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### Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

### Four economic objectives

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- \* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

### Four social objectives

- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

## Government building a lot of major dams for supply of water and greening in states and divisions

### Prime Minister inspects Hlaing Chaung Dam project in Pale Township

YANGON, 26 Nov —Prime Minister General Soe Win together with member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers, the deputy ministers and heads of depart-

ments arrived by helicopter at the site of Hlaing Chaung Dam project in Pale Township in Sagaing Division after attending the opening of Textile Factory (Salingyi) in Salingyi Township yesterday.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on construction of the dam near Chinbyitkyin

(North) Village in Pale Township and Director of construction-4 of Irrigation Department U Maung Maung Tin on progress of work and use of heavy machines. Director-General of Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win gave a supplementary report.

The commander also reported on increase of cultivation acreage in the



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects construction of North Yama Support Dam.—MNA

**Hlaing Chaung Dam in Pale Township, Sagaing Division will supply water to 1,000 acres of paddy and other crops.**



region and Lt-Gen Ye Myint took part in the discussions.

The Prime Minister and party inspected implementation of the project. The dam will supply water to 1,000 acres of paddy and other crops. In connection with education, health and transport matters, they had a conversation with local people from Chinbyitkyin (North) Village and other villages nearby. The Prime Minister called for co-operation for regional development.

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Actively participate in nation-building endeavours

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance, saying that transport plays a leading role in development of a nation; that only better transport will contribute to development of economic and social sectors as well as frequent contacts among national brethren; and that roads and bridges are being built to narrow the development gap.

In accord with the guidance, roads and bridges large and small were constructed and the old ones, renovated the length and breadth of the nation. With the emergence of those transport infrastructures, economic, education, health and social standards of all the regions have improved.

Prime Minister General Soe Win toured 17 townships in Rakhine State including Paletwa Township in Chin State from 19 to 23 November.

During his tour, the Prime Minister met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders, and said that Rakhine State was not easily accessible in the past due to various reasons; that the government is building transport, education, economic and health infrastructures in the state simultaneously; and that this has reflected the government's goodwill towards the national races.

The Yangon-Sittway Union Highway was constructed for Rakhine State and Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road is under construction in southern part of the state.

Along Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road, one can travel from Kyaukpyu to Taungup and Yangon, and from Kyaukpyu to An by car.

Hence, Yangon-Kyaukpyu Road has become a new transport facility that links southern and northern Rakhine State.

Under the education promotion plan, students in Rakhine State have been able to pursue both basic education and higher education in the region, and a large number of highly qualified human resources will soon emerge.

It is sure that those intellectuals and technocrats will be able to shape the future of the nation.

Based on the improvement of education, health, economic and transport sectors, the government has laid down and is implementing the seven-point Road Map for smooth transition to democracy.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon the entire national people to make concerted efforts for the improvement of political, economic and social sectors, accepting that nation-building endeavours and regional development are a national concern.

## 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

## Lecture on diabetes given



Dr Daw Khin Than Oo gives talks on diabetes at Dawbon BEHS No 1. —HEALTH

YANGON, 26 Nov — Jointly organized by Health Sub-Working Group under the Social and Cultural Working Group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Yangon East District Women's Affairs Organization, the talks on diabetes took place at BEHS No 1 in Dawbon Township, Yangon East District, this afternoon, attended by Health Sub-Working Group Leader Dr Daw Khin Than Oo and members, District and Township WAO Chairpersons and members, Township USDA, MCWA, Red Cross

Society, Auxiliary Fire Brigade and WVO members, and guests.

First, Dr Daw Khin Than Oo explained matters relating to the ceremony. Member of Health Sub-Working Group Rector Prof Dr Daw Khin May Ohn gave talks on diabetes. District WAO Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Thein and members presented gifts to the lecturers. The Health Sub-Working Group Leader and those present viewed the booth on health education.—MNA

## Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister to attend 7th Ministerial Meeting of AMBDC

YANGON, 26 Nov — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu together with Assistant Director U Kyaw Sithu of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs left here by air this morning for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to attend the Seventh Ministerial Meeting of ASEAN-Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC) to be held on 28 November.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials concerned from the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs and Charge d'Affaires ai Mr Rizany Irwan Bin Muhamad Mazlan of the Malaysian Embassy.

Director-General U Nyan Lyn of Political Department, General Manager U Hla Yi of Myanmar Railways and Director U Myint Soe of International Organizations and Economic Department also attended the Seventh Meeting of the Steering Committee on the ASEAN-Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC) on 25 and 26 November.

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## Dumex Medical Seminar held

YANGON, 26 Nov — Jointly organized by Myanmar Medical Association and Paediatric Society, Mo Asia Co Ltds Dumex Medical Seminar took place at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning.

Managing Director U Peter Moe Kyaw of Mo Asia Co Lt'd Dumex extended the greetings and made cash donation for Myanmar Medical Association and Paediatric Society through Chairman of Myanmar

Medical Association (Central) Prof Dr Myo Myint and Vice-President of Paediatric Society Prof Dr Daw Khin Htwe and Prof Dr Myo Myint spoke words of thanks.

Dr Marc A Brackett of Yale University gave talks on IQ: EI Synergy, Prof Dr Kyu Kyu Khin of Children's Hospital on the Medical Evaluation of a Child with Development Delay and Ms Katrina of INC Singapore on Nutrition Innovation 2005. They replied to queries raised by those present.—MNA



Managing Director U Peter Moe Kyaw extends greetings at Dumex Medical Seminar.— MNA

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# US shuttle programme deficit threatens Bush's space plan

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov — A large deficit in NASA's shuttle programme could cause at best a serious delay in the space exploration initiative by President George W. Bush if without planned shuttle flights reduced or a budget addition of billions of US dollars, *The Washington Post* reported Thursday.

NASA is negotiating for extra money with the White House to deal with a shortfall that some space experts say could exceed 6 billion dollars from 2006 to 2010, when NASA plans to retire the shuttle for good, the report said.

The White House, struggling with the costs of Iraq war and Hurricane Katrina, has no intention of giving the green light.

The deficit came as a result of shuttle safety problems such as insulation foam loss from the fuel tank during liftoff, which doomed *Columbia* in February 2003 and recurred in the July launch of *Discovery*.

One option for NASA is to reduce the planned 18 shuttle flights for international space station and one to service the *Hubble Space Telescope*, to two per year, or 10 in all, and cut the workforce.

"NASA Administrator Michael D Griffin has said that terminating the shuttle programme would be just as expensive as keeping it going", it is reported.

The situation threatens Bush's "Vision for Space Exploration" that was announced in January 2004. Without extra money, experts say, NASA could have

trouble developing a new "crew exploration vehicle" by 2014, as originally planned, let alone fulfilling Griffin's wish to fly it by 2012, said the report.

Bush envisioned to use the shuttle to finish the international space station by 2010, develop the crew exploration vehicle by 2014, return humans to the moon by 2020 and eventually move on to Mars.

The report said Griffin has earned the trust of the once reluctant Congress, which easily passed the 2006 budget for NASA, for the full 16.5 billion dollars the White House requested. But he cannot allay lawmakers' mis-givings about the "gap" in human space travel between the end of shuttle programme and the first manned flights of the new exploration vehicle.

The report said under the budgets projected for the next five years, experts agreed, it will be impossible to complete the planned shuttle missions and finish the new spacecraft by 2012, or maybe even by 2014. One proposal under consideration would keep the shuttle programme fully going and let completion of the new spacecraft slip to 2014, if necessary, or even beyond.

MNA/Xinhua

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People walk through the snow-covered landscape in a forest near the eastern German resort of Altenberg on 25 Nov, 2005. Heavy snowfall all over Germany caused traffic chaos on the streets.—INTERNET

## Two killed, two injured in bomb explosion in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 Nov — Two persons were killed, two injured including the deputy district chief on Thursday morning in a bomb explosion in Afghan eastern province of Nangarhar, a local official said.

"This morning at about 9 o'clock, a meeting about preventing poppy cultivation was held in Khogiani District attended by tribal leaders, district chiefs and other officials. A bomb installed in a white Corolla car suddenly exploded near the place and killed two persons including a policeman, injured two others including the deputy district chief," Omar Layeq, the district chief of Khogiani told *Xinhua*.

"We have sent troops to Waziri area where the car

is from, and the investigation is still going on," he added.

The post-Taleban Central Asian state with an output of 4,200 tons opium poppy in 2004 and 4,100 tons in 2005 became the single largest supplier of the raw material used in manufacturing heroin in the world respectively.

To control the menace, President Hamid Karzai in the meeting with provincial governors and police chiefs at the end of October ordered them to curb poppy cultivation at all cost in their

jurisdictions in the country. Under a counter-narcotics strategy launched in May 2003, the Afghan Government wants to reduce poppy cultivation by 75 per cent by 2008.—MNA/Xinhua

## US soldier dies of wound in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 Nov — A US soldier died of a gunshot wound in central Baghdad on Wednesday, the US military said.

The soldier belonged to the Task Force in Baghdad, said a US military statement.

The name of the

soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, the statement said.

The incident is under investigation, it added, without giving further details.

Over 2,100 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the March 2003 US-led invasion.

MNA/Xinhua

## China, Russia to cooperate in dealing with water pollution

BEIJING, 25 Nov — China and Russia have both pledged to cooperate closely to handle the pollution of the Songhua River in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao here Thursday.

Liu said China was very concerned about possible hazards to Russia and has informed its neighbour several times of the pollution.

On the morning of 24 November, the State

Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) elaborated the details of the pollution to the Russian Embassy in China, including various test results.

Zhang Lijun, deputy director general of SEPA said China would keep Russia informed at all times about the monitoring results of the polluted stretches of Songhua River.

The two countries are setting concrete arrangements to open a hot line for better contact and communication over the water problem.

China is now making every effort to strengthen the monitoring and control

of water quality of the Songhua River with the hope of minimizing the possible hazards, Liu said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Military helicopter crashes in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 25 Nov — A military helicopter crashed in eastern Turkey on Thursday, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

Agri Governor Yusuf Yavascan was quoted as saying that the helicopter crashed in Catgoze village of Eleskirt town of Agri Province bordering Iran.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi soldiers stand by their wounded friend as they visit him at a hospital in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on 25 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

## 2,104 US troops killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov — As of Friday, 25 Nov, 2005, at least 2,104 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,653 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is four lower than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EST Wednesday.

The British military has reported 98 deaths; Italy, 27; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,965 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,544 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet



Visitors look at an ice sculpture representing a unicorn at the Snow and Ice Sculpture Festival, in Bruges, Belgium, on Friday 25 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

## Democratic lawmakers lament Iraq war vote

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov — Three years ago, Massachusetts congressmen Martin Meehan, Stephen Lynch and Edward Markey bucked their state Democratic colleagues and cast votes to give President Bush a green light to go to war in Iraq.

Since then, the three have renounced their votes and emerged as critics of the way Bush has handled the war.

Unlike the dramatic public change of heart by Rep John Murtha (news, bio, voting record), D-Pa, a decorated Marine veteran who served in Korea and Vietnam, the three congressmen said they began gradually re-evaluating their views soon after the US-led invasion, when no weapons of mass destruction were found.

"The war was based on the false premise that Saddam Hussein had an active nuclear weapons program," said Markey, who accused the administration of "manipulating facts."

They are not the first to express regret about their pro-war votes. Several members of Congress, including Reps Walter Jones, R-NC, and Robert Wexler, D-Fla, have had changes of heart about Iraq.

But for Meehan, Lynch

and Markey, the shift has paid political dividends, helping them mend fences with top state Democratic leaders such as Sen Edward Kennedy, and anti-war liberals who are active in the party ranks.

Internet

## Almost 60,000 people HIV positive in Britain

LONDON, 25 Nov— The number of people infected with HIV in Britain rose last year to an estimated 58,300 and almost a third of those may not know they are carrying the disease, a report said on Thursday.

Most new cases were diagnosed in heterosexuals and nearly three-

quarters of those were probably contracted in Africa.

The Health Protection Agency (HPA) said the number of HIV sufferers had risen last year from an estimated 53,000 who were thought to be infected in 2003.

The report said up to a third of the cases — some

19,700 people — were thought to be undiagnosed, meaning they could be spreading the disease without knowing.

"There is no part of Britain that remains unaffected by HIV or sexually transmitted infections," said Barry Evans, an HIV expert at the agency.

"Our report 'Mapping the Issues' coincides with World AIDS Day and allows us to take stock of the progress made in our efforts to prevent the spread of HIV."

Thursday's report revealed that during 2004 there were 7,275 new HIV infections in Britain up slightly from 7,217 in 2003.

Of those, 4,287 were in heterosexuals, with 73 per cent of these most likely to have been acquired in Africa.

Nick Partridge, chief executive of the sexual health charity Terrence Higgins Trust said Britain was in danger of having the worst sexual health record in Western Europe.

MNA/Reuters

## ဝက်စုစွမ်းအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား

## Putin reaffirms ban on NGOs to receive funding from abroad

Moscow, 26 Nov— Russian President Vladimir Putin reaffirmed the ban on non-governmental organizations (NGO) to receive funding from abroad, when he was meeting Chairman of the State Duma (Lower House) Boris Crzylov on Friday.

Certain organizations are involved in political activities with the help of foreign funding, which is strictly prohibited. They are, intentionally or unconsciously, being used as political instruments by certain states to achieve their own political goals

in Russia, *ITAR-TASS* quoted Putin as saying.

"Political activities in Russia should be as transparent as possible. Financing political activities from abroad is something the state should keep an eye on," Putin said during a meeting with the head of

his own human rights commission Ella Pamfilova.

"This is especially true if financing from abroad is carried out through state channels of other countries or if those organizations operating here in our country that are involved in political activities are being used as an instrument of foreign policy of other states," he said.

According to the local Press, Putin first pledged his support for ban on Russian NGOs to receive foreign funds in July this year. Any state with self-esteem will not allow such events to happen, and Russia will solve all the domestic problems independently, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Car bomb kills at least seven Iraqis south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 Nov— A car bombing attack targeted at a US military convoy killed at least seven Iraqis and wounded a dozen south of Baghdad on Thursday, a police source told *Xinhua*.

"The convoy was attacked in the town of Mahoumdiyah, 30 kilometres south of Baghdad. At least seven Iraqis were killed and 10 to 15 others injured," the source said.

"Two US military vehicles were damaged, but we don't know how many American casualties were caused," the source added. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi demonstrator shouts slogans as he takes part in a protest in central Baghdad on 25 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

## Indonesian Navy plans biggest ever exercise near oil-rich waters

JAKARTA, 25 Nov — Indonesia's navy will hold its biggest ever exercise next month, involving landing amphibious tanks near potentially oil-rich waters disputed with Malaysia, a Navy spokesman said on Thursday.

The exercise will involve 40 warships and 5,000 personnel in waters stretching from East Java to the northern tip of East Kalimantan Province on Borneo Island, where Indonesia shares a border with Malaysia.

"This will be a very large-scale exercise involving warships, logistics and marines," naval spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Toni Syaiful said, calling it the biggest in the Navy's history.

It will include the landing of amphibious tanks on Sangata Island, which lies near the disputed waters of Ambalat in East Kalimantan, he added.

Indonesia and Malaysia both claim sovereignty over the Ambalat region off Borneo's eastern shore, close to Sipadan and Ligitan islands, which Indonesia lost to Malaysia in a legal battle in the International Court of Justice in December 2002.

At the height of a row

last March, in the biggest test of ties between the Muslim-majority neighbours for many years, Indonesia sent warships and fighter jets to the area where both countries have awarded overlapping concessions to major oil firms.

Tension has abated since the two countries appointed technical teams to try to work out a solution. Syaiful dismissed suggestions the exercise would spark tensions again.— MNA/Reuters

## Nicaraguan Navy seizes 871 kilos of cocaine

MANAGUA, 25 Nov— A Nicaraguan Navy patrol boat intercepted a Honduran ship with 871 kilos of cocaine on board in the Caribbean Sea Wednesday night, Navy Commander Juan Estrada said on Thursday.

The ship, with 10 crew members, was stopped on its way from Colombia to Honduras. Thirty-two bags of cocaine were found hidden aboard the ship, Estrada told a Press conference. The Nicaraguan Navy has seized 4,200 kilos of cocaine in the Caribbean this year, said Estrada.

The Caribbean Sea, sandwiched between North and South Americas, is an important sea route used by international drug trafficking cartels to take drugs from South America to Mexico and the United States.

MNA/Xinhua



## China, Africa to explore new ways of cooperation

**DAR-ES-SALAAM, 25 Nov—** China is ready to join hands with African countries to explore new channels, new forms and new ways of cooperation to contribute to maintaining world peace, advancing global development and promoting progress of the mankind, a senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) said here Wednesday.

Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, made the remarks while meeting with Tanzanian President Benjamin William Mkapu.

Li said Africa has nurtured plenty of splendid cultures and ancient civili-

zations. Under the new circumstances of international relations, its status and influence are on the rise.

Li said China is happy to see that under the leadership of their political parties, the African countries have made continuous progress in all-round construction and exploration of development routes

that suit their different and specific conditions.

In the new situation, the common interests between China and Africa have increased rather than reduced. The area of win-win cooperation between China and African countries has been widened instead of narrowed, Li said. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Residents gather and look at waves hitting Samira beach in Songkhla Province, southern Thailand on 24 Nov, 2005. Heavy rain combined with high tide Thursday have created flood in many parts of the country's south.

INTERNET

## EU offers more time for Iranian nuke problem breakthrough

**VIENNA, 25 Nov —** At the request of some International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) member countries, the European Union (EU) agreed to give more time for breaking the current Iran nuclear deadlock, British Ambassador to the IAEA Peter Jenkins said on Thursday.

Speaking for the EU presidency, Jenkins said that the EU, the leading nuclear negotiator with Iran, agreed to give Iran more time for talks. But he warned Iran against making any "unilateral moves" to increase its atomic activities.

The EU had "acceded to the request of several board members who have asked for more time for diplomatic dialogue on the future of Iran's nuclear programme," Jenkins told reporters. However, Iran needs "to implement the

confidence-building measures" for which the IAEA has called, namely to cease uranium conversion work, he added. "Iran should not conclude that this window of opportunity will remain open in all circumstances," he

warned.

He said the EU "sees grounds for deep concern" that Iran "has admitted to having in its possession a document which was supplied" by an international black market and which is a guide to making the explo-

sive core of an atom bomb.

Britain reserves the right to convene a special session of the IAEA ahead of the next scheduled meeting in March to consider referring Iran to the UN Security Council, said Jenkins.

*MNA/Xinhua*



Anti-US demonstrators protest in front of the US embassy in Moscow on 25 Nov, 2005. Some 40 people gathered in front of the US embassy on Friday to protest against US foreign policy in Iraq and Afghanistan. —INTERNET

## Indonesia to introduce new passport with embedded microchip

**JAKARTA, 25 Nov —** The Indonesian Government planned to introduce a new kind of passport with microchip embedded in starting next year, in a bid to curb the use of fake documents by high-profile criminals to flee the country and avoid charges, local media said on Thursday.

The new passport would use an automatic fingerprint identification system that would be connected to all the offices issuing passports in Indonesia and its embassies abroad, the paper quoted Minister of Justice and Human Rights Hamid Awaluddin as saying here on Wednesday.

The new passport

would have a microchip that contained personal information and the fingerprints of the bearer, he said.

At present, there was no such a digital and interconnected database, making it possible for people to apply for multiple passports under different names, he said.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Car bomb south of Baghdad kills at least 30

**BAGHDAD, 26 Nov —** A car bomb blew up outside a hospital where Iraqi police were gathered in a town south of Baghdad on Thursday, killing 31 people and wounding more than 20 others, doctors, police and witnesses said.

The explosives-packed car was parked in front of the General Hospital in Mahmoudiya, just south of Baghdad, and blew up after two patrols of Iraqi police pulled up outside, witnesses said.

The head of the emergency room at the hospital said 31 people were killed and 28 wounded in the blast. Police sources put the death toll at 30 with around two dozen wounded. It was not clear if it was a suicide car bomb attack.

The bombing is the latest in an apparently stepped-up campaign of militant violence over the past week and in the run-up to parliamentary elections set for 15 December.

Since last Friday, nearly 200 people have been killed in a series of suicide bombings and car bomb blasts, including 77 killed when bombers strapped with explosives blew themselves up inside two Shiite mosques in the northern town of Khashaqin.

## India, Turkey to cooperate in oil projects

**NEW DELHI, 25 Nov—** India and Turkey on Thursday signed a cooperation agreement for bilateral oil exploration, refining and pipeline projects and in the third country, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

The agreement was signed here between visiting Turkish Energy Minister Mehmet Hilmi Guller and Indian Petroleum Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar.

The India-Turkey trade is likely to rise to two billion US dollars by 2008 if cooperation is improved, said Guller, who is here to attend the second Asian Energy Roundtable on Friday. The bilateral trade topped one billion US dollars in 2004.

Oil companies from the two countries have started cooperation such as jointly developing two exploration blocks in Libya, said Aiyar.

"It should be possible for both countries to work together in downstream (refining) and also in pipeline projects," he said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Pilot killed when training plane crashes in N Philippines

**MANILA, 25 Nov—** A light trainer plane crash off on Wednesday in the northern Philippines, killing the pilot and injuring his student, the military said.

Air Force spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Restituto Padilla told a

Press briefing that the Cessna trainer jet, with tail No RPC-727, crashed at around 1:30 pm in Alabat Island in Quezon for still unknown reasons.

The ill-fated aircraft is owned by Master Flying School, said Padilla.

According to Padilla, this was the third crashed Cessna planes this year in the country.

In May, an aircraft hit a coconut tree and burst into flames after taking off from a private airstrip in Tanauan Town in Batangas Province, killing four people.

In March, another Cessna plane crashed into the sea off Jomalig Island in Quezon while transporting fish products from Palawan to Manila.

*MNA/Xinhua*

war.— *MNA/Reuters*

# Sincere hearts of Myanmar Buddhists and religious freedom

*Sithu Myaing (Research)*

Generally, Buddhism is called a religion. But it is unlike other religions and its views on the human life are serious. Based on the views, it teaches man to find a way to free himself from the vicious circle of life. It teaches man to strengthen his mental power to calmly cope with life and face death.

The Buddha came into existence in India in 624 BC, and Buddhism is a religion that originated in India. Water from different streams and rivers that flow into the ocean becomes ocean water of the same colour and taste. All human beings under the teachings of Buddha become the people of same status without discrimination in race and other matters. Diversity in unity has become a mighty force.

The Buddha taught man the loving-kindness to stay away from evil things, and downplaying and slandering others to put them into trouble, but to have sympathy for others. His teachings are based on conviction, wisdom and Sarana practice. With morality, integrity and knowledge as the base, Sarana practice enables man to lead a peaceful life. As Buddhism is based on conviction, knowledge, Sarana practice, morals and integrity it never criticizes other ideologies or religions. It encourages objective thinking permits freedom of thought, always encourages study, shows the way to see the Four Noble Truths, and believes in self-reliant efforts to find the right path.

The Kalama Sutta said that if one knew by himself which acts were evil and sinful, condemned by the wise, and senseless enough to harm the person who practised them, he should stay away from those acts.

The Buddha also taught man that greed, anger and delusion would give them no benefits; that persons under the influence of greed, anger and delusion would commit evil acts such as killing other people and stealing others' property; that a person who was free from greed, anger and delusion would find the real happiness and peace. He also delivered the Samadhi and Byamhavihara, which taught man to totally discard greed, anger and delusion to possess loving-kindness in addition to mindfulness and wisdom. The Buddha said that man could become Ariya if he would practise

vipassana that began with the meditation. For 45 years till His demise, the Buddha discoursed Abhidhamma and Sutta to teach man to have the correct thoughts and views and taught monks to live according to the Vinaya. There are 84,000 Teachings of the Buddha.

When the relics of the Buddha were about to be distributed after His demise, kings of eight city states were preparing for war to get the relics. Then, the Brahma named Dona told them that as the Buddha did not like hostility and humiliation, the kings should equally divide the relics among themselves in accord with His wish. Similarly when the two city states Koliya and Kapila were going to fight for water, the Buddha discoursed Dhamma for peace after asking a question — Which is more valuable, water or human lives? Buddhists are against aggressive acts, wars, and the acts of bullying and giving trouble to others. They always help and feed others to the most possible degree.

Buddhism arrived in Myanmar since the life time of the Buddha. Likewise Hinduism spread to Vesali, Hanthawady, Thaton and Dagon lying on the coastal areas of Myanmar through trade routes in AD 3rd century. But the Myanmar people who were already following Buddhism never reject nor oppose, suppress nor antagonize the arrival of Hinduism in Myanmar. Successive Myanmar kings ensured Hinduism's religious freedom, and the practice of religious tolerance is still accorded by the present government.

Similarly, discharging military services or trading, Muslims entered Myanmar starting from the 14th Century. Previous successive kings and governments and the ruling government have allowed them to profess their faith and teach and learn religious teachings freely. The Ministry of Religious Affairs also allowed them to form five Muslim organizations that are now cooperating with the government in the religious matters. The close location of the Sule Pagoda, mosques, a church and a Hindu temple in downtown Yangon bears witness to the religious freedom in Myanmar. All the religions have existed in harmony in the nation. All the national people are allowed those of other religions to profess any faiths they believe in and to carry out religious tasks as they wish.

Now, in Myanmar there are many mosques for Muslims to say prayers. Muslims have been allowed to open mosques and Islam religious schools across the nation. Successive Myanmar governments have allowed Muslims to publish, distribute and teach Koran treatises. Those Moulvis and Moulanas who are playing a leading role in Muslim religious affairs have enjoyed freedom to teach Koran Treatises in the mosques. According to the faith of Muslim, assistance is provided for schools for orphans, homes for the aged, homes for widows, and needy students. The government does not levy taxes or inspect the financial accounts of Muslim religious organizations, but duly provides cash assistance to various religious organizations of other religions. Families of Tatmadaw personnel provide provisions such as rice, edible oil and salt for respective religious organizations.

According to the records, Christianity has spread into Myanmar since 1496. Roman Catholic Portuguese men, Armenians and Syrians introduced Christianity to Myanmar while trading with the nation. While trading with Asian nations, Portuguese merchants dropped in Myanmar. The Christian priests who accompanied the Portuguese merchants carried out missionary tasks in Lower Myanmar including Pyay, Myeik, Mottama, Thanlyin and Patheingyi. Missionary priests Judson and Dr Mark won respects of Myanmar kings. Successive Myanmar kings and governments allowed Christians to carry out missionary tasks in Lower Myanmar. It is a convincing evidence that Myanmar Government and Buddhists have loving-kindness and equality for followers of other religions and encourage freedom of faith.

In Myanmar, Buddhists do not disturb, oppress or restrict other faiths at all. The government takes religious freedom seriously with a view to ensuring harmonious and peaceful coexistence of the believers of all the religions in the nation.

In Myanmar where Buddhists make up the majority of the population, Theravada Myanmar Buddhists starting from the government to common people hold in esteem four cardinal values— loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, and equanimity towards others, disapprove of violence, and encourage peaceful coexistence with loving-kindness. Under the Buddhist principles, Myanmar never oppress, force nor persuade those of other faiths to profess Buddhism. But they hold equanimity considering that good results and evil consequences are based on wholesome or unwholesome actions one acted in the past.

It is simply believed if one pays a visit to Yangon City downtown, one can witness the close location of the Sule Pagoda, magnificent mosques, a church and a Hindu temple and will realize the true attitude of noble-minded Buddhists and that the people in Myanmar enjoy the most religious freedom in the world.

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# Health sector witnesses sustained progress

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

### Defence Services Medical Academy and Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science

Well-qualified human resources are needed for building of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flouring democratic nation. Therefore, the government is developing human resources on health.

The Tatmadaw is producing human resources on health in order to enhance health care services for the people. Now Tatmadaw medical experts are taking part in the government's health care work and looking after the health of national races in all parts of the Union.

In the time of the Tatmadaw government Defence Services medical

experts are discharging national defence as well as health duties.

The Tatmadaw members are to undergo training when there is no combat duty and they are to participate in community welfare services when there is no training session. That is why the Tatmadaw medical experts are taking part in health care services and community welfare services.

Defence Services Medical Academy and Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science were opened. Modern medical science is being taught at the academy and institute which produce medical experts.

The Tatmadaw medical experts are

born of the people. They are taking part in the tasks on control of diseases, uplift of health, treatment and rehabilitation of the patients with noble spirit.

The medical experts are trained to become brave and courageous soldiers at the academy. Now they serve the interest of the people. Safeguarding the noble traditions of the Tatmadaw, they are giving treatment to the people in the respective regions.

The Tatmadaw government is training and producing medical experts for raising the health standard.

The table shows the degrees conferred and subjects taught at the academy and institute.



Two outstanding cadets of No 2 Intake of Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science seen with their parents at the graduation ceremony on 7-1-2005.

### Defence Services Medical Academy and Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science and subjects

Sr	Name	Subject
1.	Defence Services Medical Academy	biology and botany physics and chemistry anatomy and computer science pharmacy and physiology bio-chemistry and microbiology pathology and X-ray pediatrics and obstetrics and gynecology eye, ear, nose and orthopedics cardiac and anaesthesiology
2.	Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science	nursing pharmacy diagnosis radiography physical therapy

# Prime Minister calls for...

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Myanma Railways, Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Industry-2 and private organizations.

The Prime Minister next inspected stockpile of raw materials such as cast iron and chemicals, production process at the forging shop and installation of machinery and production of brake drums and brake shoes at the foundry shop. He also inspected Chindwin Star 10-wheel trucks manufactured by Chindwin Star Auto Production and Chindwin Star cars and three-wheel vehicles produced by U Tun Khin and Sons Co.

At Chindwin Yadana Hall of the factory the Prime Minister met members of Monywa Industrial Zone supervisory and management committees and industrialists. Factory manager U Maung Maung reported on installation of machinery to the factory, production of 36 kinds of machine parts in response to orders placed by ministries and private companies and collection of raw materials and Chairman of Monywa Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee Lt-Col Myo Myint on development of the industrial zone that was established in December 1992 and development of Shwebo and Sagaing industrial



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects vehicles assembled at Chindwin Star Automobile Industry.—MNA

Prime Minister on his tour, met with USDA members from Monywa district, Shwebo district, Sagaing district and various townships at Sagaing Division USDA office in Monywa.

Similarly, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen

Maung Maung Thein also met staff members of the departments under the ministry at the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and inspected breeding of chickens in Htanaung village in Monywa township.

Likewise, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein met the rector, pro-rector, professors and faculty members of Monywa University, division and township education officers and school heads of basic education schools at the Monywa University and explained education matters. He also visited Monywa University of Economics.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo yesterday evening visited Monywa People's Hospital and gave necessary instructions to doctors and hospital staff. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win views installation of machine parts at Machine Shop in Monywa Industrial Zone.—MNA

zones (branches). The Prime Minister gave instructions on matters related to the development of industrial zones.

On 25 November evening Secretary-General of the USDA Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Secretariat member Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and CEC members Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Minister Dr Chan Nyein who accompanied the

Tin Naing Thein met members of divisional agriculture supervisory committee, divisional departmental officials of the ministry, industrialists, officials of private companies and entrepreneurs at the office of Monywa township PDC and stressed the need for cultivation of crops that have good demand in global markets on yesterday evening. Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen

**North Yama dam project was implemented in Pale Township in 1998. The support dam is being built six miles upstream of North Yama dam. The support dam can store 99,000 acre-feet of surplus water of North Yama dam. It can supply water to 12,000 acres of land where double and mixed cropping can be made all year round.**



Prime Minister General Soe Win oversees implementation of Hlaing Chaung Dam Project in Pale Township.—MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially talks with local people of North Chinbyitkyin Village and its surrounding areas.

MNA



USDA Secretary-General Maj-Gen Htay Oo meets with secretaries and executives of Monywa, Shwebo and Sagaing District and township USDAs.— MNA



**Minister for Forestry back from China**



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung being welcomed back at the airport.— FORESTRY

YANGON, 26 Nov— Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung arrived back here by air yesterday evening from the People's Republic of China at the invitation of the Ministry of Forestry of the PRC.

The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung was

welcomed back at the airport by Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, officials of the Chinese Embassy and departmental officials.

Members of the delegation — Director-General U Than Swe of Planning and Statistics Department and Managing Director U Win

Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise — also arrived back. On 21 November, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung met with Chinese Minister of Forestry Mr Zhou Shengxian. On 24 November, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung met with Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Xu Rang kai, Vice-Governor Mr Lin Ping and departmental heads, and discussed combating of illegal timber trade at the border of the two countries, matters related to normal trade, cooperation in prevention of forest fires, exchange of forest technology between the two countries and investment in timber and bamboo based industries in Myanmar.

On 22 and 23 November, the minister toured wood-based factories in Yunnan Province.— MNA

**Measures for conducting international plastic exhibition and seminar coordinated**

YANGON, 26 Nov—A briefing on International Plastic Exhibition and Seminar to be co-organized by Myanmar Plastic Entrepreneurs Association in Myanmar and Plastindia Foundation in India in February 2006 took place at the Excel Treasure Tower here this

morning. Chairman of Myanmar Plastic Entrepreneurs Association U Tun and members gave an account of plastic enterprise in Myanmar. Indian Military Attache to Myanmar Mr Rajinder Khanna gave a speech. Mr Vijay Merchant of Indian Plastindia

Foundation dealt with development of plastic enterprise in India, use of plastic in various sectors, agendas of the exhibition and seminar, invitation to the exhibition, and services.

He replied to the questions asked by those present.— MNA



Chairman of Myanmar Plastic Entrepreneurs Association U Tun explains matters related to New Delhi-bound International Plastic Exhibition and Seminar to be organized by MPEA and Plastindia Foundation of India.— MNA

Myanmar Sepak Takraw team led by President of the Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation U Chit Khaing seen before their departure at Yangon International Airport on 24-11-2005. (News reported) — NLM

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects construction of the runway at Dawei Airport. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo makes...

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reported on blocking of the creek and water supply tasks.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo proceeded to the site of Dawei University Project. Pro-Rector U Kyaw Kyaw Htay explained matters concerning the university, and Division Superintending Engineer U Ba Wan and Engineer in-charge U Tezar Win of Evergreen Fine Arts Co Ltd on progress of construction tasks. Construction of four-storey building of Dawei University was completed by 73.65 per cent.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo spent the night in Dawei. — MNA

## Regional development tasks supervised in Hlegu and Mingaladon townships

YANGON, 26 Nov—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected development tasks in Hlegu and Mingaladon townships in Yangon North District yesterday morning.

The commander viewed the tarmacking of the circular road linking Yangon Highway Nos 1, 2, and 3 in Hlegu Township, Yangon North District. Deputy Superintending Engineer of Public Works U Soe Tint reported on work progress and future programme.

The commander called for strenuous efforts for ensuring completion of the tarring of the facility at the end of December to open it in the early January 2006.

On arrival at Barlar No 2 River Water Pumping Station Project near the junction of Yangon-Bago six-lane road and No 3 Highway between Mingaladon and Hlegu townships, he heard reports by officials on supply of water to 1,000 acres of farmland, irrigation of 1,000 more acres upon completion, and future plans for sooner completion of the project.

He instructed the officials to systematically supply water, regularly submit reports on progress of work, and to ensure completion of the project to irrigate summer paddy fields.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe also inspected Ngamoeyeik River Water Pumping Station Project being undertaken by the Water Resources Utilization Department near Moksoe Nyaungbin Village in Hlegu Township. Officials presented reports on progress of work, programmes for irrigation of 8,000 acres of paddy in nearby villages, arrival of construction materials, and arrangements for completion of the project ahead of schedule.

The commander said that the project has not been completed cent per cent yet, but measures are to be taken for supply of irrigation water from respective sections of the project.

At the meeting held with departmental personnel,



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe in his inspection of Ngamoeyeik Water Pumping Station Project. — MNA

members of social organizations and local people in the township, officials reported on progress of harvesting monsoon paddy and cultivation of summer paddy, and requirement of irrigation water, progress in putting over 32,000 acres under rubber, target of growing 100,000 acres of rubber in Yangon Division from 2005 to 2008, prospects for extended growing of rubber in Yangon North District, requirements, matters related to rubber farming, progress of extension of rubber growing in Yangon North District, land allotment, rule enforcement to avoid deforestation, and application of advanced agricultural methods for exceeding the targets of summer paddy.

In response, the Yangon Division PDC Chairman provided assistance for the agricultural tasks, saying

that the government has been taking all possible steps for promotion of the agricultural sector.

Progress of the agricultural sector contributes to increasing the per capita income and better living standard of local farmers, he added, calling for extended growing of rubber, castor oil plant, citronella, and other cash crops.

He inspected the left main canal and intake structure of Ngamoeyeik Dam near Yangon-Bago Road. He also viewed private rubber farms in Nanti and Hlayhlawdin villages and instructed the officials to extend rubber growing and to provide agricultural methods for local farmers.

Next, he looked into the rubber farm of Supper Ring Companies Group near Hiku Village-tract. —MNA

## Factories of Ministry of Industry-1 inspected in Magway Division



Myanmar study delegation led by Chief Editor of Kyemon Daily U Myint Swe seen at Yangon Airport on Saturday before departure for Republic of Korea. — MNA



Minister U Aung Thuang inspecting Hydrogen Peroxide Factory Project in Chauk. — INDUSTRY-1

YANGON, 26 Nov — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang inspected sales of products manufactured by Ministry of Industry-1 at Win Thuza Shop in Salingyi yesterday.

The minister also oversaw Pakokku Textile Factory. He proceeded to the briefing hall of Pakokku Garment Factory Project of Myanmar Textile Industries, four miles and two furlongs from Pakokku. The minister heard reports on implementation of the project by Managing Director U Aye Mauk of Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries.

Afterwards, the minister met with local people and explained the purpose of implementing the project.

In Seikpyu, the minister inspected Thitseint Oil Factory of Myanmar Foodstuff Industries, and left necessary instructions.

At Hydrogen Peroxide Factory of Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries Project site, the minister inspected construction of the buildings and installation of machinery. The minister presented fruit basket to technicians of China Machinery Complete Equipment Engineering Corporation. — MNA



## Poll shows Blair loses public trust

LONDON, 26 Nov — Only a quarter of voters trust British Prime Minister Tony Blair, a new poll suggests.

The YouGov survey published on Friday puts the Conservatives just two points behind the ruling Labour Party with many feeling "the wheels are starting to fall off" the Blair government, *Sky* news reported.

The proportion approving of the government's record to date fell to 30 per cent, while 72 per cent of those polled believed Labour's reputation had gradually worsened.

In contrast, 41 per cent said the Tories had improved their reputation and 49 per cent agreed that the Conservatives' chances

of winning the next election were "getting a little better".

YouGov also repeated a Gallup Poll held in October 1997 which asked a sample of voters which of a wide variety of words described the then new Prime Minister.

His lowest positive rating on any of Gallup's dozen items was 71 per cent, whereas his highest positive score now was just 49 per cent. Eight years ago 73 per cent of voters believed Blair could be trusted. That figure has now plunged to just 25 per cent.

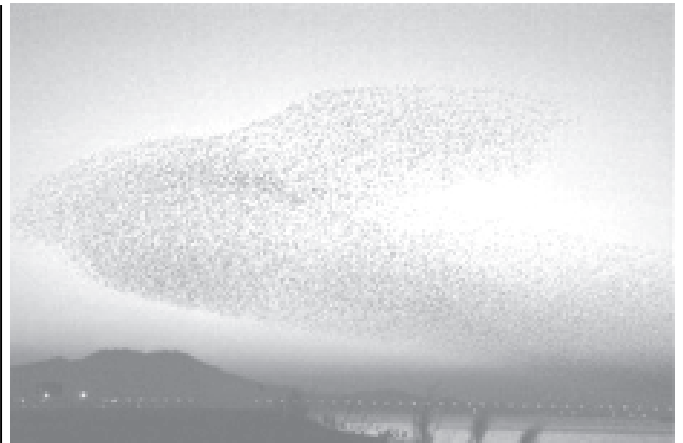
Other noticeable differences were that 81 per cent thought Blair

listened to reason in 1997, but now only 30 per cent agreed with that statement.

Some 90 per cent believed he was competent eight years ago but now that figure has fallen to 45 per cent. Overall, 37 per cent would vote for Labour if there were a general election tomorrow. The Tories jumped three points from last month to 35 per cent. However, the majority of voters still believe Labour lead the Tories on the issue of the economy.

YouGov polled 2,616 electors across Britain online between November 22 and 24.

MNA/Xinhua



Flocks of Baikal teals, a rare species of migratory ducks, fly over the Kumkang River in Kunsan, southwest of Seoul, on 24 Nov, 2005. They stay here during the winter after spending the rest of the time in eastern Siberia, Russia.

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## China calls on Iran to continue cooperation with IAEA on N-issue

VIENNA, 26 Nov — China hopes that Iran would continue to cooperate with the UN nuclear watchdog in efforts to resolve its nuclear issue, a Chinese official said here on Thursday.

At a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) 35-nation board of governors, Wu Hailong, China's delegate to the agency, said that while Iran has already taken cooperation measures since September, there were still remaining problems that should be clarified.

Wu said Iran's nuclear issue, if handled inappropriately, could get out of the framework of the IAEA and worse still, the situation could also get out of control.

That would not be in the interest of any country, nor of maintaining the efficiency of the international non-proliferation system and

the authority of the agency, Wu said.

That would also do

no good for regional peace and stability, he added.

MNA/Reuters

## Foreign office admits mistakes in tsunami response

LONDON, 26 Nov — Britain's Foreign Office admitted on Thursday it made several mistakes in the response to last year's Indian Ocean tsunami including sending a rapid response team to the wrong country.

In a joint report with the National Audit Office, the Foreign Office said emergency call centres in London were not properly manned, with 36 members of staff trying to answer 11,000 calls per hour, or three per second.

Extra staff were brought in but were often not trained and important information was missed.

The report said that as a result, mistakes were made,

although it did stress that the scale of the Boxing Day tsunami was unprecedented. It also praised staff who worked long hours under intense pressure but said lessons must now be learned.

"Due to the holiday season, more Britons than usual were travelling overseas, and very few public servants were working in Whitehall on that day," the report said.

"Distressed Britons cannot receive the best possible service unless the national response, both overseas and in Britain, is well coordinated." In the immediate response, the Foreign Office sent a rapid deployment team (RDT) to Sri Lanka after initial reports suggested that was the worst-hit area. As a result, reinforcements from London took two weeks to get to Thailand. — MNA/Reuters

## Four Swedish soldiers hurt in Afghan blast

MAZAR-I-SHARIF (Afghanistan), 26 Nov — Four Swedish soldiers with the NATO-led mission were wounded in a blast that struck their convoy in northern Afghanistan on Friday, officials said.

The blast occurred as the peacekeepers drove back from a sports event on the outskirts of the city of Mazar-i-Sharif, they said.

"It was a mine that was

planted during the sports event," said Sheri Jan Durani, an Afghan police spokesman in Mazar.

He had earlier identified the soldiers as Spanish, but later confirmed they were Swedish.

The Swedish Defence Ministry in Stockholm said the explosion was caused by a remote-controlled bomb, which hit one vehicle in a column of five belonging to the Swedish force.

"The Afghan police have detained six people in connection with the

explosion, but the defence forces have no information on the extent they can be connected to the incident," it said in a statement.

Two of the wounded soldiers were transported to Kunduz and two to Kabul for treatment, it said.

The Mazar police spokesman said one of the four wounded soldiers had suffered serious injuries.

It was not immediately clear who carried out the attack but suspicion fell on Taleban guerillas. — MNA/Reuters

## Lightning claims two lives in Vietnam

HANOI, 26 Nov — Lightning has made two electric lines broken, killing two local people in Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh City, local newspaper *Youth* reported Friday.

The accident happened in district No. 8 on Thursday afternoon,

making a 45-year-old woman die on the spot. Her 25-year-old son, who failed to rescue her, died at hospital.

Late June, lightning also killed two local girls and injured two others from southern Soc Trang Province.

Natural disasters, mainly storms and floods, killed 232 people, left 38 missing, injured 187 others, destroyed 4,200 houses and 3,000 hectares of rice, and killed over 2,000 cattle and 170,000 poultry in Vietnam last year, causing a total property loss of over 900 billion Vietnamese dong (some 57 million US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

## Snow strands 100 vehicles on Bodmin Moor

LONDON, 26 Nov — Up to 100 vehicles were stranded in heavy snow on Bodmin Moor in Cornwall, southwest England on Friday as blizzards closed a major road.

Devon and Cornwall police said they had declared a major incident and urged drivers to stay with their vehicles until help arrived.

The vehicles, including coaches, were stuck on the A30 between Kennards House and Bodmin.

Mike Collenzo, manager of the nearby Jamaica Inn, said he had filled 17 of his rooms with drivers who had abandoned their cars for the night.

"I've never seen anything like this up here," he told BBC television. "Speaking to a few older locals, they've said it's not since the 60s they've seen weather like this." — MNA/Reuters



US soldiers securing a neighbourhood in the town of Tal Afar, north of Baghdad recently.

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**China to develop 800-kv extrahigh-tension transmission project**

**GUANGZHOU, 25 Nov— China Southern Power Grid Company is set to build an 800-kilo volts extrahigh-tension direct current transmission line, which is expected to be in full operation by 2010.**

Sources from the company said the transmission line will span the provinces of Yunnan and Guangzhou in south China, with designed transmission capacity hitting between five million kilowatts and 6.4 million kilowatts.

The extrahigh-tension transmission project is suitable for long-distance electricity transmission which can reach as far as 2,000 kilometres, the company said.

The China Southern Power Grid Company

mainly covers the southern provinces of Yunnan, Guizhou, Hainan, Guangdong and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, which are expected to consume 434.4 billion kilowatt hours of electricity in 2005, about 1.89 times that of the Year 2000.

To meet the rising demand for electricity in the southern regions, the company plans to develop a huge power grid network with 8 alternating and 5 direct current transmission passages by the Year 2010.

MNA/Xinhua

**Austria probes US flight suspicious of carrying terror suspects**

**VIENNA, 25 Nov—The Council of Europe on Wednesday urged European countries to provide full information for a probe into alleged secret US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) detention centres and covert flights in Europe as Austria joined a flurry of investigations into the issue.**

The European Council's member states should provide information to the inquiry before 21 February next year, the Council's Chief Terry Davis said in a written statement.

The inquiry would look at governments' compliance with European human rights law and whether officials had been involved in "unacknowledged" detentions or transport of detainees, including "at the instigation of any foreign agency", the statement said.

Socialist lawmakers in the European Parliament also urged the European Commission, the EU's head office, to launch its

own inquiry into the issue. Austria's Air Force has launched an investigation into a US flight allegedly carrying terror suspects for the CIA which flew across its airspace in 2003, the Austrian Air Force chief said on Wednesday.

Press reports have said the CIA has operated secret detention facilities in Eastern Europe, Afghanistan, Thailand and elsewhere in order to circumvent US laws protecting detainees, particularly restrictions on the use of torture.

Planes allegedly operated by the CIA have been spotted at airports in Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy,

Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Sweden as well as Morocco.

These reports whipped up disputes in both the United States and Europe, and the Council of Europe has carried out investigations on 31 flights across European airspace, suspicious of flying terror suspects to secret CIA prisons. A US transport plane, flying from Frankfurt, Germany to Azerbaijan contacted by Austrian fighter jets when the plane crossed the European country's airspace on 21 January, 2003, Austrian Major-General Erich Wolf said in a radio interview on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

**Australia faces shortfall in workers due to ageing**

**CANBERRA, 25 Nov— Australia's tight labour market will be stretched even further by a marked slowdown in growth in the working-age population that could exacerbate skill shortages in coming years, a government report said on Thursday.**

The report from the Employment Ministry, at a time when the government is struggling to win support for labour market reform, said there could be a shortfall of 195,000 workers over the next five years as a result of the ageing of the population. "As the population ages, skills shortages could become even more acute, particularly in industries where there is already a high proportion of older workers," said the report, entitled Workforce Tomorrow. Unemployment in Australia stands at 5.2 per cent after hitting a 29-year low of 5.0 per cent in the middle of the year, and that labour market tightness has led to a shortage of workers in sectors as diverse as engineering, health and accounting.

The report said the number of people employed hit a record high of more than 10 million in July 2005. The central bank has cautioned that further tightening could lead to higher wage claims and feed inflation. The report said the working-age population had grown by

an average of 175,000 a year from 2000 to 2005, but that would fall to 138,000 a year by 2010 and an average of 57,000 a year between 2020 and 2030.

A previous study frequently cited by the government warned that, with low fertility rates, the number of Australians aged 65 or older would double by 2042 and the number aged 85 or more would quadruple. New workplace legislation proposed by Prime Minister John Howard would make the labour market more flexible by encouraging workers to sign contracts with individual employers rather than work under sector-wide agreements, and would make it easier for small firms to hire and fire workers. The government says this will increase productivity and help the economy face up to a stagnating work force, but the changes have prompted mass union rallies and are unpopular with voters, with one poll showing 60 per cent of Australians were opposed.

MNA/Reuters

**Chinese college students eye rural issues**

**BEIJING, 25 Nov—To find a job in the city after graduation has long been a common dream cherished by Chinese college students from rural areas, but Zhong Naiguang made an abnormal choice.**

The young man gave up a job opportunity in Beijing after graduation from the China Agricultural University in July and went back to work in his hometown Shicheng in Zhouning, a poverty-stricken county in eastern Fujian Province.

On arriving in his hometown, the 24-year-old graduate, a bachelor of agriculture, resumed the operation of the local service centre for villagers brought to a complete standstill long ago.

"Rural China is in bad need of college students,"

said Zhong, who has been working at the centre for more than three months.

Now a fairly well known agricultural specialist in the town, Zhong is often turned to by farmers for technical advice.

"Sometimes I have to

walk for more than two hours on the bumpy country road to do a field survey. I never walked so much on campus in the past four years," said Zhong, grinning.

The young man is among an increasing, though not yet large, number of college students who seek employment in rural areas and at grass roots levels.

"The trend is emerging. This reflects a growing concern over rural issues among college students in recent years," said Zhou Xiaozheng, a sociologist from the People's University of China.

MNA/Xinhua

**Homegrown films to top China's box office for fourth year**

**BEIJING, 25 Nov—Top five films that claim the best box office results in China this year are likely to be all Chinese-made ones, and Chinese homegrown films will have topped the box office for four years in a row if the forecast comes true an officials in charge of film industry said.**

"Several Chinese-made films have done well in terms of box office," said Mao Yu, an official with the film arm of the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT).

According to Mao, "The Myth" directed by Stanley Tong and starring Jackie Chan has claimed 9.5 million yuan (about 1.2 million US dollars) of box office, "Seven Swords" by Tsui Hark has reaped 8.3 million yuan and "Initial D" starring Jay Chou has raked in seven million yuan.

"The five films scheduled at year-end are more expectant with good harvest," Mao said.

"Perhaps Love" by Peter Chan Ho-San, "The Promise" by Chen Kaige,

"Qian Li Zou Dan Ji" by Zhang Yimou, "A Chinese Tall Story" by Jeff Lau Chun-Wai and "Huo Yuanjia" by Ronny

Yu will make their debuts in China during December 2005 and January 2006.

MNA/Xinhua



The wreckage of small plane which crashed in a mountainous area is seen through the trees in Laguna de San Carlos 100 kilometers (62 miles) west of Panama City, Panama, on 24 Nov, 2005. A private plane crashed in western Panama on Thursday, killing all five people onboard, officials said. —INTERNET



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### China's first hybrid-bus commercial line operational in Shenzhen

GUANGZHOU, 25 Nov— China's first mixed power-driven bus commercial line was operational recently in Shenzhen, one of China's economic powerhouses in southern Guangdong Province.

The first batch of seven diesel-electric buses has been in service on Shenzhen bus lines, and another 18 buses will be delivered in the near future.

All these hybrid buses were made by the Shenzhen based Wuzhoulong Motors Co., Ltd, which have been proved through scientific inspection to save over 15 per cent on fuel compared

with the traditional diesel buses.

Hybrid-electric bus has been listed as a key project of China's "863 programme" (a national high-tech plan initiated in March 1986 aiming to enhance the country's overall power) of the Tenth Five-Year Plan.

Currently, many giant auto-makers in China are focusing on such envi-

ronmentally friendly buses to meet the upgraded demand of public transport of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

According to the Wuzhoulong Motors, the operational hybrid-diesel-electric bus in Shenzhen has just won the "China Best Environmental Protection Bus Awards" in the China Bus Competition held in

Beijing this July.

Founded in May 1987, Wuzhoulong Motors is a comprehensive high-tech enterprise that integrates bus manufacturing, automobile components trading and electric hybrid bus research and development. The company is also the first company in China to export hybrid buses to overseas market.

MNA/Xinhua



Brazilian astronaut Marcus Pontes sits in a replica of a Soyuz spacecraft wearing a space suit during a training session in Star City near Moscow on 25 Nov, 2005. A Russian rocket will take Brazil's first astronaut into space next year for a fee of up to \$20 million, the countries agreed on 18 October.—INTERNET

### More than 1mln people visit HK Disneyland

HONG KONG, 25 Nov— More than one million people have visited Hong Kong Disneyland since its opening two months ago, according to the company.

Attendance of the park was ramping up well, and they were on track to achieving their long-term attendance goals, local radio station RTHK Thursday quoted the park's management as saying.

"Since the beginning of our soft opening, while we do not open every day to the public, Hong Kong Disneyland has welcomed and entertained well over one million guests," said a statement issued by the company. It's the first time that the company has released its attendance number since the Hong Kong Disneyland started operation on 12 September.

The announcement was deemed as a move to dismiss local reports that number of visitors to Hong Kong Disneyland was far less than the park's reception capability.

A few days early, South China Morning Post reported a counting

conducted by its staff showed that visitors to Hong Kong Disneyland fell half below its 30,000 daily capacity. The company's recent decision to

discount ticket by 50 Hong Kong dollars (about 6.5 US dollars) was also interpreted by some as a sign of visitors lower than target. Despite of reports,

Hong Kong Disneyland was confident about prospect of this year, predicting 5.6 million visitors of the first year of operation. — MNA/Xinhua

### S Korean stem cell expert to clarify position on research

SEOUL, 25 Nov— South Korean famous stem cell expert Hwang Woo-suk was reportedly to clarify his position Thursday on suspicions surrounding the procurement of ova for his research, South Korean Yonhap news agency quoted a researcher of Hwang's team as saying on Wednesday.

According to the researcher, whose name was not revealed by Yonhap, Hwang will hold a Press briefing on Thursday afternoon at Seoul National University (SNU) over the allegation that there were some problems in the procurement of ova for his research. Hwang, a visiting professor at SNU, stunned the world in 2004 by cloning the world's first human embryos and extracting stem cells from them.

In August this year,

Hwang's team also announced it had succeeded in producing the first cloned dog named "Snuppy" — an Afghanistan hound.

However, controversy appeared when Gerald Schatten, a professor at the University of Pittsburgh and a key partner in Hwang's research, issued a personal statement last week, announcing he stopped collaborative research ties with Hwang due to suspicions of unethical activity in ova procurement. The controversy

surrounding Hwang and his team is about whether the donors voluntarily offered their ova, whether they were clearly briefed on what they were participating in and whether the donors included two junior researchers from Hwang's own team.

Yonhap also quoted a source at the SNU's ethics panel as saying Hwang has been aware that two of his junior female researchers donated their ova for stem cell research purposes.

MNA/Xinhua

### Italian "IT" group upgrades HK office to int'l HQ

HONG KONG, 25 Nov— An Italian designer and manufacturer of IT and consumer electronics — Nortek International, announced on Thursday the expansion of its Hong Kong office.

President and CEO of Nortek Group Marco Viale said the group has decided to upgrade its regional office in Hong Kong to its international headquarters, according to a government Press release. "Since our establishment here in 2003, the group has enjoyed tremendous business growth. We attribute our success largely to the Hong Kong operation which is at the core of our international strategy.

"Hong Kong is conveniently located in the centre of Asia and has excellent

transport links to all major world cities. The city is close to the Chinese Mainland, where our manufacturing operations are located," Viale said.

"We will maintain our design function in Italy and emphasis on our original Italian concept. However, having an international headquarters in Hong Kong enables us to collect the latest intelligence on market trends and international lifestyle, which are essential elements in developing our designs."

He said Hong Kong is also the best window to showcase products to the world, since the city is one of the most popular business and travel destinations.

Nortek's international headquarters in Hong Kong will be responsible for worldwide sales. Serving as the company's global manufacturing and commercial hub, the Hong Kong office will be working closely with its Italian headquarters on product development, overseeing and coordinating the sourcing of products from the Mainland and other logistics arrangements.

MNA/Xinhua

### Russian State Symphony Capella to perform in HK

HONG KONG, 25 Nov— The State Symphony Capella of Russia will perform two concerts in Hong Kong in December under the leadership of Valeri Polyansky.

To match the festive season, the programme includes Christmas carols like "Let It Snow", "Jingle Bells" and "The First Noel", according to a government Press release on Thursday.

There will also be Russian folk songs and classical selections from Bortniansky, Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Verdi, etc. Programmes are different for the two performances.

The State Symphony Capella of Russia was founded in 1991 by merging the USSR State Chamber Choir under Valeri Polyansky and the State Symphony Orchestra of the USSR Ministry of Culture headed by Gennady Rozhdestvensky.

The Capella is renowned for its flexibility in phrasing, rich and warm tone, nobility of expression and skillfully balanced sounding sections. —MNA/Xinhua



Balinese dancers perform for the king of Denpasar Ratu Ida Tjokorda IX during the king inauguration ceremony in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia, on 25 Nov 2005. The last ceremony of the king inauguration in Bali island.—INTERNET

# SPORTS

## Philippine President to inaugurate 23rd SEA Games in Manila

MANILA, 26 Nov — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo will inaugurate on Sunday the 23rd Southeast Asian Games (SEAG) at the Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park in central Manila, said the presidential palace Friday.

But Arroyo will first attend on Friday an early and smaller opening ceremony of the games in the central city of Cebu, which will host six SEAG events.

The presidential palace said the main opening rites, which will be carried live via satellite television to neighbouring countries of the Southeast Asian region, will start at 17:30 local time (9:30 GMT) Sunday in Manila.

The Philippine hosts this year's edition of the biennial regional sports

event to be participated in by athletes from 11 countries of the Southeast Asian region — Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, East Timor, Vietnam and the Philippines.

The highlights of the opening ceremony include the parade of the athletes of the participant countries, the declaration of the opening of the games by President Arroyo, sacred fire ceremony and the oath of sportsmanship.

The Philippine Government expects the game to be a success and the hosting country to have a harvest of medals, especially in the events of taekwondo, wushu, arnis and boxing.

Apart from Manila, some other cities including Cebu, Subic, Tagaytay, Bacolod and Los Banos will also be the venues for various events.

MNA/Xinhua

## Kuwait, Iraq soccer teams in first match since 1990

KUWAIT, 26 Nov— Kuwait and Iraq will play a soccer friendly in Kuwait on Saturday, the first encounter between their top teams since Iraq invaded its tiny neighbour in 1990.

Iraqi troops sent in by Saddam Hussein occupied Kuwait for seven months, killing, jailing and torturing hundreds until evicted by US-led coalition forces in the 1991 Gulf War. Relations between the two neighbours have improved dramatically since Saddam was ousted by the US-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003.

"This match symbolizes the return of things to normal and the resumption of brotherly ties," Adnan al Sayed, head of sports at Kuwait's *al-Watan* newspaper, told Reuters.

"Kuwaiti and Iraqi clubs have played before but this is the first time senior national teams are playing against each other and we are delighted with this," Walid al-Kurdy, assistant Secretary-General of the

Arab Football Federation, told Reuters.

"It shows that football can sometimes do what politics cannot achieve." The last Iraq-Kuwait soccer international, at the 1990 Gulf Cup in Kuwait, ended in a 1-1 draw.

"The match has huge political importance because it can help improve ties between the people of Iraq and Kuwait in general, and the sports relationship in particular," Ahmed Radi, chairman of the Iraqi club Zawraa and a former star of the national team, told Reuters by telephone from Amman.

The two countries have restored diplomatic relations and gradually normalized ties in other areas. They have also agreed to open talks on border security and disputed oil reservoirs. —MNA/Reuters

## Dumitru named as South Africa coach

JOHANNESBURG, 26 Nov— Romanian-born Ted Dumitru was named as South Africa's caretaker coach for next January's African Nations Cup finals.

The 66-year-old Dumitru takes over from Englishman Stuart Baxter for the tournament in Egypt, where South Africa have been drawn in Group B with defending champions Tunisia, Guinea and Zambia.

Baxter resigned earlier this month after a run of nine matches without a win.

Dumitru, who is an American citizen, is the former national coach of Zambia and Swaziland and has been working in South Africa for the last 20 years.

He has been given a three-month contract until the end of February. "Although it is a short time we realize that the mission is important," he told reporters on Friday.

"I cannot make promises but it's a very difficult task if one considers the time. However I believe in my crew and we can achieve what we are supposed to achieve." —MNA/Reuters

## Auxerre climb to second with Le Mans win

PARIS, 26 Nov— AJ Auxerre climbed up to second in Ligue 1 with a 2-0 win at mid-table Le Mans 2-0 on Friday.

The Burgundy side have 29 points from 16 games, two above Paris St Germain and Girondins Bordeaux, but 10 behind runaway leaders Olympique Lyon.

Auxerre opened the scoring through Belgian striker Luigi Pieroni on 20 minutes and wrapped up all three points courtesy of a Yann Lachuer goal in the 67th minute.

Olympique Lyon travel to struggling Nice on Saturday. —MNA/Reuters

## Singapore contingent departs for 23rd SEA Games

SINGAPORE, 25 Nov— Singapore's main contingent of athletes departed on Thursday for the 23rd Southeast Asian (SEA) Games to be held in Manila, the Philippines, from 27 November to 5 December.

A total of 658 Singaporean athletes including 385 men and 273 women will participate in the Games.

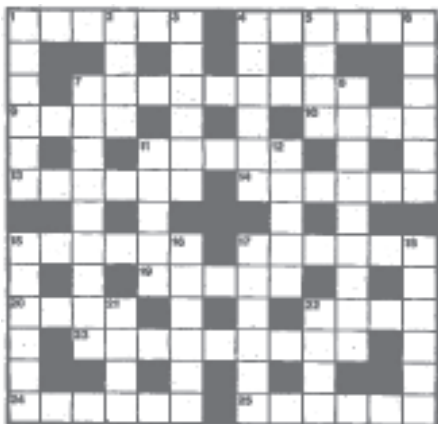
Singapore hopes to perform better this time than what it did in the last SEA Games held in Vietnam in 2003, where Singaporean athletes bagged a total of 116 medals.

Some 5,336 athletes and 2,319 officials from Brunei, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam are expected to participate in the biennial event. —MNA/Xinhua



Gold medalist Chellsie Memmel of the US, center, stands with compatriot and silver medalist Anastasia Liukin, right, and Australia's bronze medalist Monette Russo, left, after the final of the Women's Individual All-Around at the World Gymnastic Championships in Melbourne, Australia, on 25 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Entirely
- 4 Instructions
- 7 Throttled
- 9 Exercise franchise
- 10 Faint colouration
- 11 Fast
- 13 Recently
- 14 Late meal
- 15 Wine
- 17 Savage
- 19 Saturn satellite
- 20 Actual
- 22 Hypocritical talk
- 23 Active at night
- 24 Amazement
- 25 Money pouch

### DOWN

- 1 Grain pest
- 2 Stringed instrument
- 3 Annually
- 4 Wild parties
- 5 Restricted food
- 6 Courting man
- 7 Senior politician
- 8 A scattering
- 11 Be buoyant
- 12 Piedmont town
- 15 Next day
- 16 Giggle
- 17 Pig's litter
- 18 Still existing
- 21 Noisy
- 22 Visit

## George Best, soccer's first superstar, dies

LONDON, 26 Nov— George Best, whose flamboyant life took him from the heights of sporting success at Manchester United to the depths of alcoholism, died on Friday aged 59.

The Northern Irishman, widely regarded as the only British footballer in the same league as Pele, Diego Maradona and Johan Cruyff, died in the London hospital where he had spent the final two months of his life, drifting in and out of consciousness.

"My father has passed away," Best's tearful son Calum, 24, told reporters outside the hospital. "Not only have I lost my dad but we've all lost a wonderful man."

Best died of multiple organ failure after a lifetime of heavy drinking. He had suffered infection and internal bleeding in

recent weeks and had problems with his liver and kidneys.

He will be remembered as one of the greatest flawed geniuses in the world of sport.

MNA/Reuters



Bahrain's Ahli Bahrain club's Mohamed Hussein (R) and goalkeeper Ali Saied (L) defend against Amer Zeeb from Jordan's Al-Wehdat club during their Arabian Champions League qualifying soccer match at King Abdullah Stadium in Amman on 24 Nov, 2005. Al-Wehdat won 3-1. —INTERNET



# China cracks two child trafficking rings

**BELJING, 26 Nov** — A Chinese court sentenced one person to death and jailed nine people for running a child-trafficking ring in the prosperous southern province of Guangdong, *Xinhua* news agency reported on Thursday.

The gang had kidnapped 38 children, mostly from crowded markets, and sold them between 2001 and 2004,

*Xinhua* said. While many of the children had been tracked down, the whereabouts of 12 were still unknown,

it said. Police in neighbouring Hunan Province arrested 27 people, including the head of an orphanage, in another child-trafficking crackdown, the official *People's Daily* said on its web site, also on Thursday.

For years, the Hengyang County Orphanage in Hunan had been buying babies from traffickers for 800 yuan to 1,200 yuan (100 dollars-150 dollars), then registering them to receive government support and selling them to families desperate to have children for up to 30,000 yuan, the report said.

"The budget for state

support of orphanages is set every year according to the number of children being raised in each facility. The more children, the more money," an unnamed legal expert was quoted as saying.

"Some families that cannot have children of their own are desperate for kids, so these factors combine into a way for orphanages to make big money."

The sale of children, and women, is a nationwide problem in China, where stringent rules on family planning allow couples to have just one child, at least in cities.

The restrictions have bolstered a traditional bias for male offspring, seen as the mainstay for elderly parents, and have resulted in abortions, killings or abandonment of baby girls. — *MNA/Reuters*



**CASH DONATED:** Col Thein Myint (Retd)-Daw Tin Aye and family of 208, Mya Nanda Street, Taunghteikpan Road, Ward 29, Thuwunna, Thingangyun Township, donated K 200,000 to the funds of three-storey hospital for the aged recently. Treasurer U Aung Than of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board accepts cash donations.—H



## WEATHER

Saturday, 26 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 (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Hakha (4°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthong (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 25-11-2005 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 26-11-2005 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 26-11-2005 was 72%. Total sunshine hours on 25-11-2005 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 26-11-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (102.60) inches at Mingaladon, (101.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.46) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from East at (15:30) hours MST on 25-11-2005.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 27-11-2005:** Scattered rain or thundershowers are likely in Mon State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions 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 sea 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 elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Rain or thundershowers are likely in the southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-11-2005:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-11-2005:** Fine weather.



Sunday, 27 November  
View on today

### 7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကျွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ ဗဟုသုတအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပဟာရဋ္ဌ ဝုဇ္ဇာ အဘိဓမ္မာပဟာရဋ္ဌ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာက္ခာဂါရိတာ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိညာသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်

### 7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

### 7:30 am

- Morning news

### 7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

### 7:55 am

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

### 8:00 am

- ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာမာလာ

### 8:10 am

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

### 8:15 am

- ဆင်ဖြူရှင်တံတား

### 8:25 am

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

### 8:30 am

- International news

### 8:45 am

- Say it in English

### 11:00 am

- Martial song

### 11:10 am

- Musical programme

### 11:25 pm

- Roundup of the week's international news

### 11:40 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "နေပြည်တော်နေ့" (အပိုင်း-၉)

### 12:20 pm

- ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကျွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ ဗဟုသုတအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပဟာရဋ္ဌ ဝုဇ္ဇာ အဘိဓမ္မာပဟာရဋ္ဌ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာက္ခာဂါရိတာ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိညာသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်

### 12:40 pm

- Myanmar video feature: "အသက်တူ" (နိုင်ငံ-နိုင်ငံ၊ မင်းခမာ နိုင်ငံသားကြည့်၊ ရတနာစင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ရိုးရိုး)

### 2:40 pm

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

### 2:45 pm

- International news

### 4:00 pm

- Martial song

### 4:15 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

### 4:30 pm

- English for everyday use

### 4:45 pm

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

### 4:50 pm

- အစေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

### 5:00 pm

- Song of National Races

### 5:15 pm

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

### 5:20 pm

- Musical programme

### 5:35 pm

- Agriculture source country's development

### 5:50 am

- Sing and enjoy

### 6:30 pm

- Evening news

### 7:00 pm

- Weather report

### 7:05 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "စိမ်းလဲ့မေတ္တာကန်သာယာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)

### 7:35 pm

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

### 7:45 pm

- Musical programme

### 8:00 pm

- News

### 8:00 pm

- International news.

### 8:00 pm

- Weather report.

### 8:00 pm

- မြန်မာစိပီယိုစာတိုလမ်း "အနိုးမှုန့်" (အပိုင်း-၂)

### 8:00 pm

- (လှိုင်မိုး၊ နိုင်ငံ-ကြည့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်သီ)

### 8:00 pm

- The next day's programme



Sunday, 27 November  
Tune in today

### 8:30 am

- Brief news

### 8:35 am

- Music: -Needles & pins

### 8:40 am

- Perspectives

### 8:45 am

- Music: -Like I love you

### 8:50 am

- National news & Slogan

### 9:00 am

- Music: -One love

### 9:05 am

- International news

### 9:10 am

- Cultural images of Myanmar

### 1:30 pm

- News & slogan

### 1:40 pm

- Children's delight

### 9:00pm

- Story for children "The three friends"

### 9:10 pm

- Songs for children

### 9:20 pm

- Weekly news review

### 9:10 pm

- Article

### 9:20 pm

- Let's improve English through songs

### 9:45 pm

- Kiss me honey

### 10:00 pm

- That's why

# Prime Minister calls for cooperation for regional development

(from page 1)

The Prime Minister and party went to North Yama support dam being built on North Yama Creek two miles south east of Aima Village. Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on the project.

Deputy Director-General of Irrigation Department U Zaw Win reported on progress of work and the commander took part in the discussions.

In his discussions, the Prime Minister said the government built a lot of major dams for supply of water and greening in the states and divisions.

Now the government is also building some of

major dams as well as small dams in cluster. It is implementing small projects for alleviation of poverty of local people.

The Prime Minister spoke on arrangements for more supply of water to targeted areas. He inspected construction of the North Yama support dam.

North Yama dam project was implemented in Pale Township in 1998. The support dam is being built six miles upstream of North Yama dam. The support dam can store 99,000 acre feet of surplus water of North Yama dam. It can supply water to 12,000 acres of land where double and mixed crop-

ping can be made all year round.

Arrangements are being made for construction of a small hydel power station.

In the afternoon, the Prime Minister and party went to Monywa Industrial Zone by helicopter and inspected installation of machines in machine shop of foundry and machine parts manufacturing factory.

They observed 22-HP three-wheel and four-wheel tractors and spare parts. They also inspected parts manufactured under the order of

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Prime Minister General Soe Win gives instructions to members of Monywa Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee and Management Committee, and industrialists at Monywa Industrial Zone.— MNA

# Lt-Gen Maung Bo makes inspection of construction tasks at Dawei Airport, Dawei GTC, Dawei University

YANGON, 26 Nov— Efforts are to be made for timely completion of Dawei Airport by meeting the set standards and minimizing loss and wastage, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, member of the State Peace and Development Council, said yesterday morning.

While inspecting construction of Dawei Airport, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports on progress of construction tasks and future plans presented by Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung

Swe and In-charge of the construction project Major Kyaw Thu.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo oversaw the construction site and gave necessary instructions.

Dawei Airport Project is being implemented by military engineers under control of Directorate of Military Engineers and the supervision of the Office of Quartermaster-General. So far, construction of the compaction was com-

pleted by 65.62 per cent, construction of the concrete foundation measuring 102 feet wide and 12 inches thick by 58.33 per cent, and placing of upper concrete layer measuring 100 feet wide and 14 inches thick by 54.17 per cent.

On arrival at Dawei Government Technological College, Lt-Gen Maung Bo instructed officials on installation of the lift, construction of the convocation hall and others.

Speaking on the

occasion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the Government has facilitated modern teaching and learning aids at the schools to be able to produce educated persons. Faculty members are not only to constantly learn education for enhancement of self-efficiency, but also to nurture their pupils to become outstanding students. After that, he inspected construction of the college.

At the site to block Khamaunghla Creek for

supplying water to summer paddy fields near Dawei-Ye Road, Com-

mander Maj-Gen Maung Swe and officials (See page 10)

## MRTV-4 to broadcast opening ceremony of XXIII SEA Games live

YANGON, 26 Nov — MRTV-4 and its related channel 5-Sports will broadcast the opening ceremony of the XXIII SEA Games to be held in Manila, the Philippines, from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm (Sunday), 27 November.

Viewers can enjoy the opening ceremony through family digital receiver.— MNA

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The Kalama Sutta said that if one knew by himself which acts were evil and sinful, condemned by the wise, and senseless enough to harm the person who practised them, he should stay away from those acts.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets faculty members of Dawei University.— MNA