visited the people's hospital (16-bed) in Ponnagyun and Ponnagyun BEHS. At the hall of the school, General Soe Win met departmental staff, social organizations and townsenders, the township PDC chairman reported on requirements for regional development including construction of township multipurpose hall. The Prime Minister presented exercise books and stationery for the schools in the township. Next he cordially greeted those present. The Prime Minister and party



Prime Minister General Soe Win making cash donations to Maha Muni Buddha Image in Kyauktaw through members of the pagoda board of trustees. — MNA

helicoptered to Paletwa in Chin State where they visited the township hospital and comforted the patients. He was conducted round the lab, X-ray room and medical

and townsenders at Kimo hall.

The township PDC chairman reported on facts about the township. The Prime Minister fulfilled the needs for supply of water, power, transport, education and health. He donated exercise books to the schools in the township. The commander also presented gifts to the local battalion and service personnel. The Prime Minister made cash donations to the people's hospital.

The Prime Minister and party went to Pyaing Creek Dam Project site near Mindan Village in Kyauktaw Township. Director-General of Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win reported on progress of work of the project. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than then gave instructions. The Prime Minister spoke of the need to explore possible water resources and utilize them.

Pyaing Creek Dam Project is being implemented by construction-3 of Irrigation Department.

The main earth dam is 800 feet long and 116 feet high. On completion of the project, the

dam will supply water to 5,000 acres of land and it will generate power.

On arrival at Kyauktaw Township, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by departmental officials and local people. They went to the township Basic Education High School. Headmaster U Maung Kyaw Sein reported on multimedia classrooms and skills of the students.

They proceeded to 25-bed Township People's Hospital. The Prime Minister met local officials at the Township Peace and Development Council Office. Chairman U Myo Htoo Kyaw reported on salient points of the township and requirements. The Prime Minister took part in the discussions and presented exercise books and stationery to Township Education Officer U Maung Tha Zan.

The Prime Minister and party offered flowers, lights and scented water to Maha Muni Yokeshindawmyat in Kyauktaw. He donated cash to the pagoda and inspected renovation of Gandakuti Pyatthat Kyaung.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects the multimedia classroom in Basic Education High School in Kyauktaw. — MNA

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store by officials. He also inspected the development affairs market and developing township. The Prime Minister then went to Paletwa BEHS and inspected stockpiling of materials for opening of multimedia rooms. He met with departmental staff, social organizations



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects the operation theatre of the General Hospital (200-bed) in Sittway. — MNA

Government giving priority to ensuring proportionate...

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General Staff Officer (Grade-1) Lt-Col Tin Soe and engineers reported on arrangements for renovation. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint said that the pagoda would be renovated according to the original style.

The Prime Minister and party signed in the visitor's book and free the fish in the lake in the precincts of the pagoda. They arrived in MraukU in the evening.

In meeting with departmental personnel, social organizations and townsenders, the Prime Minister said he came to the townships to meet service personnel and local people and fulfill requirements for regional development.

He said occasionally the Head of State Senior General Than Shwe himself made inspection tours in the townships in Rakhine State and gave guidance. Other high-ranking officials and the ministers



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects a 25-bed hospital in Kyauktaw. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects construction of Sittwe University. — MNA

came to the regions and carried out development tasks.

All the regions of the nation are achieving sustainable development thanks to the harmonious efforts of government officials at higher, middle and basic levels. The people of Rakhine State themselves have witnessed all-round developments of their region as well as other areas of the nation.

The government in its drive to develop all areas of the nation is giving priority to ensuring a proportionate development in all regions and raise the economic and living standards of the national races. Even places in far corners of Rakhine State can now catch up with other regions in terms of progress in health, education, peace and security,

Socio-economic development is a human requirement. Thus, the government has been making utmost to ensure security, food sufficiency and develop all the necessary sectors. Government staff discharging duties in townships of the state should give priority to serving the local's interest. They should strive in harmony and unison for ensuring development of the entire nation starting from individual prosperity.



Government Technical College in Sittway. — MNA

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The foundation of progress is regional peace and stability. Only the national unity will add strength to the national force that is the engine of growth. It is important for all to have Union Spirit and patriotism. In addition to crops that have been cultivated in the state, other promising crops including rubber should be grown in the region, said the Prime Minister. —MNA

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- (d) **Consumer of the Electric Power** means the persons who uses the electric power owned by the Board of Yangon City Electric Power Supply.
- (e) **Act of Wastage** means an act done by any means to waste electric power intentionally, causing loss to the Board.
- (f) **Board** means the Board of Yangon City Electric Power Supply formed under this Law.

Chapter II

Formation of the Board

3. The Ministry of Electric Power, with the approval of the Government:

- (a) shall form the Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board comprising from a minimum of seven members to a maximum of fifteen members with technicians and suitable citizens, in order to carry out electric power works effectively within the area of the Yangon City Electric Power Supply.
- (b) shall determine the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Joint-Secretary and assign duty thereof in forming the Board.
- (c) may alter and form the Board as may be necessary.
- (d) shall determine the pay and remuneration entitled to the members.

4. The Board shall be directly responsible to the Minister of the Ministry of Electric Power.

5. The Joint-Secretary of the Board is the Head of the Office.

6. The Board shall have the right to operate under its own name and common seal and shall have perpetual succession and the right to sue and be sued in its corporate name.

Chapter III

Functions and Duties of the Board

7. The Board shall perform the following functions and duties within the area of the Yangon City Electric Power Supply:

- (a) laying down the policy, guidance and supervision, that are required in the implementation of the provisions of this Law;
- (b) carrying out measures for enhancing the development of the electric power sector for Yangon City on a par with international standard;
- (c) carrying out measures to supply sufficient electric power to the consumers of electric power;
- (d) carrying out measures to prevent cut off of the supply of electric power, the loss of electric power and to collect electric power fees fully;
- (e) distributing electric power to the consumers of electric power in line with prescribed voltage and current systematically, in accordance with the stipulations;
- (f) supervising the collection of electric power fees from the consumer of electric power;
- (g) inspection of the electric power works owned by the Board and causing inspection to be made by a team or by any individual;
- (h) inspection of the use of electric power and causing inspection to be made by any individual;
- (i) carrying out measures for the competency and work-site discipline of the personnel of the Board;
- (j) coordinating, if necessary, with the government departments and organizations in carrying out the duties and functions of the Board;
- (k) carrying out other functions and duties assigned from time to time by the Ministry of Electric Power.

Chapter IV

Powers of the Board

8. The Board has the powers to carry out the following in the area of Yangon City Electric Power Supply:

- (a) performing the electric power works;
- (b) purchasing necessary electric power at the

rate prescribed by the Ministry of Electric Power;

(c) determining and altering the rates of electric power fee with the approval of the Ministry of Electric Power;

(d) cutting off the electric power supply if there is failure to pay electric power fees during the prescribed period;

(e) utilizing electric power fees and the money received by other means in accordance with the stipulated regulations and conditions;

(f) granting permission, if necessary to any organization or any individual to operate any electric power works as a business taking charges with the approval of the Ministry of Electric Power in the locality where electric power cannot be supplied fully as yet by the Board;

(g) arranging for development of electric power works and safety from electrical danger by making use of modern and advanced technology;

(h) scrutinizing and permitting the application for the use of electric power;

(i) cutting off electric power, if necessary, after investigation on the loss of electric power and the use of electric power by illegal means, and passing decision on the prescribed compensation;

(j) passing decision on the compensation to be paid by any person who has committed any act contained in section 26, section 27 and section 28;

(k) filing information report or causing information report to be filed at the relevant Police Station to take action against offences contained in this Law;

(l) exercising the powers conferred by the Ministry of Electric Power, from time to time.

9. The Board may delegate its functions, duties and powers conferred under section 7 and section 8 to any personnel of the organization.

Chapter V

Organizational Set-up and Formation of Offices at Different Levels

10. The Board shall draw up the necessary organizational set-up, based on the electric power works to be implemented, with the approval of the Ministry of Electric Power.

11. The Board shall form offices at different levels to carry out the electric power works within the area of Yangon City Electric Power Supply as follows:

- (a) The Board of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Office;
- (b) The District Electric Power Supply Offices;
- (c) The Township Electric Power Supply Offices.

12. The Board, in accordance with the guidance of the Ministry of Electric Power:

- (a) has the right to appoint the necessary personnel within the organizational set-up;
- (b) shall determine the pay and remunerations of the personnel;
- (c) may, in coordination with the relevant government department and organizations, transfer and appoint personnel who can carry out electric power works effectively.

13. The Board shall carry out service affairs such as granting leave, granting pension, taking action and granting permission to resign in accordance with the service regulations stipulated for public servants.

14. The Board:

- (a) in appointing personnel, may expend up to 30 percent of the annual income accrued;
- (b) if it is desired to expend more than the percentage, provided in sub-section (a), may obtain the approval of Government, through the Ministry of Electric Power.

15. The Board may delegate powers relating to service affairs to the Head of the Office, as may be necessary for enabling the supervision of the personnel.

**Chapter VI
Inspection**

16. The Board may inspect the electric power works and use of electric power, in accordance with the stipulations and may confer the duty of inspection on a team headed by a member or on any member or any personnel.

17. The Board or the inspection team and person assigned duty of inspection under section 16 have the right to enter into the relevant land and building to inspect the electric power works and the use of electric power.

18. The Board or the inspection team and person assigned duty of inspection by the Board may:

- (a) examine the person who operates electric power works and the consumers of electric power;
- (b) may summon and examine the owner of the relevant land and building, if necessary.

Chapter VII

Finance

19. The Board shall subsist on its own funds. In addition, it shall take responsibility for all its financial matters. It may take loans with the approval of the Ministry of Electric Power from the Government, or local and foreign organization or person, if its own funds are insufficient.

20. The Board shall open a bank account for its funds and separate bank account for foreign currency accrued to it and may expend in accordance with the procedures, rules and regulations.

21. (a) The Government may determine the amount of maximum net profit which can be kept and expended by the Board;

- (b) The Board shall expend the saved net profits which exceed the amount of net profit determined under sub-section (a), in accordance with the decision of the Government.

22. The Board shall:

- (a) scrutinize the annual budget estimate and submit and obtain the approval of the Ministry of Electric Power;
- (b) submit the progress of the annual finance and auditing of accounts to the Ministry of Electric Power within 90 days after the expiry of the financial year.

Chapter VIII

Maintenance of Fund and Auditing of Accounts

23. In order that the Head of the Office may maintain the accounts systematically and to enable auditing thereof the Board shall prescribe the accounts procedures in coordination with the Office of the Auditor-General.

24. The Head of the Office shall:

- (a) compile and keep the accounts in accordance with the accounts procedures prescribed by the Board;
- (b) in respect of the accounts compiled and kept under sub-section (a), submit to the auditing by the person assigned by the Ministry of Electric Power or the Auditor-General.

Chapter IX

Compensation for Injury

25. In the event of injury, physical disability or death due to negligence or failure to carry out duty by the Board or by person assigned duty by the Board, the aggrieved person shall receive the following compensation from the Board:

- (a) if aggrieved person is not covered by the Workmen's Compensation Act, the compensation prescribed by rules or procedures issued under this Law;
- (b) if aggrieved person is covered by the Workmen's Compensation Act, the compensation prescribed under the said Law or the compensation prescribed under sub-section (a), whichever is larger in amount.

Chapter X

Compensation for Offences

26. The Board shall, in respect of electric power works being carried out by the Board, pass an order on any person who has committed any of the following acts to cause payment of the current value of electric

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power owned by the Board and electrical equipment owned by the Board that have been damaged or lost or the prescribed compensation for the loss caused by such commission to be made to the Board in accordance with the stipulations:

- (a) abstracting, causing act of wastage, reselling illegally, using illegally or stealing and using of electric power dishonestly;
- (b) destroying any of the electrical equipment;
- (c) destroying any of the electric power works.

27. The Board shall pass an order on any person who commits any of the following acts in respect of electric power owned by the Board, which is in the process of execution by the Board, to pay the prescribed amount of money as compensation to the Board:

- (a) transferring without the permission of the Board any electrical equipment to any other person;
- (b) allowing the use of electric power by way of distributing to any other person, without the permission of the Board;
- (c) using the electric power not allowed to be used for commercial purpose from general purpose meter or domestic power meter;
- (d) consumption of electric power exceeding the power load limit of the industrial power meter;
- (e) diverting of electric current without the permission of the Board.
- (f) cutting off electric power line without the permission of the Board.

28. The Board shall pass an order on any person who operates any electric power work as a business, taking charges without the permission of the Board, in the locality where electric power can not be supplied fully as yet by the Board to pay the prescribed fees as compensation for the loss to the Board.

**Chapter XI
Appeal**

29. Any person dissatisfied with the order passed by the Board in respect of compensation under section 26, section 27 and section 28:

- (a) may appeal to the Ministry of Electric Power

within 30 days from the date of receiving the order causing payment of compensation to be made;

- (b) shall have the right to appeal only after the compensation prescribed by the Board has been paid.

30. The Ministry of Electric Power may revise, set aside and confirm the order passed by the Board in an appeal case under sub-section (a) of section 29.

31. The decision of the Ministry of Electric Power made under section 30 shall be final and conclusive.

32. If the person on whom order to pay compensation has been passed wins in the appeal, he shall be entitled to get back the compensation in accordance with the decision of the Ministry of Electric Power.

**Chapter XII
Offences and Penalties**

33. Whoever dishonestly abstracts, causes wastage, resells illegally, uses illegally or consumes illegally the Board-owned electric power shall be deemed to have committed theft of electric power under the Penal Code.

34. Whoever dishonestly diverts electric current, cuts off electric power supply-line, damages any of the electric power works shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 5 years to a maximum of 10 years or with fine from a minimum of kyats 100,000 to a maximum of kyats 1,000,000 or with both.

35. Whoever carries out any of the electric power works as a business, taking charges without the permission of the Board in the locality where no sufficient electricity supply can be made by the Board within the area of Yangon City electric power supply, shall, on conviction be punished with fine from a minimum of kyats 100,000 to a maximum of kyats 1,000,000 and shall also be liable to pay, on conviction, a fine of kyats 50,000 for each day of the period during which the offence is continued, after conviction that of.

36. Whoever violates any of the prohibitions contained in the rules and orders issued under this Law shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine of kyats 500,000 or with both.

37. Whoever attempts to commit any offence contained in this Law or abets the commission of an offence shall be punished with the penalty provided for such offence in this Law.

**Chapter XIII
Miscellaneous**

38. The members and personnel of the Board, when performing or purporting to perform the functions and duties under this Law shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Penal Code.

39. The Ministry of Electric Power may, with the approval of the Government, determine the demarcation and alteration of demarcation of the area of Yangon City Electric Power Supply.

40. Moveable and immoveable properties, works in the process of execution, completed works, assets and liabilities of the Divisional Electrical Engineer's Office, District Electrical Engineer's Office, Township Electrical Engineer's Office within the area of Yangon City Electric Power Supply shall devolve respectively on the Board in the prescribed manner of the Ministry of Electric Power.

41. The Board:

- (a) shall have the right to recover from the person who fails to pay electric power fees and compensations due to the Board, as if they were arrears of land revenue;
- (b) may assign duty to any suitable person to exercise the powers of the Collector under existing laws in carrying out the matters contained in sub-section(a).

42. The offences under this law are determined as offences cognizable by the Myanmar Police Force.

43. The relevant court shall have jurisdiction on any offence prescribed in this Law only when information report has been made to the relevant Myanmar Police Force Station and action has been taken by the Board or any responsible person of the Board.

44. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this law:

- (a) The Ministry of Electric Power may, with the approval of the Government, issue such rules and procedures as may be necessary;
- (b) The Ministry of Electric Power and the Board may issue such notifications, orders and directives as may be necessary.

Sd/...

Than Shwe
Senior General
Chairman

The State Peace and Development Council

**U Nyan Thin wins National Literary Award
in Knowledge (Ordinary Science) Genre**



U Nyan Thin

U Nyan Thin emerged the winner of the National Literary Award (2004) in Knowledge (Ordinary Science) Genre with his work "Myanmar Ruby and Sapphire". He said, "That's the second time I've won the national literary award. I won the national literary award for the first time with the book 'Myanmar Jade' in knowledge (Ordinary science) genre". He said

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Ko Ko Soe Nyunt*

that he had to write the prize-winning work (the second) for about four years through theoretical and practical experience with three purposes — to enable the gem miners to know and systematically apply geological facts in mining precious stones; for the students majoring in geology to gain international level study on gems; and for gems merchants to catch up with the international level in fixing standards, qualities and prices of gems.

He was born of U Ba Khin and Daw Pan Thu in Nyaungkan Vil-

lage, Budalin Township, on 3 March 1935. He completed primary education in Nyaungkan Village, and pursued high school education in Monywa. He passed matriculation exam in 1953. He got B.Sc degree from Mandalay College, M.Sc degree from Yangon University, and Diploma in Gems from London Gems Association. He served for Yangon, Mandalay and Mawlamyine universities from 1957 to 1993. He retired as the pro-rector from Yangon University.

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**Dr Chit: winner of National Literary Award in
General Knowledge (Applied Science) Genre**



Dr Chit

Dr Chit who won 2004 National Literary Award in general knowledge (applied science) genre was born of U Myat Tun-Daw Hnin Chei in Mahlaing Township, Mandalay Division on 2 May 1935. He won a BSc (Agri) degree and a PhD (Agri) degree. He studied agricultural science at home and abroad for over 20 years. He

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served at the governmental bodies at various capacities for about 30 years before taking retirement. He is currently writing a book on cotton cultivation in the interest of the State and the people.

Dr Chit won the National Literary Award with his book titled Orange and Perennial Crops Cultivation. In an interview with the New Light of Myanmar, he disclosed that nowadays the government has been able to take steps for the development of agricultural sector and engage in cultivation of poppy-substitute crops in border ar-

reas as peace and tranquillity prevailed the length and breadth of the nation. At such a time, he was eager to serve the interest of the State through intellectual strength since he was growing old. Based on his long study on agriculture, he established a perennial crop plantation in PyinOoLwin. It is not only for his own interest but for conducting research on perennial crops. The aim of his plantation is to disseminate knowledge on perennial crops and cultivation methods.

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(TENDER NO. 21(T) MPE/HSD (13)/ 2005-2006)
 1. Sealed Tenders are invited by the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of High Speed Diesel Oil (6,000 ± 10% Metric Tons (Gas Oil Regular 0.5%).
 2. Tender closing Date: (6-12-2005) at (12:00) noon.
 3. Tender Documents and detail information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, No. (23), Min-Ye-Kyaw-Zwa Road, Yangon, during office hours commencing (22-11-2005) on payment of one hundred (100) FEC per set.
 4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.
 Managing Director,
 Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

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MV GATI SUVIDHA VOY NO (71906)
 Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI SUVIDHA VOY NO (71906) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.11.2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
 MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST
 Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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 No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 25th November (Friday), National Day 2005, being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.
 Central Bank of Myanmar

Diouf wins third six-year term as FAO chief

ROME, 21 Nov—Jacques Diouf of Senegal was re-elected to a third six-year term as Director-General of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on Saturday.

He received a total of 137 votes out of 165 votes cast and was the only candidate nominated by the Organization's 189 members.

As an intergovernmental organization, FAO has 188 member countries plus one member organization, the European Community.

The election took place on the first day of

the biennial governing conference, which also will decide the Organization's budget for 2006-2007 and a major reform proposal tabled by Diouf.

Diouf was first elected FAO Director-General in November 1993. Before that he was Senegal's Ambassador to the United Nations in New York.

He has also served as

Secretary-General of the Central Bank for West African States in Dakar, Senegal, and as a Member of Parliament and Secretary of State for Science and Technology of Senegal.

Diouf is FAO's seventh Director-General since the Organization was founded in Quebec City, Canada on 16 October, 1945.

MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh arrests nine militants

DHAKA, 21 Nov—Police in Bangladesh said they had raided a den of Islamist militants on Saturday in the country's north, seized bomb-making material and arrested three suspects.

"A hardcore militant was arrested from the den in northwestern Panchagarh, 500 kilometres (300 miles) from Dhaka, while two others were picked up from other spots," a senior police officer said.

Earlier police said they had arrested six suspected Islamist militants on Friday in the northwestern area of Thakurgaon.

Police said one of those held there had identified himself as the son-in-law of Shayek Abdur Rahman, leader of the outlawed Islamist group Jamaat-ul-Mujahedan, which is blamed for a wave of bombings across the country on 17 August.

MNA/Reuters

Bomb explodes in Turkey

ANKARA, 22 Nov — A bomb planted under a private car exploded in southeastern Turkey on Monday, causing no casualties, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

The report said windows of nearby houses and shops were smashed by the powerful blast in the Derik Town in the southeastern Mardin Province.

MNA/Xinhua

Balkan, Black Sea countries discuss ways to cope with bird flu

ATHENS, 21 Nov—Health officials from 14 Balkan and Black Sea countries held a meeting on Saturday to discuss ways to stem the spread of bird flu, which has become a global threat.

Two countries

attending the conference — Greece and Cyprus — are members of the European Union, and EU Health Commissioner Markos Kyprianou was also present at the closed-door meeting in Vouliagmeni, a seaside

resort in the suburbs of Athens.

Kyprianou told reporters before the meeting that "we are not facing a problem of a national or local order, but

a global difficulty".

The EU backed any concerted approach by neighbouring countries to deal with the deadly H5N1 flu strain, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain, France, Saudi Arabia start IMF shock facility

LONDON, 21 Nov—Britain, France and Saudi Arabia pledged on Sunday to finance a new International Monetary Fund lending facility to help poor countries cope with economic shocks such as soaring oil prices.

Britain pledged 85 million US dollars to the Fund and said France and Saudi Arabia would soon announce their contributions.

The facility aims to cushion countries from high oil prices, sudden changes in the price of commodity exports, natural disasters and conflict or crisis in neighbouring nations, British Finance Minister Gordon Brown said in a statement.

Brown urged oil-producing nations that are benefiting from a doubling in oil prices since last year to join the facility.

He said it needed donor contributions of 700 million US dollars to subsidize total lending of 2.8 billion US dollars over the first five years.

"The high price of oil has led to significant transfers from consumers to producers of oil — estimated to be

in the order of 800 billion US dollars over the last two years," Brown said in a statement released by Britain's Treasury in London following talks between Brown and his French and Saudi Arabian counterparts in Riyadh.

"This new IMF facility will play a vital role supporting poverty reduction in some of the world's most vulnerable countries, ensuring that development is not undermined by changes in economic conditions," he added.

"Further contributions are needed from other donors — including from oil producers — to fund the new facility in full."

Sizable shifts in global capital on the back of the surge in oil prices could create instability, he said.

MNA/Reuters



A person on a parasail is framed by palm trees against the backdrop of the island of Lanai as they parasail along Kaanapali beach in Lahaina, Hawaii, on 20 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

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Brazil to be world's leading biodiesel producer

BRASILIA, 21 Nov—Brazil could produce biodiesel more cheaply than other countries and become the world's leading biodiesel producer, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said.

"In the next 10 or 15 years, we will be proud to see Brazil be the country with an edge in biodiesel production," Lula said.

He added that there will be some 350,000 people working on biodiesel in the country by the end of this year.

Brazil, already the world's leading producer and exporter of ethanol, derived from its huge sugarcane crop. Ethanol can be blended with gasoline to reduce tailpipe emissions in cars and trucks.

"Few countries can compete with Brazil,

because God gave us sun, land and hardworking people," Lula said.

Biodiesel is also a clean burning alternative fuel made from plant material or biomass such as sugarcane and palm oil. It can be used in diesel engines or blended with

regular diesel fuel.

Biofuels became increasingly popular in recent years amid concerns over the world's diminishing oil and gas reserves and as countries try to reduce their dependence on imported fossil fuels.

MNA/Xinhua

Semi-naked models drive British motorists to distraction

LONDON, 21 Nov—Almost a quarter of British motorists admit they have been so distracted by roadside billboards of semi-naked models that they have dangerously veered out of their lane.

In research released on Monday, one in five male drivers said their eyes were diverted from the

road by posters of scantily clad women — such as the saucy cleavage shots of model Eva Herzigova in her notorious adverts for Wonderbra.

However only one in 10 women were put off by the sight of a semi-dressed male model. Flashing warning signs, huge advertising hoardings and Christmas decorations were also said to be major distractions.

MNA/Reuters

US, Argentine doctors to do surgery with robot arms

BUENOS AIRES, 21 Nov —A team of doctors from the United States and Argentina will do surgery with robot arms, the first one in Latin America, an expert from the team told Argentine radio on Friday.

The robot arms will operate on the esophagus of a patient with a digestive disorder in the Clinicas Hospital in Buenos Aires on Sunday, Luis Zarato said.

Surgeons will use robot arms instead of operating by hand to do much more delicate and precise work.

The robot arms are part of a joint project between the University of Buenos Aires, which owns the Clinicas Hospital, and the University of Illinois of the United States.

MNA/Xinhua



A Toyota employee displays a Toyota i-swing concept car during the Third Guangzhou International Auto Exhibition in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on Monday 21 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

British house prices rise for 2nd month

LONDON, 21 Nov—Average asking prices on a British home rose for the second straight month from mid-October to mid-November on rising turnover, suggesting that confidence is returning to the market, a report said on Monday.

Property website Rightmove said house prices climbed 0.8 per cent between 9 October and 12

November compared with the previous period, the biggest rise since April and following a 0.5-per cent rise in the prior period. The average asking price for a home rose to 197,855 pounds from 196,348 pounds, pushing the annual rate of increase in house prices to 4 per cent from 1.5 per cent. —MNA/Reuters



Bollywood actress Lara Dutta holds a souvenir of forthcoming 36th International film festival of India, during a news conference in Mumbai on 21 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Iberia summit focusing on sci-tech cooperation wraps up in Portugal

EVORA (Portugal), 21 Nov — Government leaders of Portugal and Spain agreed to boost their cooperation in the field of science and technology during the latest Iberia summit that wrapped up on Saturday in the central Portuguese town of Evora.

Sci-tech development will become a new focus in bilateral cooperation, said Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Socrates and his Spanish counter-

part Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero.

The two countries signed a total of 12 agreements on sci-tech cooperation, signalling that cooperation in this field will become a "new star" in bilateral ties, the two leaders told a Press conference.

Rodriguez Zapatero said the current summit has broadened their cooperation from some traditional sectors to the fields of science, employment and environmental protection, while bilateral relations have entered an extremely sound stage.

The Iberia summit is a meeting between government leaders of Portugal and Spain. It is held alternatively in the two countries every year.

MNA/Xinhua



Model Marina poses on a motorcycle made of wood, which is powered by a 175 ccm/8 HP engine, and made by German joiner Michael Schoessler, during a Press presentation prior to the Essen Motor Show fair in Essen, Germany, on 21 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

New guidelines on public toilet unveiled in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 21 Nov— Singapore women will benefit from the new guidelines on public toilet unveiled by the National Environment Agency, Channel NewsAsia said on Saturday night.

Under the new guidelines, there will be five toilet cubicles for women in medium-sized establishments such as bars, equalling the total number of urinals and cubicles for men. Women will have more toilet cubicles than men do in such places as convention halls and cinemas where a large number of people tend to use toilets concurrently in certain periods of time. — MNA/Xinhua

Uganda earns more from coffee export in October

KAMPALA, 21 Nov — Uganda earned 9.28 million US dollars from coffee exports in October, 12.5 per cent more compared to 8.24 million dollars during the same month last year, according to a monthly report from the Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA).

However, coffee exports in October totalled 121,696 60-kilogramme bags, representing a drop of 34.6 per cent compared to the same month last year.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Ronaldinho says Barca display against Real perfect

MADRID, 21 Nov — Brazilian midfielder Ronaldinho hailed Barcelona's 3-0 demolition of arch-rivals Real Madrid in the Bernabeu on Saturday as a "perfect" performance.

"It was the kind of game you dream about, it was a perfect display," Ronaldinho told reporters.

Barcelona have moved to the top of the Primera Liga, four points ahead of third-placed Real. Barca have scored 21 goals in their last six games in all competitions and only conceded one.

Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o opened the scoring with an opportunist's strike after 15 minutes and Ronaldinho notched two brilliant individual goals in the second half.

On 60 minutes, he carried the ball 40 metres, shrugging off two defenders before firing home. Sixteen minutes later, he raced past Sergio Ramos to

finish inside the near post.

Ronaldinho, given a standing ovation by the home fans, said: "For me it was a very emotional moment and I will never forget it because it isn't often opposition fans applaud you.

"It isn't something that you expect to happen in your career. I didn't know that it had only happened here before with Maradona."

Barca captain Carles Puyol said: "Ronaldinho is the best player in the world. He showed it today but he has also demonstrated it in other games.

"It is a surprising scoreline but Ronaldinho's plays and the work of the rest of the team

earned us the victory."

Sports daily *Marca* said "Ronaldinho puts an end to the era of the 'galacticos'," while *AS* called the defeat a "humiliation".

Real defender Michel Salgado summed up the side's feelings after they were jeered off the field. "We are shattered. It's been a hard blow," he said.

"Barca were better up front, defended better and played better. We have to face the facts because we gave the fans nothing to cheer about.

"It's the worst game I've been involved in since I have been at the club. We will continue to fight for the league but it clearly won't be easy."

MNA/Reuters



Inter Milan's Luis Figo (C) shoots and scores past Parma's goalkeeper Luca Bucci (L) and Matteo Contini (R) of Parma during their Italian Serie A soccer match at the San Siro Stadium in Milan, northern Italy, on 20 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

No awards for top European-based Asian players

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 Nov — Manchester United's Park Ji-sung and other top European-based players have been ruled out of contention for Asian Player of the Year because they cannot attend an awards ceremony in Kuala Lumpur.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) said on Monday its three finalists from 10 shortlisted nominees were Saudi Arabians Sami Al Jaber and Hamad Al Montashari along with Uzbekistan's Maksim Shatskikh.

Both Al Jaber and Al Montashari play in Saudi Arabia for Al Hilal and Al Ittihad respectively while Shatskikh is at Ukraine's Dynamo Kiev.

The governing body confirmed to *Reuters* that players who were unable to travel to Kuala Lumpur on 30 November would not be considered for the top prize.

The AFC's policy affects five of the six European-based players who made the shortlist, with only Shatskikh able to attend the ceremony.

South Korea's Park Ji-sung was on the shortlist with Bolton Wanderers' Japanese international Hidetoshi Nakata, Bayern Munich's Player of the Year Ali Karimi of Iran, Tottenham Hotspur's Lee Young-pyo of South Korea, and Celtic's Japanese midfielder

Shunsuke Nakamura.

Completing the list of 10 were Iran's Javad Nekounam, of Pas, and Saudi goalkeeper Mabrouk Zayed, of Asian champions Al Ittihad.

Sam Ka, general secretary of the Korean Football Association, told *Reuters* that AFC president Mohamed Bin Hammam had sent a fax to Korea on Monday explaining the body's stance.

"We understand that it would be better for the player to attend the ceremony, but we still believe that the best player deserves the award, not the player who is able to attend," said Ka.

"It's not only about Park or Lee Young-pyo. There's Nakamura, Nakata and other European-based players who cannot win as well."

Manchester United travel to West Ham in the Premier League three days before the awards ceremony while Bolton are away to Fulham.

The following week Bolton host Arsenal while United are at home to Portsmouth. — MNA/Reuters

Hitzfeld says Man Utd asked about his availability

FRANKFURT, 21 Nov — Former Bayern Munich coach Ottmar Hitzfeld says Manchester United, Real Madrid and AC Milan have all asked about his availability during his break from the game.

Hitzfeld, who lost his job at Bayern in 2004 and has not yet returned to coaching, was asked in an interview with *Der Zeit* newspaper whether various big clubs had asked after him.

The German confirmed there had been contact from Real and Milan and added: "Yes, there was also an enquiry from Manchester United."

Elsewhere in the interview, he said: "My wife would go with me to Manchester, to Milan, to Qatar, wherever."

Hitzfeld also said Chelsea had asked about him while he was still at Bayern. MNA/Reuters



David Nalbandian of Argentina, winner of the Tennis Masters Cup in Shanghai, kisses the trophy at the end of a match with Roger Federer of Switzerland on 20 Nov, 2005.

INTERNET

Spurs not to bid for Robben

LONDON, 21 Nov — Tottenham boss Martin Jol has dismissed that possibility to bid for Chelsea winger Arjen Robben should he become available.

Jol rates his fellow Dutchman highly but was quoted by BBC Radio Five Live's Sportsweek as saying that the 21-year-old was out of reach.

"Five months ago I said Robben was the best after Johann Cruyff but that doesn't mean we'd go for him," he said. "If he leaves I think he'd go somewhere like Real Madrid or Milan. Of course I'd like a player like him but it's not on, it's impossible."

Robben made a startling impact after joining Chelsea from PSV Eindhoven for 12 million pound in summer 2004 but this season he has been dogged by injury and questions over his attitude. Jol also ruled out a move for

Roy Keane following his exit from Manchester United, saying midfield was one of the areas where his team had strength in depth.

But he said he may well try to bolster his squad in other areas when the transfer window re-opens in January. "If you see us play there's always one or two problems, we're not perfect," he said.

"If you see Chelsea they're probably one hundred per cent but we're not so we always look to strengthen, but we can be pretty satisfied with our team. "We're better than ever but we're not the finished article, we always look to do something. "We might want to do something in January, we'll have to wait and see." — MNA/Xinhua

Italy backs Beijing's solar power project for Olympics

BEIJING, 21 Nov — Italy will help Beijing build a solar energy system for the city's Olympic Village, supplying hot water and electricity for the Games in 2008 and beyond.

Corrado Clini, a top official from the Italian Ministry for the Environment, said Italy will invest a total of four million euros (4.7 million US dollars) in the project, according to Monday's *China Daily*.

The solar energy system will be jointly constructed by the Guoao Investment and Development Co Ltd of China, and Italy's Merloni TermoSanitari International Trading Co Ltd.

The project will supply hot water and electricity to 16,000 people during the Games. After the event, the system will supply 2,000 apartments, housing around 6,000 people, the *China Daily* reported.

The project is one of the cooperative projects included in a Memorandum of Understanding on Environmental Cooperation signed between the Italian ministry and Beijing's municipal government in 2002.

MNA/Xinhua



Annika Sorenstam of Sweden kisses the trophy after winning the ADT Championship golf tournament at Trump International Golf Course in West Palm Beach, Florida, on 20 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Fifty roads being upgraded in Yangon...

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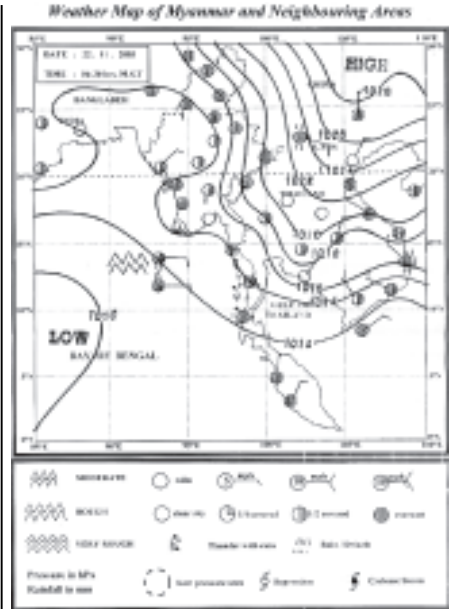
Shwepyitha Township, 5935-foot section of Bayintaung Road between Sittoung and Maha Myaing Roads, 7680-foot section of No 4 Highway between Computer Science University and city municipal border line, 2200-foot section of ShweOoDaung Road between Bogyoke and Tabinshwehti Roads in Hlinethaya Township, 5100-foot section of Hsinbyushin Road between Nyaungdon and Bago Roads, 8100-foot section of Mandalay Road between Shwepyitha Bridge and U Pon Nya Road, 3250-foot section of Shweyinyay Road between Shwepyitha Tada and Bo Aung Kyaw Roads, 3500-foot section of Alaungphaya Road between Bo Aung Kyaw and Kyansittha Roads, 2680-foot section of Hpa-an Road between Nyaungdon and Mandalay Roads, 6500-foot section of Hlawga Road between Kyansittha and Hsethweye Roads in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, 4000-foot section of Pyidaungsu Road between Hlawga and Ayeayawon Roads, 12000-foot section of Panglong Road between Anawrahta and U Wisara Roads in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, 5500-foot sec-

tion of No 2 Highway between Institute of Economics and Masoe Bridge in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, 11000-foot section of Aungchantha Road between No 1 and No 4 Highways in Mingaladon Township, and 2800-foot section of Nwekhwe Road between Pyay Road and No 3 Highway. The width of the roads will be between 18 and 80 feet.

In addition to concrete laying and tarring roads, the YCDC has also repaired them and patched the potholes in the Yangon municipal area. The YCDC patched 12973 potholes on 120 roads in 22 townships during the period from May to July 2005; 29139 potholes on 119 streets in 28 townships in August; and 13000 potholes on 23 streets in 11 townships in September.

Engineering Department of the YCDC implements the project to upgrade, lay tar or concrete and repair the 50 roads and will continue to maintain all the roads in the city. The department will build self-reliant roads in the city in cooperation with Union Solidarity and Development Association.

(Translation: MS+TMT)



WEATHER

Tuesday, 22 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, Sagaing and Bago Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (4°C) below normal in Yangon Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Northern Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Mindat (8°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Shwebo (0.43) inch.

Maximum temperature on 21-11-2005 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 22-11-2005 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 22-11-2005 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 21-11-2005 was (8.3) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 22-11-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (102.60) inches at Mingaladon, (101.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.46) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from East at (09:40) hours MST on 21-11-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, a depression over Southwest Bay is crossing East Coast of Sri Lanka near the South of Anuradhapura. Weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 23-11-2005: Rain or thundershowers are likely in Chin, Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of night temperature in the eastern part of Myanmar.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-11-2005: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-11-2005: Partly cloudy.

Storm News

(Issued at 11:00 hrs MST on 22-11-2005)
According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, a depression over Southwest Bay is crossing East Coast of Sri Lanka near the South of Anuradhapura.

Star milk powder introduced

YANGON, 21 Nov — MGS Food Co Ltd held a ceremony to introduce Star brand quality milk powder at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here yesterday evening.

It was attended by

entrepreneurs, journalists, officials and guests. MGS Food Co Ltd Chairman U Thein Tun explained that quality Star milk powder will be distributed to markets. It is imported from New Zealand and repacked at the company-

owned factory in Hline-thaya Township.

Next, U Yu Pa and Mr Jeffery of MGS Food Co explained facts about the factory and milk powder.

Star milk powder will be packed with pa-

per and tin boxes. The company will also distribute Crown brand condensed milk and evaporated milk.

Later, U Thein Tun and officials answered the queries raised by those present.

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U Thein Tun introduces Star brand milk powder of MGS Food Co Ltd. — MNA



Wednesday, 23 November
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-Let's go childish
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Colours of your dream
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-You can't hurry love
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-If I told you that
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
-I can't wait forever
-Forever
- 9:00pm Variations on a tune
- Take me home country road
- 9:15 pm Article/Music
- 9:25 pm Music at your request
- Forever & a day
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 23 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. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:55 am
6. မြန်မာ့အလင်းတီဗွီအဖွဲ့အစည်း
- 8:05 am
7. ယိုးဒယားနိုင်ငံတော်
- 8:15 am
8. အရေးကြီးပွဲ

- 8:30 am
9. International news
- 8:45 am
10. Let's Go
- 4:00 am
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm
4. အဆေးသင့်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခမေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခမေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm
6. Classical song
- 5:25 pm
7. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:30 pm
8. ရွှေလံနုလင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:40 pm
9. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာလက်စွဲ
- 6:00 pm
10. သုတေသနပြုချက်
- 6:30 pm
11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
12. Weather report
- 7:05 am
13. အတီပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:15 pm
14. Strong and healthy Myanmar
- 7:25 pm
15. Musical programme
- 7:35 pm
16. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပေသဘာ
- 7:45 pm
17. ဝင်ငွေတိုး၍ ဒေသဖွံ့ဖြိုးစေမည့် ဆင်းရွှေလံ (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 8:00 pm
18. News
- 19. International news
- 20. Weather report
- 21. "ဣန္ဒာရုံဓာတ်ကြီး" (ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနနှင့် ယဉ်ကျေးမှုဝန်ကြီးဌာနတို့ ပူးပေါင်းစီစဉ်တင်ဆက်သည်)
- 22. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစိန်ညွှာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ဓမ္မဉာဏာဝနာပွားများဖြင့်တရားတော်
- 23. The next day's programme

Government giving priority to ensuring proportionate development in all regions, raise economic and living standards of national races



Prime Minister General Soe Win meeting with departmental officials and members of social organizations at Palatwa. — MNA

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construction of lecture rooms and buildings. The commander, Education Minister Dr Chan Nyein and Deputy Construction Minister U Tint Swe gave supplementary reports. The Prime Minister viewed the scale model of the university and gave necessary instructions.

He next inspected the construction of the archway, entrance road to the university and other buildings. In meeting with the rector, pro-rector, professors, associate professors and faculty members at a lecture hall of the university, General Soe Win ex-

plained the State's efforts for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation and the importance of peace and stability of the State and national solidarity and development of human resources. He also said that now students are in a position to pursue education at high or higher level in their own regions due to the fulfillments of the government.

More teachers have also been appointed to train the students to become outstanding ones. It is important to emerge outstanding students and educated citizens in each and every region. He said he was glad to meet the teachers who always train the

students to become educated.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister proceeded to the Government Computer College (Sittway) where Principal Dr Nilar Aye and faculty members conducted him round the computer rooms and lecture halls. The Prime Minister attended to the needs and greeted the faculty members.

Next, he visited Sittway General Hospital (200-bed) where he inspected the intensive care unit, operation theatre, X-ray room and patient wards and gave necessary instructions to officials.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets with departmental officials in Monghkat, gives instructions on regional development tasks

YANGON, 22 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing on 19 November inspected regional development tasks in Monghkat, Shan State (East).

First, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with departmental officials and members of social organizations at Monghkat City Hall and gave instructions on regional development.

Speaking on the occasion, he urged the officials to organize the local farmers for extended cultivation of paddy and rubber and increasing livestock breed-

ing.

He also called on departmental officials to make efforts for implementing the Seven-point Road Map joining hands with local people with Union Spirit and patriotic spirit.

Monghkat is located in Kengtung District, Shan State (East), and has a population of 46701. There is 20,215 acres of farmland and 1,644 acres of high-land cultivation in Monghkat. The region has 147 per cent of food sufficiency.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party went to Monghkat Township Hospital and inspected operation room and medical store of the hospital and fulfilled the requirement.

During his tour of inspection, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party also inspected Nantlwe Bridge spanning Nantlwe Creek in Monghkat.

The bridge is 320 feet long and it can withstand 30 tons of load.

Afterwards, they arrived at Wuntarpon bailey bridge at Milepost No 21/0 on Kengtung-Wuntarpon-Monghkat Road and gave instruction on maintenance of the bridge.

Kengtung-Wuntarpon-Mongphyat-Mongyan Road is 73 miles long and 180-foot long Monglwe Bridge was constructed on the road. Monglwe Bridge and Wuntarpon Bridge in Monghkat are bailey type and they will be upgraded.

MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects Wuntarpon Bridge on Kengtung-Wuntarpon-Monghkat Road in Monghkat Township. — MNA

Selected Myanmar women charm start with 1-0 victory over Vietnam

YANGON, 22 Nov—Selected Myanmar women soccer team charmed start with 1-0 victory over Vietnam in XXIII SEA Games held in Mari Kina, the Philippines at 6 pm local time.

Zin Mar Wan scored the winning goal at 20th minute in the second-half to put Myanmar ahead.

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