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The future nation will come into shape soon if all requirements have been fulfilled and the State, the people and the Tatmadaw make collaborative endeavours

Textile Factory (Salingyi) inaugurated



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects Textile Factory (Salingyi) of Myanma Textile Industries.—MNA

YANGON, 25 Nov — Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Prime Minister General Soe Win this morning went to Salingyi Township, Sagaing Division, and attended the opening ceremony of Textile Fac-

tory (Salingyi) of Myanma Textile Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1.

The prime minister, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of

Defence, the ministers and the deputy ministers were welcomed at Monywa Airport by Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Chairman North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye,

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn and officials.

At the opening ceremony, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang and Vice President of China Na-

tional Machinery Corporation (Group) CMG Mr Wang Song Lin formally opened the factory.

Next, Prime Minister General Soe Win unveiled the signboard of the factory.

After the opening cer-

emony, the prime minister and party inspected production process of the factory and sample textiles produced by Paleik Textile Factory and Shwetaung Textile Factory.

At the second session of the opening ceremony held at the briefing hall of the factory, Minister U Aung Thuang reported on the purpose of the establishment of the factory and Managing Director of the Myanma Textile Industries U Oo Thein Maung on investment of the factory and its production capacity.

After hearing reports, Prime Minister General Soe Win made an address. He said prior to the opening of Salingyi Textile Factory, Pwint Phyu Textile Factory and Pakokku Textile Factory were established in Magway Division. So in 2005 alone, the textile factories were

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An aerial view of Textile Factory (Salingyi) of Myanma Textile Industries.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive in unison for success of seven-point Road Map

Myanmar lost her independence and sovereignty in 19th Century due to aggressive wars launched by colonialists. The country was able to regain independence thanks to the movement of Myanmar people launched with greater efforts springing from the nationalistic fervour for the emergence of a national education system that was in conformity with their socio-economic life.

In this age of advancing science and technology, the neo-colonialists instead of using much-obvious colonization and coercion method resorting to force, are attempting to encroach upon and dominate others through the media, with social, economic, human rights and narcotic drug excuses. Hence, the entire national people are to guard the nation against their perpetration with national awareness which originated in patriotism and Union Spirit.

The 30-year national education promotion plan has been laid down and is being implemented since 2001-2002 fiscal year for the youths to be able to face and overcome the socio-economic life created by the ever advancing science and technology of the 21st Century. The plan covers the task of developing the education sector to meet the international standard and producing highly qualified human resources for the future.

Under the national education promotion plan, the school enrollment rate of children at elementary classes increased to 97.58 per cent in the present academic year and up to 5,545 post-primary schools have been opened. At present, over 7.79 million students are attending classes at 40,525 basic education schools. In the higher education sector, over 797,000 students are pursuing education in 156 universities, degree colleges and colleges, and 988 persons have got doctorates.

In the 85th Anniversary National Day Message of Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, it was stated that the government and the entire national people are to join hands in the drive for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation and building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, mobilizing the strength of qualified human resources that will develop under the national education promotion plan.

It is very important for everyone of the nation wherever they live to cultivate and possess Union Spirit. Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to always uphold and safeguard.

Therefore, the entire national people are to do their bit for successful realization of the seven-point Road Map, a prerequisite for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation with patriotism and Union Spirit.

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 for Agriculture and Irrigation back from FAO Conference

YANGON, 25 Nov — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo attended the 33rd Conference of UN FAO in Rome in Italy on 19 November morning.

All the participants selected the Republic of Belarus as new member of FAO. They also re-elected the present Director-General of FAO for his third term. On 20 and 21 November, the conference continued. On 22 November, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo delivered an address at the conference.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo called on Vice-President of International Fund for Agricultural Development IFAD Mr James Carruther on 21 November, Deputy Executive Director Ms Sheila Sisula of World Food Programme on 22 November, and FAO Director-General Dr Jacques Diouf on 23 November.

He also met with Ministers for Agriculture of ASEAN countries and neighbouring countries. Furthermore, he visited agricultural equipment exhibition of Italy and grape and wine production industry of Italy.

The minister and party arrived back here by

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo addressing 33rd Conference of UN FAO in Rome, Italy. A & I



air yesterday morning. They were welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint, FAO Resident Representative Mr Tang Zhengping, departmental heads and families. — MNA

K 2m donated to funds of treatment for eye patients

YANGON, 25 Nov — A ceremony to donate cash to the funds for giving treatment to needy

eye patients was held at Eye Specialist Hospital on Natmauk Road in Tamway Township this

morning. Wellwisher Major Maung Latt (Retd) of PyinOoLwin explained the purpose of the

donations.

Next, Major Maung Latt (Retd)-Daw Nan Yin Yin (Soe San Training Camp-PyinOoLwin) presented K 2 million to Medical Superintendent Dr M Ja Naw and Professor Daw Myint Khaing. A certificate of honour was given to the wellwishers.

Later, the medical superintendent spoke words of thanks.

The ceremony was attended by specialists and matrons. — MNA



Medical Superintendent Dr M Ja Naw and Professor Daw Myint Khaing accept the donation. MNA

Meilin Shampoo organizes lucky draw

YANGON, 25 Nov — Lucky draw of Meilin Shampoo distributed by Ta-Fa Trading Co Ltd took place this morning at Excel Treasure Shopping Mall here.

First, Production Director of Ta-Fa Trading Co Ltd U Mein Tet extended greetings.

Names of customers, wholesalers and retailers

were drawn by officials for over 160 prizes and first, second and third gold and silver prizes.

Names of lucky winners will be featured in dailies and journals, and prizes will be given to the winners on 9 December at Traders Hotel. Present on the occasion were departmental officials, journalists, wholesalers and retailers and guests. — MNA



Production Manager U Mein Tet speaks at the lucky draw programme. — MNA

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China, India become major property investment destinations

NEW DELHI, 24 Nov — China and India are among the major destinations attracting strong foreign real estate investments this year, said Jones Lang LaSalle, an international real estate services and money management company Wednesday.

Although Japan remains top in Asia, India and China are both growing target destinations for investment and have the potential to be major destinations for global capital in the future, said Guy Hollis, international director of Jones Lang LaSalle's International Capital Group in a report released Wednesday.

"We believe that as property transfers between institutional players continue to build, capital inflow and outflow from these two investment hot

spots will expand rapidly, creating further cross-border investment opportunities," he said.

According to the report, cross border real estate investment increased by 18 per cent in the first half of 2005, totalling 237 billion US dollars and by the end of this year the total amount is estimated to reach a record high 550 billion US dollars, up 20 per cent over 2004.

The Asian Pacific

Region is undergoing the strongest growth with the transactions value in the first half of this year increasing 45 per cent over the same period of last year.

Europe remained the key destination for cross-border capital on real estate. The cross-border investment reached 52 billion US dollars, a year-on-year rise of 21 per cent, but most of the transactions were between European countries.—MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese police officer takes part in a security exercise at a special force training base in the south of the city of Beijing, China, on 25 Nov, 2005.

INTERNET

US soldier, Afghan killed by roadside bomb

KABUL, 24 Nov — A US soldier and an Afghan interpreter were killed when a roadside bomb hit their armoured vehicle in Afghanistan in the latest spate of violence involving Taliban guerillas.

The two were in a convoy re-supplying US-led forces during an operation against militants in the central province of Uruzgan when the incident happened on Tuesday, the US military said in a statement.

The death of the soldier brings the number of US casualties in Afghanistan this year as a result of hostile action to nearly 60, the bloodiest period since US-led forces overthrew the Taliban government in late 2001.—MNA/Reuters

Russia kicks off anti-terrorism military exercise

MOSCOW, 24 Nov— A joint military exercise of Russia's police, Army and security forces began in the southern Russian republic of Dagestan on Wednesday, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

The exercise, held in the Arkabash area close to the administrative border with Chechnya, is designed to enhance the coordination among different forces in operations against terrorists, the report said, citing Colonel Abdulmanap Musayev, spokesman for the Dagestan Interior Ministry.

These forces will simulate "repulse of an attack on a checkpoint", release of hostages captured by terrorists along with action in some other specified circumstances, Musayev said.

The participants of the exercise include Russia's Interior Ministry troops,

units of the Federal Security Service (FSB) and the Ministry for Emergency Situations, the troops deployed in Dagestan and the staff of prosecutor offices,

according to Musayev.

A similar military exercise will be held later this week near Makhachkala, the capital of Dagestan, said the report.—MNA/Xinhua

Yellow fever outbreak in Sudan kills 121

GENEVA, 24 Nov — An outbreak of yellow fever has killed at least 121 people in Sudan since 10 November, and the World Health Organization is organizing the emergency dispatch of 1.7 million vaccine doses to prevent the spread of the disease.

The WHO said on Tuesday it feared the outbreak of the mosquito-borne disease in South Kordofan State in central Sudan could spread rapidly in rural areas where people

were poor, nomadic and unvaccinated.

Sudan, which has reported a total of 448 cases, asked for the vaccines from the emergency stockpile of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization, the WHO said, adding that the doses would arrive next week.

"There is no immunity against the disease in the region, where it is not endemic and there is no history of vaccination over the past 10 years," spokeswoman Fadela Chaib told Reuters. "The risk of rapid spread appears high." Heavy rains have allowed "aedes aegypti" mosquitoes to multiply and spread the viral haemorrhagic fever.

MNA/Reuters

Number of injured reaches 30 in train crash in Turkey

ANKARA, 24 Nov — The number of people injured in a train crash in southern Turkey on Wednesday has risen to 30, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. The incident took place in the southern Turkish province of Mersin early Wednesday when a passenger train, en route from another southern province of Adana to Mersin, crashed into a lorry carrying farm workers, the report said.

Nine people were killed on the spot, it added.

The injured were immediately taken to nearby hospitals for medical treatment and some of the wounded were in critical conditions, according to Anatolia. Hasan Tahsin Koprulu, regional director of the Directorate General of State Railways, was quoted as saying that the passenger train did not derail in the crash and that the railway was not shut down.

"If underground tunnels and overpasses are not constructed and authorities do not take necessary precautions, it is impossible to avert such accidents," added Koprulu. 95 people and injuring 150 others.—MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier providing security for his fellow soldiers during a search in the city of Mosul, north of Iraq recently.—INTERNET

Thai disaster early warning systems to be completed before scheduled

BANGKOK, 24 Nov — Thailand's construction of all 55 remaining disaster early warning towers with necessary equipment installed will be completed by February 2006, according to Thai Department of Public Works and Town & Country Planning.

Thirawatra Kulavanich, the department's director-general, was quoted on Wednesday by the Thai News Agency as saying his

department was authorized to install the early warning systems at all the 55 remaining towers in the country's southern Andaman coast. "Sixteen towers with early warning systems will be located in Phang-nga, 12 in Krabi, nine in Trang, 13 in Satun and 5 in Ranong," he said.

"All the remaining work will be completed by February 2006, about one month before scheduled," he confirmed when leading

a team of officials to inspect the construction and installation of the disaster early warning systems on the Phi Phi Island off Krabi Province.

Some of the disaster early warning systems have already been constructed and installed in Phuket. Thailand's six southern Andaman provinces, including Phuket, Phang-nga, Krabi, Trang, Ranong and Satun, were hit by tsunami last December.

MNA/Xinhua

UN reports hunger kills 6 million children a year

ROME, 24 Nov— The United Nations' food and farming body on Tuesday renewed its plea for more effort to improve agriculture in poor countries to ease hunger and malnutrition which kill nearly six million children a year.

In its annual report, "The State of Food Insecurity in the World", the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said the world was way behind on hunger reduction goals for 2015 set at political summits over the last 10 years.

"If each of the developing regions continues to reduce hunger at the current pace, only South America and the Caribbean will reach the Millennium Development Goal target of cutting the proportion of hungry people by half," said FAO Director-General Jacques Diouf in the foreword to the report.

"None will reach the more ambitious (1996) World Food Summit goal of halving the number of hungry people."

The report uses 2004

data which estimated that 852 million people were undernourished during 2000-2002. The FAO will issue updated statistics in its 2006 report.

The FAO is urging a twin-track approach to tackling hunger, ensuring agriculture improves in poor countries while con-

tinuing to target food aid to the vulnerable such as women and children.

Most of the six million child deaths a year are not due to starvation but rather to neonatal disorders and diseases like diarrhoea, pneumonia, malaria and measles which would be easily curable if the vic-

tims were not weakened by lack of nutrition.

Of the 530,000 annual deaths of women due to complications in pregnancy and childbirth, 99 per cent are in developing countries, the report says, with hunger contributing to those deaths in many cases.—MNA/Reuters

Measles kills children in northern Nigeria

LAGOS, 24 Nov— Some 500 children have died in Nigeria's northern state of Katsina as a result of an outbreak of measles this year.

Ahmad Qabasiyu, director of Katsina State Primary Healthcare Development Agency, told reporters at the state capital Katsina on Tuesday that "21,000 cases of measles have been recorded since the beginning of this year".

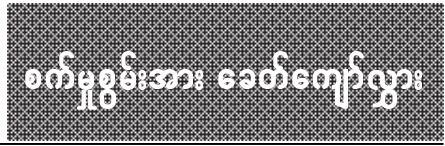
In view of the impact of the disease, preparations for a massive immu-

nization against measles were being made, he said.

According to Qabasiyu, a statewide immunization drive would commence during the 6-10 December period.

The director said 2.5 million children aged nine months to 15 years, representing 42 per cent of the state's population would

be immunized. "To this end, a total of 1,907 immunization centres have been mapped out for the exercise across the state," he said, adding that 13,000 personnel have been recruited. —MNA/Xinhua



An Indian Air Force MiG-29 fighter. India was set to wrap up week-long wargames held amid secrecy at a strategic island military base in the Indian Ocean that was flattened by last year's tsunami, officials said.—INTERNET

Sri Lanka floods kill six, tsunami displaced hit again

COLOMBO, 24 Nov— Floods triggered by heavy rains in Sri Lanka have killed six people and damaged thousands of homes, affecting many still in shelters after last year's tsunami, the government said on Wednesday.

Some 2,000 homes were destroyed and at least 63,000 people affected, a broad term covering those who had suffered damage to their homes, businesses or any other property.

Water levels fell in most of the country after rains eased, but officials were still assessing flood damage. Around 1,200 families were in temporary shelters.

"As well as the flooding, there has been a lot of subsidence," said GM Gunawardena, assistant director of the National Dis-

aster Management Centre.

Three of the dead were killed in the capital Colombo, two when a rain-weakened wall collapsed, while most of the other dead appeared to have drowned trying to swim to safety, he said.

In the northeastern town of Trincomalee, aid workers said victims of the 26 December tsunami still living in wooden and corrugated iron temporary shelters had been forced to leave what few possessions they had left.—MNA/Reuters



Fishermen who fled parts of Iraq plagued by violence for the relative calm of southern Iraq fish near Kerbala on 23 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Kuala Lumpur city unveils its top toilets

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 Nov—The Kuala Lumpur City Hall Wednesday unveiled the cleanest toilets in the city and granted cer-

tificates to them.

The honoured toilets included those at the city's landmark building Kuala Lumpur Tower, the city's road and railway traffic hub KL Sentral, and the Federal Territory Mosque, officials from the City Hall said at a city-level activity held here on Wednesday to mark the World Toilet Day. In addition, Kuala Lumpur Mayor Ruslin Hasan said that the capital city of the country will clean up dirty public toilets operated by the private sector and send them the bill for work done.

The City Hall had inspected more than 3,000 public toilets around the country's capital recently, and fined 33 of them and issued warnings and advice to 513 of them, the mayor in a written speech sent to the event.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

Roadside bomb hits police patrol in western Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 24 November 24 — A roadside bomb went off near a police patrol in western Baghdad on Wednesday, wounding two policemen and a civilian, police said.

"A roadside bomb detonated at about 12:10 pm (0912 GMT) near a police patrol at the Nafaq al-Shurta area," Captain Ahmed Abdullah told Xinhua.

A police vehicle was also damaged in the blast, he said. In separate incident, gunmen shot dead Mehdi Qassim, a senior traffic police officer, who was the former head of the Iraqi traffic police department in the postwar Interior Ministry.

Guerillas have frequently attacked Iraqi security forces and government officials in a bid to cripple the Shiite-and-Kurdish-dominated government installed in April.

MNA/Xinhua

China receives over 100 million tourists in first 10 months

KUNMING, 24 Nov— In the first ten months of 2005, inbound tourism to China kept growing fast, with inbound tourist arrivals totalling 100 million, a year-on-year increase of 11.57 per cent, according to the latest statistics from the China National Tourism Administration.

The inbound overnight tourists number 39.07 million, an increase of 13.64 per cent; the foreign tourists reached 16.96 million, increasing by 22.56 per cent; international foreign exchange revenues totalled 24.78 billion US dollars, an increase of 17.06 per cent over the same period of the previous year.

Foreign tourists from all continents have seen a rapid growth over the same period of the previous year. Except Japan, all the other 15 major tourist-generating countries have realized a 2-digit growth rate in travel to China.

In inbound travel, China has be-

come the fastest growing and the most dynamic tourist destination country in the world. In 2004, the inbound tourism business of China gained full recovery in spite of the SARS crisis in 2003. The total annual tourist arrivals reached 109 million, 60 times over that of 1978.

The number of inbound overnight tourists was registered at 41.76 million and the tourism foreign exchange revenues amounted to 25.7 billion US dollars, respectively ranking 4th and 7th in the world. China has been evaluated as the Best Tourist Destination 2004 in the world.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai PM uses mega-projects to attract more foreign investment

BANGKOK, 24 Nov—Thailand's Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra on Wednesday urged Japanese businessmen to invest more in Thailand, saying the country has developed basic infrastructure, including mega-projects and Bangkok's new Suvarnabhumi Airport, to accommodate future investment.

Delivering a keynote speech at the 31st ASEAN-Japanese Business Persons Seminar held here on Wednesday, the Prime Minister said Japanese investors ranked third for global investment and have played a key role in driving economic growth of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

"They have given a priority for investment in

Thailand all along," Thaksin was quoted by the official *Thai News Agency* as saying.

For instance, Honda Motor Co. has invested in the establishment of a research and development centre in Thailand, which will help expand the Thai economic base.

To accommodate more investment from Japanese and other foreign investors, he said, Thai-

land had launched mega-projects and built the Suvarnabhumi Airport.

Investors who are interested in the projects are welcome to apply for the Board of Investment of Thailand (BOI)'s investment promotional privileges through their proposed investment plans, according to the Prime Minister.

The Premier added that ASEAN members

would also cooperate in establishing the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) to strengthen and consolidate its unity.

Under the AEC framework, product items in 11 industries, as well as aviation and tourism businesses will be liberalized, and Customs procedures will be streamlined to facilitate the cargo transport.

He said ASEAN enjoys an economic growth rate of 5.4 per cent this year despite economic uncertainties due to fuel price volatilities.

Thaksin revealed that the upcoming ASEAN Summit in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur next month would focus on discussions on regional economic cooperation and partnership.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Investment in Indonesia remains strong

JAKARTA, 24 Nov—Investment in Indonesia has remained strong despite rising inflation and interest rates, according to data from the Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board.

The data showed that the cumulative foreign direct investment (FDI) by October has more than doubled to 8.55 billion US dollars in 785 projects, from 3.23 billion US dollars in 421 projects for the same period last year, the *Jakarta Post* reported Wednesday.

The realized investment in the transportation, warehousing and communications sectors made up the lion's share of the figure, with 48 projects valued at 2.93 billion US dollars, followed by 37 projects worth 1.12 billion US dollars in chemical and pharmaceuticals industry and 31 projects worth 896 million US dollars in construction.

Meanwhile, the cumulative domestic investment by October has grown by 36 per cent to some 1.66 billion US dollars in 178 projects, as compared to 1.219 billion US dollars in 88 projects in the same period last year.

And domestic and foreign direct investments approvals as of October have also grown by 22 per cent to 15.66 billion US dollars in 1,569 projects from the same period last year, with foreign direct investment approvals alone rising by nearly 22 per cent to 11.19 billion US dollars.

The data did not cover investments in the oil and gas industry and in banking and non-bank financial institutions, as these licences are issued by other government agencies.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Protesters shout slogans during a rally near the US Embassy in Manila on 25 Nov, 2005 to protest the US-Philippines Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA). The protesters are calling for the scrapping of the VFA following allegations six US Marines raped a 22-year-old Filipino woman early this month. — INTERNET

EU court adviser says giving airline data to US illegal

BRUSSELS, 24 Nov—The European Union's transfer of airline passenger data to the United States — part of US efforts to fight terrorism — should be declared illegal, an adviser to the European Union's highest court said on Tuesday.

Since May 2004, the EU has given US authorities 34 categories of information on passengers flying to the United States, including name, address, all forms of payment and contact phone numbers.

The agreement sprang from one of the anti-terrorism laws passed by the US Congress in response to the 11 September, 2001, attacks.

A court statement said there was not an adequate legal basis to the agreement to hand over the information.

If the European Court of Justice accepts the advice of its adviser, the data-sharing system will be made illegal.

The Luxembourg-based court will likely rule next year. It follows the lead of its advisers in most cases.

David Henderson, a

spokesman for the Association of European Airlines that includes about 30 major airlines, said the statement "generates a great deal of uncertainty... It is unclear what will happen".

Dutch European Parliament member Sophie in't Veld said the opinion

of Advocate General Philippe Leger was "so clear it will be difficult to ignore". Governments "take all kinds of tough measures which are not well thought out and have insufficient democratic legitimacy," she said.

MNA/Reuters

Australia, China to start full talks on FTA

CANBERRA, 24 Nov—Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Trade Minister Mark Vaile said on Tuesday that Australia and China are ready to engage in full talks on a free trade agreement (FTA) after negotiators for both countries effectively working through preliminary issues.

Vaile made the statements when addressing the Australia-China Business Council in Perth, capital city of the state of Western Australia.

He said the two countries are moving closer to a free trade deal after working through several difficult areas.

Australian Associated Press quoted Vaile as saying that although negotiations, which started earlier this year, were at an early stage, they had progressed well.

"We have gained a better understanding of how each other's trade and investment regimes work," he said.

"For our part, it has taken us some time to understand fully how the Chinese system works in the areas that most interest us. The Chinese regulatory environment is complex and opaque," he said. We are now, however, in a position to talk in more detail about the shape of a possible final agreement," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

11,000 people affected by HIV/AIDS in Romania

BUCHAREST, 24 Nov—Romania has now about 11,000 HIV/AIDS sufferers, 6,000 of them teenagers aged between 14 to 18, said the Romanian National Commission for HIV/AIDS Prevention Tuesday.

There has been an annual increase of 500 new HIV/AIDS cases in recent years, said the commission.

Some of the HIV/AIDS patients were said to have infected with the HIV virus during blood transfusions in the 1980s or contracted the virus from their mothers when they were unborn babies.

Romanian media say that with these people entering adulthood, they could result in another round of HIV infections through sexual life.

Reports here also say the quite rampant drug abuses and drug-trafficking in Romania have also facilitated the spread of AIDS. So have prostitution and sexual promiscuities.

The Romanian Government has been making earnest efforts to combat the disease, earmarking 31

million euros (38 million US dollars) every year for the treatment of HIV/AIDS patients.

As a result, some AIDS sufferers can live up to 10 to 15 years, while some other such patients can live more than 15 years after receiving medical treatment.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi policeman (L) gestures as British servicemen inspect al-Quibla police station 5 km (3 miles) south of the southern Iraqi city of Basra, on 23 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

National education promotion: safeguard nation from falling under colonialist domination

Chin Gya (Maubin)

The National Day served as the lighthouse for the vision of the national education system opposing the colonialist education system that downgraded the national prestige and lineage during the time Myanmar was under subjugation. On the other hand, there appeared persons who tried to extinguish the nationalistic fervour running high among the people. They were colonialism and cohorts of the colonialists.

The colonialists opened in Myanmar Yangon college and the Judson College under the Calcutta University of India. Myanmar people clamoured for a separate university in Myanmar. The colonialist government merged Yangon College and Judson College into Yangon University. It presented the bill of the University Act to the nation in June 1920. Yangon University was opened under the system of accepting only the children of the rich and British officers. The colonialist government blocked the education opportunities of the majority of Myanmar youths as it did not want them to be imbued with knowledge and intellectual power.

Myanmar people organized mass meetings at which they reviewed and criticized the provisions contained in the act, and opposed it. Despite the oppositions, the colonialist government ratified the act on 28 August 1920.

Students of Yangon and Judson colleges formally opposed the act on 10th waning day of Tazaungmon (5 December 1920). The colonialist government had to permit the opening of national high schools on 17 December 1920, and the National College on 14 August 1920 in Bahan, Yangon. National schools set up by Myanmar nationals emerged the length and breadth of the nation. The 50-member National Education Council was founded to serve as the core organization steering and supervising the National College and the national schools.

The national education system was introduced to the college and schools. Under the system, the schools taught subjects that would help shape the nation's future, with Myanmar as the main medium. The national education system was aimed at enhancing Myanmar culture and arts, vitalizing nationalistic fervour and imparting historical knowledge.

On the other side, the aims of the colonialists were to prolong their subjugation of Myanmar, to

teach Myanmar people to be loyal to the British king and empire, and to give Myanmar youths the wrong view of thinking it good to live under the colonialist rule.

The emergence of the national schools was a national movement as it was the result of the unity of the people including students in connection with the activities led by the GCBA. The ninth GCBA conference held in Mandalay in 1921 designated the 10th waning day of Tazaungmon as the National Day. The conference selected the date according to Myanmar calendar instead of the 5th of December on which the nation rejected the University Act, to give the day more national essence. Thus, the National Day is endowed with all the national characteristics.

In the time of Editor U Seinn, Myanma Alin newspaper carried a story titled "Is that in the service of the nation and people?" It said that the first conference of the district council formed under Di-Archy was held in Mandalay; and that instead of giving priority to the future of the nation, sycophants with high ranks of the colonialists demanded for their privileges on travelling allowances.

In view of the birth of the National Day in the Myanmar independence struggles, it is found that in a nation that was under alien subjugation, there might emerge a national organization, but such an organization could not develop and was overshadowed by the colonialists. And it had to meet its end finally.

After regaining independence, Myanmar enjoyed opportunities for raising its education standard that an independent nation deserves. However it was found that rural people including local people in border areas did not enjoy equal rights in the education sector because of the armed conflicts that took place for over four decades starting from the period after regaining independence.

In respect of the basic education sector, in 1988, there were 31,329 basic education schools, 1696 middle schools and 722 high schools. The enrolment rate at kindergarten level stood at 67.13 per cent and adult literacy rate at 79.73 per cent.

In the higher education sector, the number of institutes was six, arts and science universities three, degree college six, college 11, and institute one.

During the period from 1988 to date, the government has opened 6,778 basic education schools, thereby increasing to 40,525. It has also built 5,545

post-primary schools. The number of basic education students has reached over 7.7 million, up from 5.2 million. With the better opportunities to pursue education, the literacy rate of the nation has jumped to 94 per cent from 79 per cent, and primary school enrolment rate to 96.56 per cent.

The opening of 124 more universities and colleges has brought the number to 156. More and more universities and colleges have been established in the 24-special development regions with a view to ensuring development of human resources.

The government has established a life-long learning society in the nation so as to catch up with the advancing technologies of international level. It has raised the education sector after laying down the Myanmar education vision in 2001-2002 academic year.

In order to establish a modern and developed nation with the strength of qualified human resources under the vision, a four-year special education plan is in the process of being implemented with the motto "Build a modern and developed nation through education" adopted in 2002-2003 academic year.

The government has formulated 21 sector-wise work programmes that will have to be completed in the special four-year plan. The programmes covers extended opening of universities and colleges, establishment of ICT buildings that contribute towards e-Education, increased production of teachers, opening of diploma courses through academic programme, and establishment of degree courses and diploma courses under the academic programmes of the sector for development of human resources. These measures are part of the Tatmadaw government's drive for promotion of the higher education sector.

The fight against the colonial education in the time of British colonialists launched with the aim of introducing a national education system by national patriots gave birth to the National Day. However, being overwhelmed by the rule of the colonials, the national education system withered in the end.

Today, internal anti-government groups and external elements, that are allergic to peace and stability of Myanmar, are colluding in perpetrating destructive acts such as isolating the nation from international community, cutting off humanitarian aid, imposing economic sanctions against the nation, and fabricating slanderous and invented accusations to take action against the nation through the UN. The intention of certain big nations that are inciting the destructive acts is just to keep Myanmar as their minion.

On the occasion of the National Day that falls on the 10th Wanning of Tazaungmone Myanmar Era 1367, the entire national people are therefore urged to protect and guard the motherland against grave dangers that are posed by the neo-colonialists and their cohorts and are causing hindrance to the national education promotion plan.

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Myanmar people organized mass meetings at which they reviewed and criticized the provisions contained in the University Act, and opposed it. Despite the oppositions, the colonialist government ratified the act on 28 August 1920.

Health sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of health in the time of the Tatmadaw Government

UN agencies taking part in nation's health sector

The drive to produce healthy and highly-qualified citizens in the Union of Myanmar involves the goals of ensuring longevity and a disease-free society for every person, while disease prevention, treatment and health standard promotion tasks are being implemented harmoniously.

The uplift of health is carried out with the continuous cooperation of departments, social organizations, local and foreign wellwishers and donor organizations and international bodies, and according to the government's policy of extending international cooperation in the national

health promotion drive, UN and international bodies and local and foreign NGOs are actively taking part in the project.

The Health Ministry has been implementing 50 projects in cooperation with the WHO, while drawing one new work programme every two years. An international body that is lending a

helping hand in women and children development project, nutrition project, environmental health project and clean water supply project is the UNICEF.

Other bodies joining hands with the ministry are United Nations Development Programme, UN Population Fund, and UN Office on Drugs



Co-organized by Ministry of Health, UNICEF and WHO, vitamin (A) tablets are being given to children for nutrition project.

and Crime. Up to now 13 MoUs have been signed to develop the primary health care services covering provision of training for public health workers, distribution of medicines, water and environmental cleaning, and vaccination.

Myanmar's health sector is witnessing progress year by year thanks to the ministry's enhancement of its cooperation with local and foreign NGOs and UN agencies.

The table bears witness to the international cooperation in the health sector at a time the Tatmadaw government is in the process of developing it:

UN agencies taking part in the nation's health sector

Sr	Agency	Area of participation
1.	WHO	health projects
2.	UNICEF	women and children health development
3.	UNDP	anti-TB, malaria, leprosy and AIDS campaigns
4.	UNFPA	reproductive health project
5.	UNODC	drug addicts treatment and rehabilitation



Under the arrangement of UNFPA and MMCWA, educative talks on reproductive health are being given at Laydaungkan village in Dagon Myothit (South).



Prime Minister General Soe Win unveils the signboard of Salingyi Textile Factory.— MNA

Emphasis must be placed on fulfilling requirements of the private sector

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quality, various kinds of goods and long-term use. Only then will its market be firm and strong. Therefore, all the factories of the Ministry of Industry-1 including textile ones and other factory projects are to maintain their quality of products and to produce goods at reasonable prices.

The Head of State gave guidance that those

and can produce quality goods for the public.

In an attempt to transform the nation into an industrialized one, the Ministry of Industry-1 is leading the industries that manufacture personal goods and household utensils, while the Ministry of Industry-2 is playing a fundamental role in the heavy industries.

The ministries and organizations that directly

but the number is greater than any other sectors. So, emphasis must be placed on fulfilling requirements of the private sector. Only then, will there be an industrialized nation after combining the strength of the State and that of the private sector.

In the drive to upgrade the nation into an industrialized one, measures are being taken in accord with the objective of bridging the development gap between one region and another and ensuring equitable development of all parts of the Union.

In building basic foundations needed for industrial development such as economic and transport sectors and human resources, it is improper to take into consideration only from the economic point of view, but the priority is to be given to long-term interest and higher living standard of the national brethren, and national solidarity. The government has thus to take steps for national and regional development.

Thanks to irrigation and river water pumping facilities projects including Thaphanseik Dam, Sagaing Division has been able to extend sown acreage as well as summer paddy cultivation. As a result, the division has enjoyed rice sufficiency since

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Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang and Vice President Mr Wang Song Lin of China National Machinery Corporation (Group) CMG formally open Textile Factory (Salingyi). — MNA

charged with the operation of factories are to pay emphasis on improvement of their factories, durability, production of quality goods and manufacturing of goods that attract the people. They are also to take systematic steps for respective sectors.

In this way, over 160 factories of the ministry such as paper plants, cement plants, soap factories, bicycle factories and vest factories will fully operate

concern with the industrial sector are to guide the private industrial sector to have access to advanced technologies, to be able to systematically manufacture goods with standards set, and for the products to gain a foothold in markets. Only when the State on its part provides assistance, will the private industrial sector make significant progress.

Private factories and workshops are small in size

Due to the emergence of the factories local people are now enjoying job opportunities and will become skilled workers through the familiarity with the advanced factory machinery and equipment. As a result, human resources will develop in the nation.



Prime Minister General Soe Win hears report on construction of Textile Factory (Salingyi) by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang.— MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win presents fruit basket to Vice-President Mr Wang Song Lin of China National Machinery Corporation (Group).
MNA

mocracy transition, is in the process of being implemented and the National Convention has laid down the majority of the principles to be included in the formulation of a State constitution.

It is certain that if all the requirements in various sectors such as political and economic aspects have been fulfilled and the State, the people and the Tatmadaw make endeavours in unison, the future nation will come into shape soon.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called for measures for ensuring durability of the factory,

tribution towards the shaping of the future nation.

Later, Managing Director U Oo Thein Maung presented cash donated to Salingyi Township Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association to mark the opening ceremony of textile and garment factory (Salingyi) and Township USDA Secretary U Zaw Aung Zaw Oo expressed thanks.

Next, General Soe Win presented the fruits basket to Vice President

Only when states and divisions have fully enjoyed progress, will the entire Union develop,

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1999-2000, and now it produces about 50 million baskets of paddy in surplus. So, Sagaing Division has stood as the granary of Upper Myanmar.

With the emergence of new airports, such Chindwin River-crossing bridges as Hsinbyushin and Monywa, new rail-

ways, and airlines, the transport between upper and lower parts of Sagaing Division, and that between the division and northern Chin State and other divisions has become smooth and swift.

In a few years, Sagaing Division has become a reliable one with remarkable increase in

production and trade.

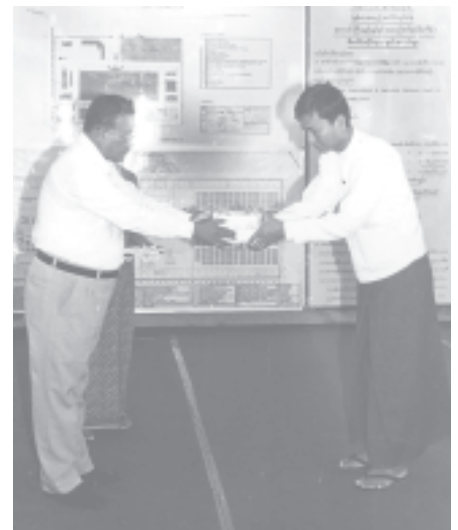
Similarly, Kachin and Chin states and Magway and Mandalay divisions that share border with Sagaing Division are enjoying fruitful results of development simultaneously.

The responsible persons at the State and region levels are putting earnest efforts into the

development drive with the concept that only when states and divisions have fully enjoyed progress, will the entire Union develop, and national people will be able to enjoy better standard of living.

While upgrading the economic, social and transport sectors, the government has been taking measures constantly for enhancing friendly relations and mutual cooperation among national races, restoration of peace and stability, mobilizing participation the people in the affairs of the State and adoption of programmes for transition to democracy that conforms to the situation of the State.

Now, the State's seven-point Road Map, a work programme for de-



Managing Director U Oo Thein Maung of Myanma Textile Industries presents cash donation to Salingyi Township USDA.—MNA

full production capacity, and manufacturing quality products with the concept that the facility will make an important con-

Mr Wang Song Lin of CMG Co and the vice president gave away the gift to General Soe Win. Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party, the ambassador and guests cordially greeted and the ceremony concluded.

The textile and garment factory (Salingyi) is situated at the junction of Paungwa and Sethton Roads three miles stet away from Salingyi and the factory has been constructed four months earlier than the target time for machine installation, test running and regular production of the factory.

Being the factory running with the use of local raw material cotton, the production capacity is 3.760 million lb for 1/32 textile and 11.340 million lb for 1/32 raw textile per year. — MNA



Newly opened Textile Factory (Salingyi) built in Salingyi Township, Monywa District.—MNA

85th Anniversary National Day...

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Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Ministers U Myo Nyunt, Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, member of CSSTB U Nyunt Swe gave out prizes to the outstanding students of Dagon Township No 2 and No 3 BEHS.

Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa accepted cash donations made by the wellwishers and the ceremony ended.

emony ended.

Similar ceremony took place at Latha Township No 1 BEHS this morning attended by Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt.

First, chairman of Township PDC U Than Tun read out the 85th Anniversary National Day message sent by Senior General Than Shwe.

Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt then presented prizes to the outstanding students and the ceremony concluded.

Similarly, the 85th Anniversary National Day ceremonies were held at Botahtaung Township No 6 BEHS, Pabedan Township No 1 BEHS and Thanlyin Township No 1 BEHS this morning.

The 85th Anniversary National Day ceremony of YMBA took place at Puzundaung Township this morning, attended by members of Township PDC, patrons of YMBA and others.

Patron of YMBA U Khin Maung Htwe gave talks on National Day and luncheon to mark National Day was hosted.—MNA

No 3 Ahlon Wharf put into...

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Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivered an address. Managing Director U Tun Myint Naing of Asia World Port Management Co Ltd reported on matters related to the wharf. Managing Director U Thein Htay and Managing Director U Tun Myint Naing of Asia World Port Management Co Ltd formally opened the wharf.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn

Myint, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Ministers for Transport U Pe Than and Col Nyan Tun Aung, officials of Myanma Port Authority and Asia World Port Management Co Ltd and

guests.

Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, departmental heads and guests viewed round the wharf.

Newly-opened No 3 Ahlon Wharf is 260 metres by 55.5 metres. A total of 4,327 20-foot laden containers, 144 20-foot reefer containers, and 180 20-foot empty containers can be kept at the wharf. In addition, the wharf is facilitated with equipment related to the wharf, heavy machinery and services.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt reads out the message of Senior General Than Shwe to 85th Anniversary National Day.—MNA



Health knowledge lectured to rural women in Pantanaw Township

YANGON, 25 Nov — Members of National Race Working Group led by Leader Daw Kyin Khaing of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation gave lectures on health knowledge in Yinpha Village of Pantanaw Township on 21 November.

Kayin nationals constitute 98 per cent of the population of Yinpha Village, 12 miles from Pantanaw. They are mainly engaged in agricultural tasks.

The lecture was attended by 500 local women from Yinpha Village and its surrounding villages. Deputy Leader Professor Dr Daw May Win Aung Khin talked on health matters.

Later, the National Race Working Group presented towels to those present, school equipment to the BEPS of the village and stationery to the students.

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Minister for Sports leaves for SEA Games

YANGON, 25 Nov — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint invited to the XXIII SEA Games, and Myanmar sports teams left here by air this morning for the Philippines.

The minister and sports teams were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Chairman of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, officials of the Ministry of Sports,

the Chairperson of the Central Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation and officials.

The Myanmar sports contingent comprised one invited person, 10 members of the Board of Managers and medical team, 12 information personnel, 20 athletes of traditional regatta and rowing event, 17 players of baseball, 13 players of billiards and snooker, 13 competitors of chess, 8 golfers, 15 players of table tennis, seven swimmers, 15 athletes of Taekwondo, 8 athletes of gymnastics and four contestants of triathlon, totalling 143.

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Myanmar swimming team seen at the airport before departure for SEA Games in Philippines.—NLM



POEM:

Let's choose those who can join hands

- * Your interest, his interest, twofold
To obtain in equality
Mindful of that, his lineaction, yours
In comparison, reciprocally
To be helpful, discuss and compare
The have-nots, get them to go hand in hand
Mindful of giving, goodwill at bottom of heart
Only those who are, open and transparent
Clear and noble, in this human world
Make it pleasant, with good heart
Bent on this, is the real kind.
- * To make what you want happen happen
To get what you want to get
Those who pressure others
Are those who want to fulfil their greed
Their main desire to fulfil
That being the case, in the human world
There is no peace, 'cause of those who want to pressure
That's the kind of person bent on causing trouble.
- * In our Myanmar's dealings,
With all nations today
We can see, all of it
Can be viewed transparently
Myanmar—the world, in peace
For mutual interest, as envisioned
On the journey, to be traversed
Let's choose those who can join hands.

Shoon Mya Aung (Trs)

Russia-ASEAN summit critical for bilateral cooperation

Moscow, 25 Nov—The upcoming Russia-Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit, scheduled to be held in Malaysia in December, will be critical for Russia in developing mutually beneficial cooperation with the Asian bloc, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said.

The development of such cooperation was a top priority in Russia's foreign policy, Lavrov said in his article published in the November issue of the magazine *Russia and the APR (Asia Pacific Region)*, the ITAR-TASS news agency said on Thursday.

Lavrov said one reason for Russia's approach was the fact that "the organization has asserted itself during its more than 30 year history as one of the poles of influence in the Asia Pacific Region and a center of development of regional integration processes".

The summit and the Russia-ASEAN business forum will open additional possibilities for di-

versification of the dialogue, give a strong impulse to deepening the relations of state structures and between representatives of business and public circles, figures of science and culture," Lavrov said.

Demonstrating good-

will towards the sub-region, Russia "joined in 2004 the Treaty on Friendship and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, a fundamental regional act, in which China, India, Japan, South Korea, Pakistan, New Zealand and Mongolia take part along

with the ASEAN countries," Lavrov continued.

This "testifies to the fact that the Russia-ASEAN partnership is becoming an influential factor in securing peace and stability in the APR", he noted.

MNA/Xinhua

Colombian volcano spews fire, people evacuated

BOGOTA (Colombia), 25 Nov—The Galeras volcano in southeastern Colombia shot fire early on Thursday in a small eruption, prompting the government to step up evacuations of about 9,000 people living nearby.

"There was an eruption," said government volcano expert Martha Calvache. "People saw a sudden blaze from the volcano that was stronger than recent activity we saw in August and September."

People around the town of Pasto were urged to leave as pressure in the volcano grows.

Evacuations started last week in Narino Province when scientists first warned an eruption was possible. Some residents

said they were reluctant to abandon their farms and livestock.

Galeras had a small gas and ash eruption a year ago that started forest fires but caused no injuries. An eruption of the volcano in 1993 killed at least 10 people.—MNA/Reuters

Storm "Gamma" kills 34, affecting nearly 33,000 in Honduras

MANAGUA, 25 Nov—Tropical storm Gamma has killed 34 people and affected around 33,000 in Honduras, authorities of the Central American country announced on Wednesday.

The discovery of two more bodies raised the death toll to 34, but the government fears the definitive number could be as high as 40, Luis Gomez, director of the country's Permanent Contingency Commission (COPECO) told reporters in the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa.

Gamma dissipated Sunday after touching down in north Honduras last Wednesday, leaving 13 missing and displacing 32,936 others. On Tuesday, 827 of the displaced remained in shelters, said Gomez.

The storm damaged

17 bridges, 10 of which were completely torn down, he added.

The emergency level has been revised down from maximum to middle in the six hardest hit departments, while in other parts of the country a state of preventive alert remains, according to COPECO.

Gamma was the 24th named storm plaguing the Atlantic area in this hurricane season from June 1 to November 30, setting an all-time record that exhausted the normal alphabetical nomenclature and led to the resort to the Greek alphabet.

MNA/Xinhua

Canadian soldier killed in accident in Afghanistan

OTTAWA, 25 Nov—A Canadian soldier serving in Afghanistan was killed and four others injured in a vehicle accident Thursday, Canadian Television reported.

The accident occurred when an LAV-3 armoured vehicle rolled over on a road north of Kandahar Thursday morning, the report quoted Canada's Department of Defence as saying.

No explosive devices were reportedly involved in the incident.

Four other Canadian soldiers involved in the accident have been treated in hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

Some 250 Canadian troops are currently in Kandahar as part of a provincial reconstruction team (PRT). Ottawa is in the process of shifting its

military presence to Kandahar from Kabul.

By February 2006, about 2,000 Canadian soldiers will be based in Kandahar and a Canadian general will take command of a multinational

force to fight insurgents.

Two Canadian soldiers suffered minor injuries in September when a roadside bomb exploded next to their armoured patrol in Kabul.

MNA/Xinhua

Bus accident kills 20 in Peru

LIMA, 25 Nov—A bus slid into a canyon near the Peruvian capital on Thursday, killing at least 20 people and injuring 15 others, local police said.

The bus was carrying 50 passengers along a winding road in the municipality of San Mateo, 100 kilometres east of Lima, when it skidded off a curve and tumbled into the river.

Twenty people have been confirmed dead in the crash, but there could be more, police warned. The injured have been sent to hospitals for treatment.

MNA/Xinhua



An elderly Chinese man flies a kite along the bank of the Songhua River in Harbin, the capital of northeastern Heilongjiang Province, on 25 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Road accident kills 19 in central Venezuela

CARACAS, 25 Nov—Nineteen people were killed and several others injured in a bus-truck collision in central Venezuela on Wednesday, said Venezuelan Deputy Director for Land Transportation Ivan Noguera.

Noguera told reporters that the cause of the crash, which happened on a highway across a valley in the Miranda state, had not been finally determined. But he said the heavy rainfall hours before the accident could be blamed for the tragedy.

Firemen, the National Guard and other rescuers were sent to the spot of the collision.

According to a local fire brigade officer working at the scene, signs on the spot showed that because of overspeeding the bus lost control and swerved into the opposite lane, colliding with the truck carrying Coca Cola products.

The people injured in the accident have been hospitalized. Police are

conducting further investigation into the accident.

MNA/Xinhua

US commuter train crashes into vehicles, at least 13 injured

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov—At least 13 people were injured Wednesday afternoon when a commuter train crashed into a number of vehicles in the suburb of Chicago, in the north-central US state of Illinois.

None of the injured were aboard the express train, which had some 500 passengers on board and was heading from downtown Chicago to Antioch, near the Wisconsin border, the Cable News Network reported.

One of the vehicles burst into flames, it added.

In another traffic ac-

cident, a truck tanker carrying thousands of gallons of gasoline exploded early Wednesday morning on US Interstate 95 near the nation's capital, forcing a temporary closure of one section of the busy road one day before the Thanksgiving Day, which falls on 24 November.

MNA/Xinhua



People gather around the site of a car bomb outside the hospital in Mahmoudiya, Iraq, on 24 Nov, 2005. A car bomb detonated outside Mahmoudiya hospital in the center of a town south of Baghdad on Thursday, killing 30 and wounding 35, a doctor said. —INTERNET

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Thaksin vows to remain in office until 2009

BANGKOK, 24 Nov— The Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra has vowed that he will remain in office until his present four-year term ends in 2009.

Chairing a meeting of his ruling Thai Rak Thai (TRT) Party here on Tuesday, the Prime Minister announced that he would continue to fully work for the Thai people and the nation until the completion of his four-year term in 2009.

Thaksin said that there is now nothing serious in the domestic politics, according to the official

Thai News Agency. The Prime Minister, however, earlier instructed his Cabinet members at the Cabinet's weekly meeting at the Government House to avoid exchanging words with the opposition or critics.

He told his Cabinet members to, instead, provide facts and proper information to the public,

the opposition and the critics in a constructive manner, said the Government Spokesman Surapong Suebwonglee.

The Prime Minister also instructed his Cabinet members to continue to work hard for the public and the nation in their jurisdictions based on the government's creatively offensive strategies.

MNA/Xinhua

Hun Sen nominated as next PM candidate by CPP

PHNOM PENH, 24 Nov— Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Wednesday was nominated as a candidate for the 4th term of the royal government by his ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP).

The resolution adopted by the CPP's Extraordinary Congress announced that "the

Congress unilaterally decided to select Samdech Hun Sen, deputy president of the Cambodian People's Party, as a candidate for the post of Prime Minister of the Cambodian royal government for the 4th term of the National Assembly."

Hun Sen has been government prime minister for three successive terms since 1993. The next elections of the National Assembly is scheduled to be held in 2008. The CPP concluded its two days and half Extraordinary Congress on Wednesday afternoon with the enlarged central committee.

"In order to enhance leading capacity of the

party in the new environment," 121 new members have been nominated for membership in the Central Committee, according to the resolution of the Congress. The CPP's Central Committee now has a total of 268 people from former 153.

More than 800 party officials from across the country attended the Congress.

No representatives from other parties were invited to the event. Besides debating the issue of the new candidates, the Congress also reviewed the Party's outcome of the implementation of the Party's platform for 2003 to 2005 and the goals for 2006. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Sri Lankan President names new Cabinet

COLOMBO, 24 Nov— Sri Lanka's new President Mahinda Rajapakse announced his Cabinet of ministers here Wednesday with numbers pruned down to just 25.

Rajapakse made changes to the key positions of Finance and Foreign Affairs by keeping the subject of Finance under him.

The senior politician Mangala Samaraweera who managed Rajapakse's presidential election campaign was named the Foreign Minister in place of Anura Bandaranaike, the brother of Rajapakse's predecessor Chandrika Kumaratunga.

The new President is retaining the subjects of Defence and Religious Affairs in addition to the Finance Ministry, his officials said.

He also named a 29-member list of deputy

ministers and a 23-member list of non-Cabinet ministers.

Rajapakse who was elected last week for a six-year term has accommodated members from all his allies who helped him record a narrow victory over his main rival Ranil Wickremesinghe, the main opposition leader.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia to boost trade, investment with India

NEW DELHI, 24 Nov— Visiting Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on Wednesday sought to establish a comprehensive

strategic partnership between India and Indonesia to triple the existing bilateral trade from five billion US dollars in next five years.

Addressing the members of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Susilo said that during his meeting with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Tuesday night, Indonesia stressed the need of strategic partnership between the two countries.

He called upon Indian industry to invest in Indonesia now and use it as a great gateway towards establishing Indian industries close

trade linkages with ASEAN, the regional group which in near future would emerge as one of the stronger influential trade blocs.

Susilo unveiled his commitment, saying Indonesia will shortly evolve a new taxation system which would be hassle free and provide ample economic incentives to Indian industry in areas of IT, Biotechnology, Infrastructure, Ports and the like. A detailed and comprehensive legislation would be introduced in the Indonesian Parliament in next week or 10 days time. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Pneumoconiosis common among occupational diseases in Vietnam

HANOI, 24 Nov— Vietnam now has some 9,000 cases of pneumoconiosis due to dust containing silica, accounting for 80 per cent of all occupational diseases in the country, local media reported Wednesday.

The northern provinces of Quang Ninh and Thai Nguyen, which house many coal mines

and metallurgy plants, have nearly 1,445 and 579 pneumoconiosis patients, respectively, *Vietnam Economic Times* reported without quoting sources.

Pneumoconiosis is a disease of the lungs caused by long-term inhalation of particulate matter, especially mineral or metallic dust.

MNA/Xinhua

INVITATION FOR TENDER

Sealed Tenders are invited for the supply of Road Bitumen 80/100 Grade to Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Ministry of Energy. Tenders are to be submitted under the following terms and conditions:-

- Quantity - 25,000 ± 10% MT
- Price (in bulk) - USD/MT CIF Exship Thanlyin
- Price (in drum) - USD/MT CIF (LO) Yangon
- Payment - LC at sight
- Country of Origin - Thailand
- Closing Date - 13.12.2005 12:00 HRS

Tender Documents are available at Finance Department, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, No. (23), Min-Ye-Kyawswa Road, Yangon starting from (28.11.2005) on payment of one hundred (100) FEC.

Only tender bid purchased officially will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

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Delegation of "Shenzhou-6" to visit Hong Kong, Macao

BEIJING, 24 Nov—Chinese taikonauts Fei Junlong and Nie Haisheng and leading engineers of *Shenzhou-6*, China's second manned space mission, is scheduled to visit Hong Kong and Macao from 27 November to 2 December.

The visits are at invitations of Hong Kong Chief Executive Donald Tsang and Macao Chief Executive Edmund Ho Hau Wah.

Headed by Hu Shixiang, deputy chief commander of China's manned spaceflight project, the delegation includes Zhou Bo, deputy director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office

of the State Council and Su Shuangning, deputy director of the project office, as well as Fei and Nie and leading engineers.

During their visits, the delegation will meet with all circles of life in Hong Kong and Macao, attend mass celebrations, give science presentations and communicate with the public.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers arrange Hepatitis-A vaccines at the Sinovac Biotech Co Ltd, headquarters in Beijing on 24 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Singapore revises guidelines on Competition Act

SINGAPORE, 24 Nov—The Competition Commission of Singapore (CCS) has revised the guidelines on the Competition Act in six areas, Channel NewsAsia report said on Wednesday night.

Revisions were made in areas such as CCS' powers of investigation and enforcement, guidance notification, leniency, transitional arrangements and penalties, with the aim of clarifying how the commission will assess, investigate and deal with anti-competition cases.

Singapore passed the Competition Act in October last year, which prohibits activities such as anti-competitive agreements, the abuse of dominant position, as well as mergers and acquisitions that substantially lessen competition.

Part of the act will come into effect on 1 January, 2006. The CCS was formed in January this year to administer and enforce the act so as to promote a fair business environment for all companies operating in Singapore.—MNA/Xinhua

The CCS also advised companies to hire legal firms when they need to evaluate their prospective business arrangements for possible contravention of the Competition Act.

Air France to receive its "A380" one year later

PARIS, 24 Nov—French airline Air France is expected to receive its first A380 aircraft on 1 April, 2008, exactly a year later than the scheduled date, the company said on Wednesday.

"Airbus has had problems in its planning... We have agreed between us simply to delay the programme

by a year," said Air France's head of finance Philippe Calavia.

He said Air France was now discussing

compensation payments with the European aircraft maker over the delay.

"We are in the process of negotiating compensation with Airbus. It (the delay) means a big prejudice for us in terms of costs," he said, without giving the estimated sum for the lost opportunities and hangars, which will stand empty. Air France has ordered 10 A380 super-jumbos and has taken options on four more.

The double-decked plane, which can carry up to 840 passengers, is the world's biggest airliner with its catalogue price of 282 million dollars. It will go into service for the first time with Singapore Airlines at the end of 2006.

MNA/Reuters

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuelan Army seizes 5.1 tons of cocaine

CARACAS, 24 Nov—The Venezuelan Army seized more than 5.1 tons of cocaine during two operations, Justice Minister Jesse Chacon told reporters on Tuesday.

A total of 16 people, including an Army sergeant and a Defence Ministry official were arrested during the raids just hours earlier, Chacon said.

The first big haul was made at a checkpoint in Lara State where National Guard troops seized 2.26 tons of cocaine, he said.

In the northeastern state of Anzoategui, the Army troops seized about 2.9 tons of cocaine on board a US-registered airplane, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Cold snap gives British retailers hope X'mas run-up

LONDON, 24 Nov—A cold snap has prompted a rush back to the high street by British shoppers, giving hope that the all-important run-up to Christmas will not be the damp squib some retailers had feared, figures showed on Tuesday.

Data released by retail analysts FootFall indicated that visits to major shopping destinations in the week beginning November 14 were 8.5 per cent higher than the previous week, although shopper numbers were still 2.9 per cent down

on the equivalent period last year.

"The recent cold snap has seen a surge in the sale of seasonal items like winter clothing, with retailers such as John Lewis reporting increased sales on the same period last

year," FootFall's Natasha Burton said.

John Lewis said on Friday that total sales were up 5.3 per cent in the week to November 12, with the department stores group showing a 3.3-per-cent increase, and the food group

— mainly the Waitrose supermarket chain — up 7 per cent. But there is no doubt that a bracing spell of cold weather is good for clothing retailers in particular. Leading figures like Marks & Spencer chief Stuart Rose and Bhs tycoon Philip Green have both said they were hoping for a drop in the thermometer for the holiday season.

MNA/Reuters



Storks fly during early morning in Ayutthaya Province, 80km (49 miles) north of Bangkok, on 25 Nov, 2005. The World Health Organisation (WHO) will ask for \$31 million from donors meeting in China in January to help Asian nations prepare for a possible bird flu pandemic. The money is needed to provide technical assistance to 11 Asian nations working on national plans to fight the deadly virus.—INTERNET

Two passenger trains collide in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 24 Nov—Two passenger trains collided head-on Tuesday night near Narsingdi, about 60 kilometres north of Dhaka, injuring at least 100 passengers.

Local private television channel NTV in its late night bulletin said one train was going to southeastern Noakhali, 190 kilometres from the capital and the other train was coming to Dhaka from Noakhali.

Railway sources feared many might have died in the accident.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Boltons Jared Borgetti from Mexico, left, tries to stop Guimaraes Brazilian player Cleber Lima Bena in their UEFA Cup Group H soccer match at the Afonso Henriques Stadium, on 24 Nov, 2005 in Guimaraes, northern Portugal. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

Brazilian soccer coaches meet Angolan officials

LUANDA, 24 Nov—Six Brazilian coaches started since Tuesday in Luanda, capital of Angola, meetings with department members of the Angolan Football Federation (FAF) and with the technical team to transmit experiences in preparation for World Cups.

Speaking to local media, FAF's Secretary General Augusto da Silva "Alvarito", said on Wednesday that the experts have great experience in preparing for World Cups, some as managers and others as players, with highlight to the former defensive midfielder Carlos Caetano "Dunga".

He said that the meetings, to be held until Saturday in Luanda will be very important for the FAF board and for coaches, having in mind that Angola will debut in the 2006 Germany World Cup.

As regards the next preparation match for the Africa Cup of Nations (CAN) set for January and February in Egypt and World Cup in June, both in 2006, the federation's official did not comment on the issue. After losing to Japan 0-1, on November 16 in Tokyo, Angola aims at training with Argentina and Spain.

Angola has a match guaranteed with Egypt before the CAN and also aims at playing with Brazil, although the latter is unlikely to happen, according to Dunga, "because the Brazilian team planned their friendly matches four years ago". —MNA/Xinhua

Ronaldinho just one shy of historic 50 goals

BARCELONA, 24 Nov — Brazilian and Barcelona striker Ronaldo de Assis, known as Ronaldinho, is one goal from scoring his 50th wearing the "azulgrana" — Barcelona's scarlet-and-blue shirt.

He might well reach that mark on Sunday when Barca play Racing Santander at the Camp Nou stadium. The 25-year-old scored his 49th goal against Barcelona FC's bitter rival Real Madrid at the weekend. It was also his 14th goal this season, already one more than he scored last year.

Ronaldinho is better known for setting up goals than scoring them, but he did score a famous goal against Seville in his first outing for Barcelona at Camp Nou on 3 October, 2003. Stopping a ball in the Barca half, he dodged defenders all the way up the field before snapping the ball into goal from outside the area. He is also renowned for his goal against Milan at Camp Nou on 2 November, 2004, when he beat Milan goalkeeper Dida with a surprise shot from his left foot, winning the game for Barcelona.

MNA/Xinhua

Maradona receives offer from Mexican team

BUENOS AIRES, 25 Nov — Former Argentine soccer international Diego Maradona said Thursday that he had received an offer to manage a Mexican league team and added that he would never take drugs again.

"I would like to manage. I have an offer in Mexico, but I don't want to start negotiations now. I need to take two months of vacations with my family and avoid thinking about anything. In 2006 I will have a lot of work," he told Argentine radio.

He added that he had not given up on the possibility of managing the Argentine national team.

The only thing he was sure of, he said, was that he would have "no chance of going back to drugs".

He said that he had learned that if he makes a wrong move he will die, and he does not want to

lose everything that he managed to recover this "very intense" year, including the love of his children.

Maradona now works for Boca Juniors football club and has presented a successful talk show on Argentine television. He had been addicted to cocaine and alcohol.

In the same interview, Maradona called for the world's footballing authorities to increase the use of technology to cut down

on refereeing mistakes. He also said he would defend "to the death" Boca Juniors trainer Alfio Basile, who has been criticized by fans.

Maradona also discussed plans to travel to Argentina for a football and tennis event which will raise money for poor children, with David Nalbandian, Argentina's top tennis player and winner of China's Masters Cup.

MNA/Xinhua

Struggling Everton want to sign striker in January

LIVERPOOL (England), 25 Nov — Everton manager David Moyes says he will look to sign a striker in the January transfer window.

Everton are the Premier League's lowest scorers with four goals this season, a figure that has left them in the relegation zone with three wins in 12 games.

"We have the worst scoring record in the Premier League so we know where the problems are," Moyes told the club's annual general meeting on Thursday.

"That's the area I feel we need to strengthen in January if possible."

Moyes added he may look to sign a new goalkeeper as well, as he is losing faith in Nigel Martyn's back-up Richard Wright.

"Richard Wright has played and has not done as well as he should have," Moyes added.

"I may need to look for another goalkeeper before the end of the season."

Moyes admitted he has been shocked by the demise of his team this season.

They finished fourth last season but were knocked out of the Champions League in the qualifying stages and failed to make the UEFA Cup group stage.

"I want this club to have a team to be proud off and I can't stand here today and say that we have," he added.

"There is nobody more disappointed or surprised about where we are than me.

"Times are hard at the moment and it doesn't look particularly good, but if you look at the bigger picture I feel we are going in the right direction."

MNA/Reuters

Atletico, Real to play friendly in Gil's honour

MADRID, 25 Nov — Atletico Madrid will play a friendly against city rivals Real Madrid next month in honour of former club president Jesus Gil.

"We have reached an agreement with Real to honour the memory of Gil on 30 December," Atletico president Enrique Cerezo told radio station Onda Cero on Thursday.

"All the first team players will be there because they have to be back from their holidays by this date."

Gil, who died on 14 May, 2004, was the notoriously outspoken president of Atletico from 1987 until 2003, when he stepped down. Gil's family remain the major shareholders.

It was during his presidency that the club won their last major honours — the league and cup double of 1996.

The match will be played at Atletico's Vicente Calderon Stadium.

MNA/Reuters

Nike wants to dress Angolan national team for CAN, World Cup

LUANDA, 24 Nov — Sport Network the official representative of the US sports equipment multinational company Nike in Angola, is competing with the German labels Adidas and Puma to dress the national soccer team for the 2006 African Cup of Nations (CAN) and World Cup, in Egypt and Germany respectively.

According to local media on Wednesday, in Luanda, the director-general of the sports material sale shop, Felix Vancol, said that the Angolan Football Federation (FAF) has already received a proposal for the national team to wear Nike in the two events.

He stated that in case the agreement with FAF is signed, the relation will be based on the supply of Nike equipments to the national team and the sale of various materials to the public at affordable prices.

Sport Network is in Angola since 2000 and up to this moment it has partnerships with the Angolan federations of basketball, handball, roller-skate hockey and with the Angolan Olympic Committee (COA).

In Africa, besides Angola, Sport Network has representations in South Africa, Namibia, Senegal, Gabon, Zimbabwe, Ivory Coast, among others.

MNA/Xinhua



China's Shen Quong (C) spikes the ball during the World Grand Champions Cup men's volleyball match against Egypt in Tokyo on 25 Nov, 2005. Egypt beat China 3-2 (25-23, 21-25, 21-25, 25-21, 15-12). —INTERNET

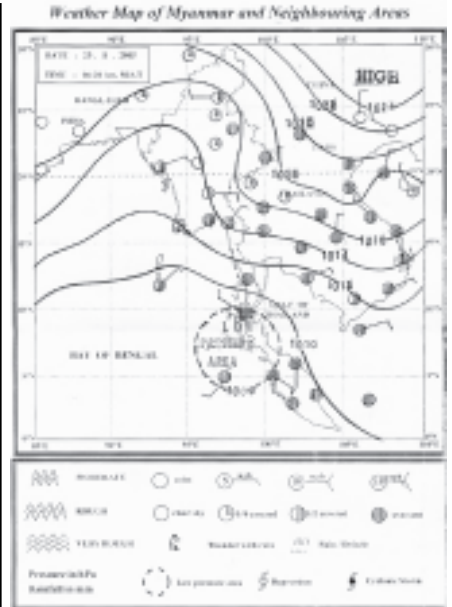
Earthquake of magnitude 5.6 rocks southern Philippine city

MANILA, 25 Nov—A magnitude 5.6 earthquake rocked General Santos City in southern Philippines around 1:30 pm (0536 GMT) local time Friday but no damage was reported, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) said. Ferdinand Tagluco,


Phivolcs science analyst in Southern Mindanao, said the tremor's epicenter was traced at 115 kilometers southeast of General Santos City and had a depth of 15 kilometers. It was tectonic in origin, he said. It was felt at intensity 2 in Davao City, the biggest city in Mindanao.

The Hong Kong Observatory reported earlier that an earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale hit sea waters south of the Philippines at 13:36 pm (0536 GMT) on Friday.

According to the Hong Kong Observatory, the epicenter of the quake was initially determined to be 5.9 north latitude, 126.4 east longitude, about 160 kilometers south-southeast of Davao, Mindanao Island. *MNA/Xinhua*



Chairman U Tin Shwe formally opens the 64th ceremony of Kyimyindine Township Padindan Aryondaw Wut Association to convey 72 gold plates for public obeisance recently. The gold plates are to be offered to the Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA



TV Myanmar

Saturday, 26 November
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am</p> <p>5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>6. ဝေးကွာအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>8:15 am</p> <p>7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>8. ဂမုန်းရေလှောင်တစ်</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>9. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>10. Grammar made easy</p> <p>11:00 am</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>11:15 am</p> <p>2. Musical programme</p> <p>11:25 am</p> <p>3. News</p> <p>11:35 am</p> <p>4. Games for children</p> <p>12:05 pm</p> <p>5. Roundup of the week's</p>	<p>TV local news</p> <p>12:50 pm</p> <p>6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နေပြည်နေ့ခင်း" (အပိုင်း--၈)</p> <p>1:20 pm</p> <p>7. ကြားမြင်သူတပြည်ဝေရာ စာပဒေသာ</p> <p>1:30 pm</p> <p>8. မွဲဖြိုးတိုးတက်စေသာ ပဲခူးတိုင်းအရှေ့မှာ</p> <p>1:45 pm</p> <p>9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>1:50 pm</p> <p>10. ကာလွန်းဇာတ်လမ်း "မကြီးနီလေး" (ဒါရိုက်တာ-လှဌေးအောင်)</p> <p>2:10 pm</p> <p>11. ကညန ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းရုံးခွဲ (ရာသာကြီး)</p> <p>2:25 pm</p> <p>12. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>2:35 pm</p> <p>13. "ချေမျိုးတော်စေမယ့်" (ခန်းထပ်လင်းအောင်အိမ်ကြွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)</p> <p>2:45 pm</p> <p>14. International news</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. English for everyday use</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Musical programme</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. အဝေးသင်တန်းအသံထွက် ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ တတ်ယူနစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု)</p>
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<p>(သင်္ချာ)</p> <p>5:10 pm</p> <p>6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>7. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစာတား</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:40 pm</p> <p>9. "အသိစိတ်ကလေး အရင်တည်း" (ပြီးစေရန်၊ ထက်ရှား၊ မိုးပြည့် ပြည့်မောင်)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)</p> <p>5:55 am</p> <p>10. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>11. Musical programme</p> <p>6:10 pm</p> <p>12. Games for children</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>13. Evening news</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>14. Weather report</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စိမ်းလှစေတာကန်သာယာ" (အပိုင်း--၂၆)</p> <p>7:35 pm</p> <p>16. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>7:45 pm</p> <p>17. Musical programme</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>18. News</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>19. International news.</p> <p>20. Weather report.</p> <p>21. မြန်မာဒီဇိုဇာတ်လမ်း "အနီဖုန်" (အပိုင်း--၁) (လှိုင်နိုး၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်သီ)</p> <p>22. The next day's programme</p>	<p>Saturday, 26 November</p> <p>Tune in today</p> <p>8.30 am Brief news</p> <p>8.35 am Music: -Downtown Perspectives</p> <p>8.40 am Music: -Jump for joy</p> <p>8.45 am National news + 12 objectives and People's Desire</p> <p>9.00 am Music: -I'm just light</p> <p>9.05 am International news: -Living eyes -Move away -Here we go</p> <p>9.10 am News/Slogan</p> <p>1:30 pm Music at your request -Until the end of time -I love you -A message for your mind</p> <p>1:40 pm ASEAN review -Exchange news</p> <p>9.00pm Article M y a n m a r culture -The Largest Buddha Image and the World's Largest Marble Book-Volume 2</p> <p>9.10 pm Souvenirs -Ticket to ride -Fire and rain -Nickel song</p> <p>9.20 pm News/Slogan</p> <p>9.30 pm PEL</p>
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WEATHER

Friday, 25 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (6°C) below normal in Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Chin State, Magway, Bago, Ayeerwady and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperature was Hakha (2°C) and Namsam (6°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthong (0.35) inch.

Maximum temperature on 24-11-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 25-11-2005 was 62°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 25-11-2005 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 24-11-2005 was (8.3) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 25-11-2005 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 (12:30) hours MST on 24-11-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Southern Coast of Tamilnadu and adjoining Gulf of Mannar become unimportant. A low pressure area has formed over South Andaman Sea. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in Andaman Sea and Southwest Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 26-11-2005: Except for scattered rain or thundershowers are likely in Taninthayi Division and weather will be generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface winds speed in squalls may reach (30) to (35) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-11-2005: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-11-2005: Fine weather.

Weather outlook for last weekend of November 2005: During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

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



Prime Minister General Soe Win delivers an address at the opening ceremony of Textile Factory (Salinyi). — MNA

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opened in the division. With the already existing ones such as Shwedaung Textile Factory in Bago Division, Paleik Textile Factory in Mandalay Division and Sagaing Textile Factory in Sagaing Division, the six factories are the forerunners of the textile industry. Due to the emergence of the factories local people are now enjoying job opportuni-

ties and will become skilled workers through the familiarity with the advanced factory machinery and equipment. As a result, human resources will develop in the nation.

He said due to the emergence of the factories, people will meet the need of textile to a certain degree. However, the textile production of the country accounts for only 11 per cent of the textile requirement and state-owned factories can provide only five per cent of that requirement.

That is why the government is opening more textile factories with a view to meeting the domestic need of textile, creating job opportunities and helping the people to be user-friendly with the advanced textile machinery. The country still needs textile factories as citizens are using more textile than ever due to the burgeoning population and improving living standards. To increase the number of customers in producing consumers' goods depends on the

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No 3 Ahlon Wharf put into service in Ahlon

YANGON, 25 Nov — A ceremony to put No 3 Ahlon Wharf into service jointly built by Myanma Port Authority and Asia World Port Management Co Ltd was held at the wharf on Strand Road in Ahlon Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe.

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Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects No 3 Ahlon Wharf on Strand Road in Ahlon Township. — MNA

Newly-opened No 3 Ahlon Wharf is 260 metres by 55.5 metres. A total of 4,327 20-foot laden containers, 144 20-foot reefer containers, and 180 20-foot empty containers can be kept at the wharf.

INSIDE

Myanmar people organized mass meetings at which they reviewed and criticized the provisions contained in the University Act, and opposed it. Despite the oppositions, the colonialist government ratified the act on 28 August 1920.

85th Anniversary National Day 2005 ceremonies held

YANGON, 25 Nov — In accordance with the objectives of 85th Anniversary National Day 2005 — to strengthen nationalist spirits and to ensure uplift of national prestige and integrity, to promote national education, perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the State and to achieve success in realization of the seven-point Road Map, the 85th Anniversary National Day ceremonies 2005 took place throughout the nation today.

The 85th Anniversary National Day cer-

emony 2005 was held at Dagon Township No 2 Basic Education High School this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt and others.

Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt read out the 85th Anniversary National Day message sent by

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