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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

Senior General Than Shwe receives Chief of Army Staff of People's Republic of Bangladesh

YANGON, 28 Nov— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received the visiting goodwill delegation led by Chief of Army Staff of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc, and party at Zeyarthiri Beikman, Konmyinthta, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1

of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chief of Military Affairs Security Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr Mohammed Khariuzzaman and Military Attache' Brig-Gen Helal Uddin Ahmed.

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Senior General Than Shwe greets Chief of Army Staff of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc, at Zeyarthiri Beikman, Konmyinthta. — MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Do mixed and double cropping all the year round

Myanmar has favourable conditions for agriculture and a great potential for extending it. The government is also fulfilling all the requirements to boost the production of the agriculture sector by building dams and river water pumping stations.

Prime Minister General Soe Win, accompanied by responsible officials, visited the Hlaingchaung and Myaukyama supporting dam project sites in Pale Township during his tour of Sagaing Division on 25 November. In his meeting with responsible personnel at the briefing hall of the Myaukyama supporting dam project, the Prime Minister said that the government had built clusters of dams in various states and divisions and that it was necessary to supply as much water as possible to all the farmland.

The Hlaingchaung dam is being constructed in Pale Township, Sagaing Division, and on completion, it will be able to irrigate 1,000 acres of paddy and other crops. In the same way, the Myaukyama supporting dam is under construction in Pale Township and the Myaukyama dam was completed in the same township in 1998.

On completion, the Myaukyama supporting dam will be able to keep 99,000 acre feet of surplus water from the Myaukyama dam and mixed and double cropping will be able to be carried out on 12,000 acres of farmland.

The government is building dams of different sizes in different regions to be able to meet the cultivation capacity. In Sagaing Division, cultivated acreage can be increased due to the construction of river water pumping stations and dams including the Thaphanseik dam.

Moreover, as the region can extend the cultivation of summer paddy, it has seen self-sufficiency since 1999-2000. Now it has a surplus of 50 million baskets of paddy every year.

We would like to call on all those responsible to give special priority to sufficient supply of water in implementing dam projects and farmers to do mixed and double cropping all the year round by making the most of the dam water.



U Chit Myaing of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board accepts K 100,000 donated by U Soe Myint, Daw Khin Lay and family of No-14/C, Myayadana Lane, Yankin Township.

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People's Desire

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

Chief of Army Staff of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc and wife tour downtown Yangon

YANGON, 28 Nov —The Bangladeshi goodwill delegation led by Chief of Army Staff of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc and wife, accompanied by Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence, this morning, arrived at National Defence College on Shwedagon Pagoda Road here where they met Principal of the college Maj-Gen Moe Hein.

At the briefing hall, Maj-Gen Moe Hein extended greetings and explained the background history of the college and academic matters.

Next, Maj-Gen Moe Hein and Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc exchanged gifts, and the latter and



Chief of Army Staff of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc visits Defence Services Museum. —MNA

party viewed round the college.

On arrival at the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road, the goodwill delegation was welcomed by Lt-Col Zaw Win and officials. Next, they were

briefed on the salient points of the museum.

At 12.30 pm, the goodwill delegation arrived at Defence Services Medical Academy where they were briefed on the history of the academy by Rector of the academy

Brig-Gen Min Thein.

Later, Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc and Brig-Gen Min Thein exchanged gifts, and the former and party were conducted round the academy.—MNA

Myanmar athletes clinch one gold, four silver, three bronze in XXIII SEA Games

YANGON, 28 Nov — Myanmar secured one gold medal, four silver and three bronze in XXIII SEA Games being held in the Philippines.

Swe Swe Thant clinched a gold medal in Nanquan event of women's Wushu. Pa Pa claimed a silver medal in

10,000 metre race women's Track and Field, Yin Yin Khine, a silver medal in 800 metre race women's Track and Field, Maung Kyu, a silver medal in 50 metre pistol shooting event and Pyi Wai Phyo, a silver medal in Jianshu event of men's Wushu.

Myanmar women's team picked up a bronze medal in Kumite event of Karatedo, San Ngu Wah Sue, a bronze in lightweight of Taikwando and Aung Sithu, a bronze in Gunshu event of men's Wushu.



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Swe Swe Thant



Yin Yin Khine



Pa Pa

Myanmar delegation back from Singapore

YANGON, 28 Nov— A 14-member delegation led by secretary Dr Saw Hla Tun, joint-secretary Dr Thin Ngwe Win, executive Dr Saw Mya Aung, Dr Aung Naing Oo, Dr Win Sithu and U Khin Maung Aye of Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association arrived back here by air today after attending the Asia Healthcare 2005 held in Singapore from 23 to 25 November.

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AGM of Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association on 2 December

YANGON, 28 Nov— The fourth annual general meeting of Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association will be held at University of Nursing on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, on 2 December at 1 pm.

All members are invited to attend the meeting whether they have invitation cards or not.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Caribbean, Latam states to unite Chinese friendship societies

BUENOS AIRES, 27 Nov — Some 20 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean will unite their Chinese friendship societies into a new regional federation for friendship with China on Saturday, Guillermo Penfold, head of the Foundation to Develop Relations with the Chinese People, told *Xinhua* on Friday.

Penfold made the announcement here at the opening ceremony of the third conference of the Caribbean- and Latin America-China Friendship Societies.

The two-day meeting is taking place at the headquarters of Banco de la Nacion in Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital.

About 30 friendship societies from these countries were to formally launch the new federation at Saturday's session, he said. Some 70

delegates will approve the new organization's charter.

They will also reaffirm the one-China policy and their support for China's Anti-Secession Law.

Present at the ceremony were former Argentine president Raul Alfonsin and Cheng Siwei, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress and head of the China-Latin America Friendship Association.

Cheng said that China and the countries of the Caribbean and Latin America are enjoying good relations both in government-to-government and people-to-people aspects.

MNA/Xinhua

New Zealand expresses support for Vietnamese WTO entry

HANOI, 27 Nov— New Zealand will support Vietnam's entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO) and work to boost bilateral ties, visiting New Zealand Governor-General Silvia Cartwright said Friday here, according to local newspaper *Vietnam News Saturday*.

Cartwright said this is a response to Vietnam's President Tran Duc Luong, who said he expected negotiations between the two countries for Vietnam's WTO entry

would be completed at the earliest.

Luong also thanked New Zealand for tripling Official Development Aid (ODA) for Vietnam in 2007-2008, its promise to

help the country prepare for and host the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC) Summit in Vietnam's capital city Hanoi next year, and its support for Vietnam's accession as non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for 2008-09.

They discussed key measures for strengthening friendly relations and cooperation between their countries, agreeing measures to promote cooperation in economy, trade, investment, education and tourism.

The two leaders also exchanged ideas about international and regional issues including the ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue, East Asia Summit, APEC, WTO and the UN.

MNA/Xinhua



Santas crowd in the Europapark in Rust, southwestern Germany, on 26 Nov, 2005, at the opening of the winter season. 4,743 visitors all dressed up as Santa Claus came to the leisure park on Saturday with the aim of setting a new world record with their gathering. —INTERNET

US Marine killed in bomb attack in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov— A US Marine was killed when a roadside bomb struck his vehicle in the town of Hit, some 150 kilometres west of Baghdad, the military said on Saturday.

"A soldier assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), was killed in action when his vehicle was attacked with an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations against the enemy in Hit, 25 November," the military said in a statement.

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

The death toll has brought to more than 2,100 the number of US military personnel who have died in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media reports. —MNA/Xinhua

Britain accused of creative accounting on budget

BRUSSELS, 27 Nov— The European Union's top budget official accused Britain on Friday of using misleading figures and creative accounting to inflate the case for its fiercely disputed rebate from the EU budget.

In a sharp attack on the British EU presidency three weeks before a crucial

summit on a stalled long-term budget for the 25-nation bloc, Budget Commissioner Dalia Grybauskaitė said London misrepresented its contribution to Brussels' coffers.

"It's not surprising that the British drive on the other side of the road and (did not) have the metric system," the Lithuanian commissioner told reporters.

For 20 years, Britain had accepted the principle that Customs receipts were part of the EU's direct revenues and did not count as national payments to Brussels.

"Now, the British Treasury integrates that and inflates its payments in an extraordinary way," Grybauskaitė said.

Similarly, Britain displayed "statistical creativity" by using the figures for budget commitments, not all of which are spent in any given year, rather than actual payments to make its net contribution appear bigger than it really was.

A British spokesman acknowledged differences between the figures which the government reports to Parliament and those published officially by the executive European Commission, but he said that was nothing new.

"The UK has not suddenly come up with a new method of calculation. We have been using the same accounting method to report to Parliament ever since we have been a member," he said. —MNA/Reuters

Car bomb hits police patrol in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov—A car bomb hit a police patrol on Sunday in west of Baghdad, killing at least two civilians and wounding four others, including a policeman, police source told *Xinhua*.

"The bomb exploded at around 7:15 pm (1615 GMT) in the Rabiaa Street in west of the city when a police patrol passed by," the source said.

"Four cars including a police vehicle were damaged," he added. Guerillas frequently target Iraqi police and army in a bid to topple the US-backed government. —Internet



A man pulls his shirt as he mourns the death of his relative killed by a suicide bomber who drove his pickup into a crowded petrol station in Samarra, Iraq, on 26 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Two Congressmen hurt in Iraq vehicle flip

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov—A military vehicle carrying three congressmen overturned on the way to the Baghdad airport, injuring two of them, the US Embassy said on Sunday.

Rep Tim Murphy, R-Pa, was airlifted to a military hospital in Germany for an MRI on his neck, and Rep Ike Skelton, D-Mo, was sent to a Baghdad hospital for evaluation, said Rep Jim Marshall, D-Ga, who was also in the vehicle but was not hurt.

Murphy is "bumped and bruised, but in good spirits," his chief of staff, Susan Mosychuck, said Sunday. He will return home from Germany as soon as he's cleared by doctors, she said.

Skelton spokeswoman Lara Battles said she believed Skelton was also doing well. She declined to comment further.

The politicians were riding in a convoy that was driving in the middle of the road, a common practice used by the military in Iraq to deter oncoming motorists. Shortly after dark, an oncoming tanker truck refused to yield, the embassy said in a statement.

Internet

China informs UNEP, UNDP of Songhua River pollution

BEIJING, 27 Nov—China on Saturday informed the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) of the major pollution in northeast China's Songhua River.

Both the headquarters and their respective representative offices in China of the two UN agencies have been informed of the accident as well as measures the Chinese Government has taken to tackle the pollution problem, said China's State Environmental Protection Administra-

tion in a statement.

The Chinese Government has also informed Russia of the pollution, which could affect its neighbour when the pollution slick flows into the Heilongjiang River bordering China and Russia. The government also pledges its utmost to re-

duce pollution beyond China's borders.

The pollution slick, stretching more than 80 kilometres, is flowing past Harbin, the capital city of Heilongjiang Province, and is expected to reach Heilongjiang River in a matter of 12 days.

MNA/Xinhua

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Heavy rains flood south India

NEW DELHI, 27 Nov—Heavy rains continued hitting south India's Tamil Nadu for the fifth day when the Air Force and Army were called in to help rescue work, NDTV reported on Saturday.

According to the TV news channel, extensive floods have been reported in 12 districts of Tamil Nadu with about 300,000 residents evacuated.

The Army, the Navy and the Coast Guard have sent soldiers to provide assistance to rescue and

relief operations while the Air Force sent out helicopters to drop food packets in marooned areas.

Floods and rains had caused traffic chaos in the region. On Friday, about 145 people were feared dead when two buses were swept away by floods in two different places.

In Thanjavur District of Tamil Nadu, a private bus carrying 80 passengers was swept away by the flood when trying to cross an overflowing

causeway over a river. So far 38 bodies were taken out of the bus. The other similar accident took place in Ramanathapuram District. A government-run bus, carrying more than 90 passengers, was washed away into the river by a sudden surge of the flow at 12:45 pm on Friday. The rescue workers managed to save 15 people and the rest of them were drown in the river. So far 16 bodies were discovered.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran hails IAEA meeting as farsighted

TEHRAN, 27 Nov—Iran's Expediency Council Chairman Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani hailed here on Friday an ongoing meeting of the UN nuclear watchdog as rational and farsighted, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"Wisdom, farsightedness, precaution and avoidance of adventurism seemed to prevail over the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Thursday meeting," Rafsanjani was quoted as saying.

The IAEA on Thursday decided to postpone the referral of Iran's nuclear issue to the UN Security Council in order to offer more time for a breakthrough of the issue at a meeting of its 35-na-

tion board of governors kicked off earlier in the day.

Rafsanjani pointed out that behaviour and approaches adopted at the IAEA seemed to be soft-tuned in its Thursday meeting in dealing with Iran's nuclear dossier, saying "wisdom ruled over the negotiating party and the uncalculated words were no longer to be heard".

Voicing hope that "the

traces of rationality" observed at the meeting would continue in the future, Rafsanjani said that Iran was ready for coope-

ration with the IAEA to clarify certain ambiguities but warned that it would "not tolerate bullying".—*MNA/Xinhua*

14 killed in east China quake

NANCHANG, 27 Nov—Fourteen people were killed and 20 more injured in an earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Rich-

ter Scale on Saturday in a region between Jiujiang and Ruichang in east China's Jiangxi Province. An emergency work group sent by the State Seismic Bureau, together with one on-the-spot work team arrived in the site of the quake by Saturday noon. The earthquake struck around 8:49 am Saturday, China National Seismic Observation Network said. The epicentre was monitored to be at 29.7 degree North Latitude, 115.7 degree East Longitude, according to the sources.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Minor train derailment near Scotland's Inverness

LONDON, 27 Nov—A train derailed near the northern Scottish city of Inverness on Saturday morning, but the accident is not thought to be serious and there are no initial reports of casualties.

Media reports said the

train may have been derailed by a landslide caused by the severe blizzard conditions which have affected much of the area for the past day or so.

"We do not have much information at present, but

it is not thought to be too serious," Scottish police said.

Sky News said the train was the early morning Edinburgh to Inverness service and that it was not carrying many passengers.

MNA/Reuters

Car bomb kills four civilians in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 26 Nov—A car bomb exploded near a passing US military patrol in Baghdad on Saturday, killing four passersby and wounding four others, Iraq's Interior Ministry said, but the US patrol escaped unharmed.

The bomb went off in Qahtan Square, a busy intersection of western Baghdad where there is a constant flow of traffic. Police said they believed the attack was carried out by a suicide bomber but that could not be confirmed.

There has been a surge in car bombs and suicide attacks by the Sunni Arab-led insurgency over the past week, leading to the deaths of more than 200 people, the vast majority civilians.

Many of the attacks have targeted the Shiite Muslim community, aggravating Iraq's sectarian conflict and pushing the country to the brink of full-blown civil war. The violence comes in the run-up to elections on 15 December, when voters will choose the country's first four-year Parliament since Saddam Hussein was overthrown in 2003.—*MNA/Reuters*

Four foreign aid workers kidnapped in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov—Four aid workers—two Canadians, a Briton and an American—were reported kidnapped in Iraq, the latest hostage crisis to hit the violence-wracked country.

Making the announcement on Canadian television, foreign ministry official Dan McTeague declined to reveal the identity of those missing, nor say for which aid organisations they worked. He said the ministry was informed on Saturday of the kidnappings by the Canadian Embassy in Jordan.

"We have received the reports and we are looking into the matter," a spokesman for the US Embassy in Baghdad told *AFP*. The British Embassy also declined to comment, saying it was investigating the incident.

It is not known exactly how many foreign aid workers remain in Iraq, but their number has been sharply reduced by a series of high-profile kidnappings of foreign charity workers in the country. British-Irish aid worker Margaret Hassan was kidnapped in October 2004 on her way to work in Baghdad. The head of CARE International's Iraq operations was reported to have been executed by her captors a month later.—*Internet*



Iraqi children look at the burning wreckage of a car bomb that exploded near a two-car convoy carrying foreigners through central Baghdad, on 26 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET



Debris is seen at a street in Gangkou township of Jiujiang County, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 26 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Argentine Vice-President seeks to boost exchanges with China

BUENOS AIRES, 27 Nov — Argentine Vice-President Daniel Scioli and a visiting senior Chinese official met here on Friday to discuss the cooperation between the two countries, Scioli told the Press.

The cooperation and exchanges in politics, trade and economy, technology and tourism between the two countries were intensified in 2005, thanks to the exchange of visits made by officials of both sides, Scioli said.

He also pointed out that China and Argentina's economies are highly complementary, especially in such areas as agriculture, infrastructure, energy and technology.

The Argentine Government hopes to learn from China's experience of deve-

lopment, he added.

"I am convinced that China's economic growth is an opportunity for Argentina and cooperation between the two countries can benefit the people of both countries," Scioli said.

The exchanges between the two countries' parliaments have increased over the last two years, said Chen Siwei, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China.

MNA/Xinhua



Indian children play cricket at a tea garden on the outskirts of northeastern city of Siliguri, on 26 Nov, 2005. Cricket is one of the most popular games in India.

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Al Jazeera wants to see Blair about US bomb report

LONDON, 27 Nov — Arabic news channel Al Jazeera's general manager flew to London on Friday to demand the British Government explain a leaked report that US President George W Bush wanted to bomb the TV station.

The *Daily Mirror* newspaper reported recently that a secret British Government memo said Prime Minister Tony Blair had talked Bush out of bombing Al Jazeera's headquarters in Qatar in April last year.

"I have come to London in order to reach out to British officials, to investigate about the memo that some claim exists during the past week," Al Jazeera managing director Waddah Khanfar told Reuters by telephone after his arrival in London.

"It is a matter of deep concern for all of us in Al Jazeera, and the Arab world and the media."

He said a delegation from the channel would deliver a letter to Blair on Saturday asking for an interview.

The White House has said the allegation that Bush wanted to bomb Jazeera is "so outlandish"

it does not merit a response. Britain, which is prosecuting a civil servant and a parliamentarian's aide for leaking the secret memo, refuses to comment on its contents.

The *Daily Mirror* quoted one unnamed government official as saying Bush's comments may have been a joke, but another unidentified source saying the President appeared to be serious.

Britain's attorney general has warned other media that they can be prosecuted under the Official Secrets Act if they reveal anything else about the memo.

"It is of very deep concern not only to Al Jazeera journalists, but to people who trust Al Jazeera as the most credible source of information in the Arab world," Khanfar said.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesia to buy more "Hercules" from US

JAKARTA, 26 Nov — Indonesia has decided to buy more *Hercules* transport planes over the next five to ten years as they are essential for supporting both military and non-military operations, local media reported on Saturday.

Minister of Defence Juwono Sudarsono made an announcement to this effect on Friday following the US decision this week to lift its 14-year military embargo against Indonesia.

"The current threats (to domestic security) require rapid troop deployments," Juwono said. "The transport planes will also be of great benefit to the military (TNI) in carrying out civic missions, such as to transporting food, medicines and supplies to areas hit by natural disas-

ters." "We need to buy as many Hercules as possible because of the total of 24 transport planes purchased in the past, only six are still operational," Juwono said.

Three of the six transport planes were heavily used for relief efforts during last December's tsunami in Aceh that killed 131,000 people.

Juwono made his statement after holding a closed-door meeting with the US Ambassador to Indonesia, B. Lynn Pascoe, on defence issues.

MNA/Xinhua

Floods kill six, cause heavy damage in S Thailand

BANGKOK, 27 Nov — The southern province of Nakhon Si Thammarat and parts of Surat Thani in Thailand have been declared disaster areas as flash floods, triggered by heavy downpours, left six dead and vast areas heavily damaged.

Other southern provinces hit hard by the floods include Chumphon, Phatthalung, Songkhla, Satun, and Narathiwat, according to local newspaper *The Nation* Saturday.

Residents in Nakhon Si Thammarat municipa-

lity woke up on Thursday night and scurried for high ground as flood waters rose to a height of 50 centimetres.

Total damages were initially put at more than 10 million baht (2.5 million US dollars), with

42,686 people affected. More than 9,000 rai (about 1,440 hectares) of farmland were inundated and around 6,000 livestock animals are feared dead.

In Surat Thani, torrential rains have lashed the province for two days, triggering forest run-offs from mountains which submerged seven districts. Floods in some areas rose as high as one metre.

In Hat Yai, Songkhla, waves as high as two to three metres destroyed walkways along Samila beach. Pine trees on the fringe of the beach were uprooted by strong currents.

Meanwhile, the Southern East Coast Meteorological Centre warned people in Chumphon, Surat Thani, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Phatthalung and Songkhla of possible flash floods and landslides.

MNA/Xinhua

Car bomber targets Iraqi petrol station, three dead

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov — A suicide bomber blew his vehicle up at a gas station in Samarra, some 120 kilometres north of Baghdad, on Saturday, killing three civilians and wounding nine others, a police source said.

"A suicide bomber driving an explosive packed vehicle entered a gas station and detonated his vehicle, killing three people and wounding nine others," the source from Salahudin provincial police told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The blast damaged several cars and caused huge fire in the gas station, he said.

Earlier, gunmen opened fire at a group of men hanging banners of the 15 December general election campaign in southern Baghdad at about 1:30 pm (10:30 GMT), killing one and wounding three others, a police source said.

"Unknown armed men opened fire from their BMW car at a group of people, who were hanging banners of the coming election campaign in al-Amil District," Captain Ahmed Abdullah told *Xinhua*.

In separate incident, a roadside bomb detonated near a US military convoy in Ghazaliyah District in western Baghdad, Abdullah added.

It was not clear whether there was any casualties among the US troops, which cordoned off the area and prevented the Iraqi police from approaching the scene. — MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi soldiers secure a neighbourhood south of the restive city of Baquba, northeast of Baghdad recently. —INTERENT

Discussions of pensioners (13)

Hein Myint

The DLA Piper Rudnick Grey Cary Law Firm released a report "Threat to the Peace: A Call for the UN Security Council to Act in Burma" on 20 September 2005 under the directives of Havel and Tutu.

VOA broadcast the address delivered in Washington on 21 September 2005 by US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Eric John saying that the US in cooperation with its allies was making arrangements to hold discussions on Myanmar affairs at the UN Security Council meeting.

Moreover, foreign broadcasting stations also carried the voices of support of NLD and internal and external destructive elements for the Havel-Tutu report.

In my opinion, it can be deduced that the elements are colluding from the negative point of view in interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar with the one-sided statements based on invented and exaggerated stories to launch a political attack against the nation.

Meanwhile, my friends of pensioners called on me. So, we held discussions with regards to the report.

"These days, I've heard a lot that internal and external destructive elements and a Western big country are expressing their voices of support for the report of Havel and Tutu."

"It's nothing. As a matter of fact, it's just a collection of previous invented stories, one-sided news stories and slanderous accusations, not a report they compiled in a correct and fair way. They're just slanderous accusations based on amplified news stories anti-government groups are inventing and so-called refugee camps are sending under the programmes of insurgent terrorists".

"You're right. It's obvious certain elements are manufacturing fabrications, levelling accusations, and spreading political propaganda to mislead our national people. And they are also putting pressure on our nation, sowing discord among national races, and manufacturing exaggerated stories. Some foreign broadcasting stations are always entertaining hearsay and rumours directly or indirectly with ill intentions".

"Regarding the report, on 29 September this year the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced its review that it is yet another attempt to discredit the government of Myanmar. It is based on misinformation by a few remnant insurgents and foreign-funded expatriates who are now fearful that they will soon lose a role when Myanmar enters a new era. They are after all expatriates who are funded by some western countries with a hidden political motive. The ministry rejected the report in its entirety".

"I've noticed starting from 3 October this year, newspapers have carried articles that refute the accusations and exaggerated news stories. They've also made clear the dealings and relations among the beneficiaries, and why they're still calling Myanmar as Burma".

"Explain the facts about the report in detail, please".

"Well, I'd like to explain it short and to the point. They said that the government overthrew the democratically elected government. And in our coun-

try there are conflicts among national factions, human rights violations, refugee outflows, drug trafficking, and enabling of HIV to spread into neighbouring nations".

"They're insulting Myanmar as if our national people were uncivilized ones and doing sex trade. But, how awful it is, some persons and internal elements are voicing their support for the report instead of feeling bitter and angry with the exaggerated statements".

"It's not surprising those who lack patriotic spirit, those always thinking of seizing State power, and self-seekers are welcoming all forms of acts and speeches that are against the ruling government however much such acts are degrading the dignity of the government and the people, and whoever are insulting the nation and the people".

"As you know no party nor individuals were capable of controlling the anarchic acts in the 8-8-88 unrest, so the Tatmadaw had to take up State's duties in time. Some persons even said the Tatmadaw assumed State's duties a little late, and the delay led to greater ravage of public-owned factories, workshops and State-owned property".

"Multi-coloured insurgents had been active in border areas since the Tatmadaw government hadn't taken up the State's responsibilities. The insurgents forced local people to relocate the villages so that Tatmadaw members couldn't get any assistance from the local people. Since then, there have been many so-called refugee camps of the people who fled the villages in border areas".

"Some insurgent groups illegally extracted timber and smuggled it out of the nation, so timber is hardly any left. And smuggling of natural resources led to inflation of Myanmar currency. The majority of insurgent groups trafficked opium. The Tatmadaw destroyed poppy plantations, exposed opium refineries, and launched anti-narcotic drugs operations many times. So, the Tatmadaw had to sacrifice a great number of lives and limbs of its members".

"I will now tell you one of my experiences. When the Tatmadaw seized the Marnepalaw and its outposts, villagers, who were forced to take refuge in the other nation at gun point by the insurgents, happily came back to Myanmar. The Tatmadaw members provided all necessary assistance to them and transported them to Myainggyingy by military trucks. But some of them stayed behind in the other country as they were being intimidated by the insurgents. Villagers who arrived back in Myanmar said that they were living as refugees as they were being coerced into doing so; that among the so-called refugees, families of the insurgents were enjoying more benefits than ordinary villagers. According to them, they had to carry all the burdens of the insurgents free of charge and they were deprived of all rights. They also told us that they did not want to stay at the refugee camps, and that they came back into the nation as soon as they got the opportunity. Myainggyingy has become a developed region with a high school and a hospital built with the participation of those villagers.

"Seventeen armed groups returned to the legal fold during the time of the Tatmadaw government. They are now joining hands with the Tatmadaw government in the national development undertakings. People

are fully enjoying the fruits of peace in the regions where armed groups have unconditionally exchanged arms for peace."

"We all know how the HIV/AIDS spread into our nation. But they go too far to say that the spread of HIV/AIDS in the neighbouring countries originates in Myanmar."

"The head of UNODC Office in Myanmar pointed out that the facts contained in the report were wrong; that the spread of HIV/AIDS did not originate in Myanmar; and that Myanmar was achieving much progress in her anti-drug drive."

"But the report states that Myanmar has weaknesses in infrastructure sector including the health and education sectors, and is seeing slow economic growth."

"As far as I know, the report does not mention the transport, irrigation, and hydel power projects and other infrastructure projects of the nation. It wrongly states that Myanmar has only nine airfields."

"The book on national developments during the time of the Tatmadaw government from 1988 to 12.2.2005 clearly features the national developments with precise data. Thus, it is obvious that the compilation of the report is aimed at discrediting the Tatmadaw government from the negative point of view."

"Any person who wishes to give suggestion for all-round development of our nation should study all her background history, traditions and culture, religion, geographical condition and natural resources in detail. Only after knowing about them well, he should make an analysis of the nation's objective conditions. He will be totally out of touch with the truth, if he relies only on the baseless information sent to him by a handful of destructive elements, in informing the world about Myanmar. Moreover, his acts will tarnish his own image, and disturb the nation instead of helping her."

"The compilers of the report are the persons who believe the slanders of the vermin and are trying to discredit the government that is serving the interest of over 54 million people of Myanmar. What I mean here is that the report is entirely based on the lies of some persons living abroad and holding narrow political and racial views. In reality, Havel and Tutu are working in synchronization with fugitives Sein Win and Maung Maung whom Myanmar government has declared unlawful. The two are just the mercenaries used by expatriate terrorists including fugitives Sein Win and Maung Maung."

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The government has been implementing the 12 political, economic and social objectives, especially it is now in the process of realizing the seven-point Road Map and the National Convention has reached a certain point of success. We also feel encouraged to witness the emergence of a large number of infrastructures, the successful implementation of the border areas development project, the 24-region special development project, and the five rural development tasks covering the programme of supplying power to villages, and the setting up of libraries in a myriad of villages. I wish all the people and political organizations to understand that if those vermin do not disturb our nation, we will become a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation soonest.

(Translation: MS+TMT)

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Agriculture sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of agriculture in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Agricultural development of Myanmar

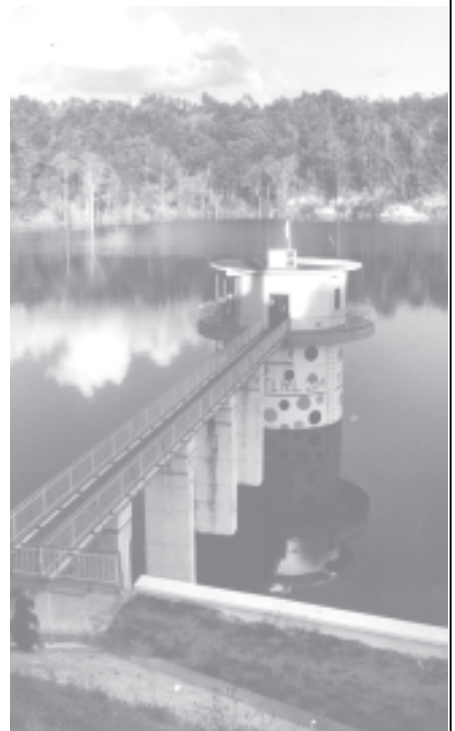
Being an agro-based nation, the Union of Myanmar is taking measures for development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well. The agriculture sector

fulfils the food requirement of the citizens. It also contributes much towards their socio-economic development and rural development.

It is safe to say that only a country with strong economy will be able to ensure peace and stability. Only when there is peace and stability in the country will it be possible to carry out tasks for economic development, uplift of education standard and other development undertakings harmoniously.

Therefore, emphasis is being placed on development of the agriculture sector which plays a fundamental role in national development. Three objectives, namely, paddy surplus, edible oil sufficiency and increased production of beans and pulses and industrial crops

Sr No	Subject	1988	2005	Progress
1	Sown acreage (million)	12	26	14
2	Dams completed	138	317	179
3	Dams under construction	-	24	24
4	Completed river water pumping project	-	293	293
5	River water pumping project under implementation	-	34	34
6	Irrigated acreage (million)	4	6	2
7	Crop cultivation capacity (per cent)	119	271	152
8	Paddy production (basket in million)	653	1200	547
9	Double cropping acre (million)	3	10	7
10	Food sufficiency (per cent)	-	143	143
11	Beans and pulses acreage (million)	2	9	7
12	Maze acreage (million)	4	8	4
13	Edible oil crops acreage	5	8	3



Thonze dam seen in Thayawady District, Bago Division (West) to help benefit agricultural services in the country.

have been laid down and are being implemented for agricultural development.

Moreover, farmers are free to conduct agricultural business. They are encouraged to grow season crops and perennials on a commercial scale and participation of the private sector in distributing farm implements and other items.

With the five agricultural policies—reclamation of land, exploiting water resources for agricultural purpose, using mechanical power, promoting technology and developing quality strains—concerted efforts are being made for development of the

agriculture sector of the State.

The agriculture sector plays a pivotal role in striving for national development based on own resources. In the past, the ratio of sown acreage to growing population remained disproportionate with no progress in cultivation capacity. But in the time of the Tatmadaw government, innovative measures are being taken not only for the existing population but for the posterity resulting in the growth of cultivation capacity.

The table shows significant progress made in the agriculture sector in the time of the Tatmadaw government.



The oil palm plantations thriving in Launglon Township, Taninthayi Division to meet the target of edible oil sufficiency.



Senior General Than Shwe and party pose for a documentary photo together with Lt-Gen Moeen U Ahmed, psc and party at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta.—MNA

Prime Minister visits computer technology show, inspects Razagyo dam project in Kalay Township, Sagaing Div

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he was welcomed by officials of the committee for organizing the show. The Prime Minister and party viewed the booths of Myanmar Info-Tech, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and computer companies. Those interested in computer science, teachers and students visited the show that was shown to the public from 24 to 26 November.

The Prime Minister and party also visited the Public Access Centre opened at Monywa Pyinnya Alin Library. Chairman of e-National Task Force Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw reported to the Prime Minister on the opening of Public Access Centres. The Prime Minister inquired about functions of Public Access Centres and stressed the need for implementation of tasks for public welfare.

The Prime Minister

and party proceeded to the Razagyo dam project site in Razagyo village, Kalay township, where they were welcomed by Brig-Gen Kyaw Lwin Oo and officials of Kalay Station.

At the briefing hall of the project, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on location of the dam that will benefit 6,500 acres of land and generate four mega watts; Director-General of the Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win on work programmes to be carried out at the project site; and Deputy Director-General U Win Zaw and Assistant Director U Than Tun of Construction-4 on progress in construction work. Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and officials reported on target date for completion of the project and irrigation system. Later, the Prime Minister gave instructions on ensuring full power supply



(Prime Minister General Soe Win visits the first Sagaing Division computer technology show. — MNA

in the rainy season, full irrigation water supply for monsoon and summer crops cultivation and efficient use of water from the spillway and inspected the construction tasks there. — MNA

Notification of Fisheries Department

YANGON, 28 Nov—The Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is taking systematic measures for development of the fisheries sector in accord with the Fisheries Law (Law No 24/89).

Under the law, the FD has already announced Notification No 3/2002 that export and import of live fish, aquatic plants and their seeds are to be conducted with the permission of the department in order to prevent the extinction of

aquatic animals, local fish species, bio diversity and other marine lives.

Action will be taken against those who violate the provisions according to the Fisheries Law (Law No 24/89).

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Teachership Course on Reproductive Health opened

YANGON, 28 Nov—The Teachership Course on Reproductive Health sponsored by Yangon West District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee was opened at No 2 Basic Education High School, Latha Township this morning with an address by Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Khin Thet Htay.

Next, Daw Khin Thet Htay accepted donations—K 300,000 each by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Merchants Association and Myanmar Edible Oil Entrepreneurs Association, K 200,070 by (U Thein Maung)-Daw Pa Pa and

clothes worth K 50,000 by the headmistress of No 2 BEHS, Latha. A total of 78 trainees are attending the one-week course.

Likewise, Secretary of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha and executives Daw Nilar Thaw and Daw Tin Tin Mya on 24 November inspected measures being taken at the delivery room of Thonze Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Bago Division (West) and held discussions with expectant mothers.

Next, they attended the opening of the township level course on reproductive health jointly sponsored by Zigon Township

MCWA and the UNFPA.

After that, they inspected the delivery room of Shwedaung Township MCWA and the pre-primary school and attended to the needs.

The secretary and party on 25 November attended the cash presentation ceremony for operation of cleft lip and palate patients.

The cash donations include K 1,212,720 for operation charges, K 400,000 for medical charges of 120 cleft lip and palate patients, K 1 million for Bago Division (West) MCWA and others. The Chairperson of Bago Division (West) and officials accepted the donations and expressed thanks.—MNA

Greater opportunities opened for students of Chin State linking Sagaing and Magway divisions to pursue higher education

Prime Minister meets officials of Tamu

YANGON, 28 Nov — Prime Minister General Soe Win, accompanied by 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,

Minister met district and township officials, members of social organizations, town-selders and entrepreneurs.

Chairman of Tamu District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Win Zaw reported on data of Tamu District, measures undertaken for urban and rural

health sectors.

Departmental officials reported on requirements for education and health sectors of the township. In his discussions, the Prime Minister said he was glad to see the development of Tamu, a border town. Tamu has sufficiency of rice and edible oil and its per capita income is high. National

Export of surplus of agricultural and livestock breeding products is allowed if it does not harm local consumption. Therefore, local traders and entrepreneurs should extensively grow new crops that can earn foreign exchange and try to export them.

He spoke of the need to do economic performance in accord with the prescribed laws and rules. Production or investment in economic undertakings should be done in groups after formation of companies or organizations rather than individually.

He said border trade



Prime Minister General Soe Win meets departmental staff, social organization members, and local people of Tamu District and Township. — MNA

New seasonal crops and perennials such as rubber are to be cultivated extensively according to the resources and climate. Export of surplus agricultural and livestock breeding products is allowed if it does not harm local consumption.



the deputy ministers and heads of department left Yazagyo Dam Project site in Kalay Township for Tamu by helicopter on 26 November.

They were welcomed in Tamu by officials concerned and local people. The Prime

development, power supply for rural areas, telephone calls, cultivation of ten major crops, sufficiency of rice and edible oil, arrangements for growing of rubber, implementation of the targets, export and import and education and

development can be made through individual economic progress and township- and district-wise boosting production.

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in Tamu has improved to some extent. But border trade should be transformed into normal trade. They should not be satisfied with small level of trade, he said.

He warned against smuggling of goods. In the long run, black-

marketeeing is harmful to individual interest and national interest. Being a border region, emphasis was to be placed on control of narcotic drugs, he said. Paddy husk-fired and small hydel power stations should be established for rural areas,

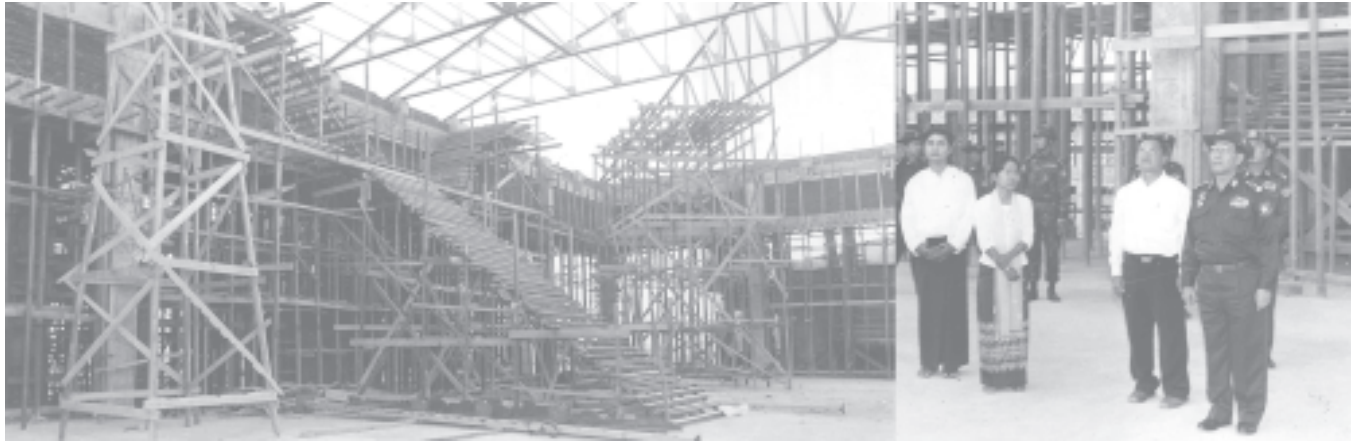
he added.

Next, the Prime Minister greeted those present. He went to 25-bed Tamu Township People's hospital and inspected wards, medical stores and operation theatre.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects Kalay General Hospital (200-bed) — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects construction of the main building of Kalay Government Technological College. — MNA

Greater opportunities opened...

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The Prime Minister and party observed the development of Tamu and visited Nanfarlon market. Deputy Director U Aung Soe Thein of Border Trade Department reported on amount of export and import between the two countries, items of export and import

General Soe Win said that the government has been opening greater opportunities to pursue basic and higher education in the nation. Plans have already been made for students of Chin State linking both Sagaing and Magway divisions to pursue higher education. Students of southern Chin state can attend institutions of higher learning in Pakokku region and those of the northern Chin State in Kalay. Thus universities and colleges in Kalay will help produce human resources in northern Chin state and Kalay and Tamu districts. The main hall of the Kalay Government Technological

technological science. The nation's aims will be met and the region will gain progress only if the college can produce brilliant persons.

During inspection of the Kalay 200-bed hospital, the prime minister heard a report on Sangha ward and apartments for doctors and nurses. General Soe Win then inspected wards and the operation theatre.

In the evening, Secretary-General of USDA Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Joint Secretary General Minister Col Zaw Min and Central Executive Committee member Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko met members of Kalay District, and Kalay, Kalewa and Mingin townships in Kalay.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw met industrialists at Kalay Industrial Zone. Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein also met with officials of the education sector at Basic Education High School No 1 in Kalay.

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Minister for Finance and Revenue meets IRD officials in Taunggyi

YANGON, 28 Nov — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Managing Director of Myanma Economic Bank U Myat Maw and Director-General of Internal Revenue Department U Hsan Tun met state, district and township level officials of departments at the city hall in Taunggyi yesterday.

Officials reported on work done. The minister then gave instructions.

Managing Director of MEB U Myat Maw and Director-General of IRD U Hsan Tun reported on reviews of their work.

The minister inspected Shan State, District and Township IRDs and told service personnel to understand the importance of their duty and to serve the interest of the State and the people.

The minister inspected the branch of MEB, the offices of the manager and Myanma Small Loans Enterprise.—MNA



USDA Secretary-General Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo meets members of Kalay district and nearby township USDAs. — MNA

and collecting of tax. Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein gave a supplementary report.

Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and officials explained trade and producing of goods with promising markets abroad.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein explained fish export business, and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo quality control of agricultural products.

The prime minister explained the permission to freely transport, milling and distribution of crops including rice, rubber, sugarcane and cotton, speaking of the need to develop the border trade into normal trade. He then inspected the samples of exports and imports.

At Kalay Government Technological College, the prime minister and party heard a report on the main hall construction project of the college and progress in implementing it. The principal of the collage explained academic matters and the number of students from Kalay and Tamu districts and Chin State attending the college.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister

College, a pride of the region, will complete soon. Moreover, an adequate number of teachers have been assigned to the college. Thus, it will continuously produce intellectual and intelligentsia as a prestigious and reliable college for students who wish to pursue



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun meets service personnel of Shan State (South) — MNA

Opening ceremony of teaching hospital (50-bed), main building of Institute of Dental Medicine (Yangon) held

YANGON, 28 Nov — In accordance with the Social objective — uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation, the opening ceremony of teaching hospital (50-bed) and main building of the Institute of Dental Medicine (Yangon) of Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health took place at the institute in Thingangyun Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe.

First, rector of the Institute of Dental Medicine (Yangon), Prof Dr Ba Myint extended greetings.

Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin then formally opened the teaching hospital and the main building of the institute.

Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the bronze plaque of the hospital and sprinkled scented water on it.

The commander and party viewed round Department of Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery, laboratory, x-ray room, operation theatres, intensive care unit and wards of the hospital.



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveils the bronze plaque of the teaching hospital (50-bed).—MNA

The hospital, three-storey building, is equipped with international standard lecture halls and research centre.

Also present on the occasion were Japanese

ambassador Mr Nobutake Odano and officials, the directors-general, the rectors, the medical superintendents and others.

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The teaching hospital (50-bed) of the Institute of Dental Medicine (Yangon).— MNA

MPF in cooperation with public expose and arrest those who committed murders

YANGON, 28 Nov— According to a duty-conscious person to the effect that a foul smell was rife from the house of U Soe Tint on the second floor of No 49 on 25th Street, Pabedan Township at 11.45 am on 19 November, the authorities concerned searched the house where U Soe Tint, his wife Daw Thazin Win (a) Daw Saw Hon and their son Tint Zin Latt were found dead with stab wounds.

Pabedan Police Station filed the case under Section 302 of the Criminal Law.

Further information led to the arrest of Zeya Moe (a) David, 30, Kyaw Ko (a) Kyaw Ko Ko Lwin, 23, and Khin Thida (a) Ei Ko, 21, wife of Zeya Moe who committed the crime, in Myawady, Kayin State, on 23 November.

According to the confession of the culprits, the murder was committed due to attempts made by Tint Zin Latt to foil the marriage between Zeya Moe (a) David and Khin Thida (a) Ei Ko.

In a separate incident in which Daw Shu Yin, her daughter Dr Htet Htet Aung and maid Mar Mar Win of No 38, Thumingalar Ward, Thingangyun Township were murdered, a gold coin taken from the house was exposed and retrieved from a pawnshop, and efforts are being made to arrest the murderer.

Likewise, three culprits including Zaw Moe who murdered Ma Nan Moe Htwan, 18, of Room-301, Building-34, Thayagon Ward, Mingalar Taunggyunt Township on 6 October, were arrested 19 hours after the crime.

Maung Hlaing who stabbed to death Presiding Sayadaw of Myesayaing Village Monastery, Hlegu Township U Khemavamsa, 74, at 8 am on 19 October, was arrested near Kyaikkaloe Pagoda, Mingaladon Township, at 10.30 pm the same day.

Daw Thein Thein Aye, 50, of 11 Ward, South Okkalapa, was found dead with stab wounds at the junction of Yadana and Bago River Streets in 59 Ward, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, at 7.30 pm on 23 October. Upon investigation, Kaung Kaung (a) Kaung Mya Aung who committed the crime was arrested at his house of Gyogon Yeiktha, Insein Township, 24 hours after

the crime, together with his vehicle that he used in taking and discarding the body.

Similarly, according to public information sources, authorities found a retired teacher, Daw Phwa May, 72, dead with a sarong wrapped up around her neck at No 299, Ward-2, Mayangon Township, at about 6 pm on 28 October. It was exposed that the culprit was her nephew Kaung Kaung (a) Kaung Mya Aung.

So far, the culprits of all the six cases except the case in Thingangyun township have been arrested with evidences, and it was learnt the majority of the crimes were due to personal, revenge or women affairs.

Even though such crimes happen rarely, there has shown no increase in major crimes if compared with those in previous years in Myanmar. The

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murder rate of Myanmar is very low if compared with those of other nations. In 2003 there broke out 764 murder cases in Myanmar, while 5,027 in Thailand, 846 in Vietnam, 5,735 in the Philippines, 1,635 in Indonesia, 26,276 in China, 1,452 in Japan, 1051 in the Republic of Korea, 37,170 in India, 15,980 in the US, 1,048 in England and 2,173 in France.

The exposition of

crimes could be expedited in Myanmar due to the collaborative efforts of members of Myanmar Police Force and the public.

The MPF will launch a campaign on 1 December for crime prevention, dissemination of knowledge about crimes to the public and reduction of crimes to ensure the emergence of Crime Free Week zones in the city.

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Bosnia arrests suspect linked to terrorism plot

SARAJEVO, 27 Nov— Police have arrested a Bosnian believed to be linked to four men held on terrorism charges over the last month, the Interior Ministry of Bosnia's Muslim-Croat federation said on Friday.

Federation police found a large quantity of explosives which it believed belonged to the suspects. The person was charged with "unlawful trade in military equipment and weapons", the ministry said in a Press release.
 "The investigation related to this case is under way and the detained person ... has been handed over to the office of the prosecutor for further handling," it said.

The arrest took place on Thursday. Police arrested two Bosnians last week on terrorism charges, as well as a Bosnia-based Swede and a Turk on 20 October. Local media speculated they could have been planning to attack foreign embassies.

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Three killed by oil pipeline fire in Tanzania

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 27 Nov— Three people, suspected of stealing petroleum, died on the spot when a fire broke out on a pipeline pumping crude oil to neighbouring Zambia, according to a statement issued Saturday by the Tanzania Zambia Pipelines.

The fire, caused by drilling the pipeline, broke out late on Thursday and has been put under control

by fire fighters and petroleum management personnel of the country.

Another suspected of stealing oil from the pipeline was hospitalized with severe burns.

The vandalism caused massive loss of crude oil and damaged the pipeline.

The Tanzania Zambia Pipelines has shut down the pipeline to repair it and the repair is expected to complete on Saturday.

Russia expects CIS to be more efficient organization

Moscow, 27 Nov— Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov told the Press on Friday that the reform of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) must be carried out, and the CIS will become a more efficient organization.

There were some statements detrimental to the fate of the CIS at present, and it is true that the organization is not efficient enough either. However, all the CIS member states have agreed to further improve and reform the structures of the organization as soon as possible, Fradkov said after the summit of the Council of the Head of Government of the CIS.

Some relevant agreements were reached at the summit of the

Council of the Heads of State of the CIS in August 2005 to improve and reform the structures of the organization, which have greatly promoted the reform process. The final outcome, nevertheless, will still depend on the attitude of the member states towards the implementation of the agreements, he added.

The CIS members are currently cooperating in large-scale energy projects. The heads of government present at the

summit unanimously agreed to establish a uniform energy market within the framework of the CIS, so as to accelerate the development of the energy industry in the member states, Fradkov said. Besides, the leaders also formulated a series of measures at the summit to improve the economic cooperation efficiency among the CIS states, as well as to sharpen their competitive edge in the overseas markets.

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CEI expects to boost cooperation with EU

PRAGUE, 27 Nov— Heads of state of the Central European Initiative (CEI) on Friday expressed their hope to boost cooperation with the European Union (EU).

In a concluded two-day meeting in Western Slovak spa town of Piestany, 11 prime ministers, six vice-prime ministers or ministers from the member states and some representatives of international institutions discussed the prospect of EU enlargement and the strengthened cooperation between CEI members and the EU.

This meeting highlighted the importance of the CEI as a regional organization and the CEI will promote the European integration process, said Slovakia's Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda at a Press conference after the meeting.

He said the participants of the meeting asked the CEI to place their observers in the European Commission, the executive arm of the EU. Meanwhile, they also

demanding the establishment of two liaison groups and joint committees, which holds at least one meeting a year to evaluate the cooperation between the CEI and the EC under the EU framework.

During the meeting, CEI ministers of economy held a discussion session in the Slovakia's capital Bratislava to address such issues as reforms of Central European nations, improving the regional economic competitiveness, removing trade barriers, boosting energy cooperation and developing human resources.

The CEI was created in 1989, with the purpose to enhance cooperation between Central European nations, promote regional stability and lay a sound foundation for the European integration process.

It groups 17 members including Austria, Italy, Hungary, the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovenia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Macedonia, Albania, Belarus, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine and Moldova.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Seven killed in road accident in southern Uganda

KAMPALA, 27 Nov— Seven people have been killed in a road accident in southern Uganda, according to a local report on Saturday.

Ugandan police were quoted as saying that five people died on the spot and two others died in Masaka Hospital when a truck had a tyre burst and rammed into a group of people in a bus-stop shelter and road side market at Kyabakusa trading centre in southern Uganda.

Masaka District police commander Martin Amoru said 21 people were taken to Masaka Hospital, seven of them were in critical condition.

He said the truck veered off the road after one of its tyres burst and crushed into a busy shelter at about 7:40 am (0440 GMT).

The truck crushed the shelter, a newspaper stall, a telephone booth and plowed into women roasting bananas and meat, many of whom were severely burnt.

He added that the unidentified driver fled after the incident.

MNA/Xinhua

Don't smoke

Hungary praised for safe operation of nuclear power plant

BUDAPEST, 27 Nov— The World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) on Friday praised Hungary for its safe operation of a nuclear power plant at Paks.

The skills and qualifications of Hungary's only nuclear power plant are a guarantee of its safe

Alitalia plane makes emergency landing in Bulgaria

SOFIA, 27 Nov— An Alitalia flight with 146 people on board made an emergency landing in the Bulgarian capital on Friday after pilots reported problems with one of the plane's engines, Bulgaria's Transport Ministry said.

A source at Alitalia said later the Boeing 767, which was flying from Dubai to Italy, had to land as a precautionary measure after an oil control light for one of the engines started blinking.

Ministry spokeswoman Vera Deianova said the plane landed safely at Sofia Airport, and all of the passengers and crew were safe.

MNA/Reuters

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China celebrates success of its second manned space mission

BELING, 27 Nov — Chinese President Hu Jintao said here Saturday the perfect success of the *Shenzhou VI* mission is another important contribution by the Chinese people to the peaceful utilizing of outer space and will help drive up the Chinese nation's spirit.

Hu made the remarks at a grand gathering at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing to mark the success of the *Shenzhou VI* manned space mission, which was the country's first ever multi-person and multi-day manned space mission that proved to be perfectly successful.

During the gathering, attended by more than 3,000, taikonaut Fei Junlong and Nie Haisheng were awarded the title of "Herotaikonaut" and given medals for the achievements in the country's landmark *Shenzhou VI* manned space mission.

"The successful mission of *Shenzhou VI* has displayed the great creativity spirit and excellent innovation capability of the Chinese nation," said Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao.

Wen said the success is of great significance in enhancing China's overall national strength, accelerating the development

of China's science and technology and bracing the spirit of the Chinese nation. Chinese President Hu Jintao awarded medals and achievement certificates to the two taikonauts.

"The fact that China had realized the great jump from one-person-one-day space flight to multi-person-multi-day space mission within two years has

marked a new landmark victory in China's manned space technology," said Hu Jintao.

Before *Shenzhou VI*, China successfully blast off a *Shenzhou V* two years earlier, which marked the country's first ever step into the outer space.

Hu said China's manned spaceflight engineering have reached the

advanced level of the world and a set of scientific management theories and practices have also been formed to confirm with the actual conditions of China's manned spaceflight undertakings.

Hu also urged the Chinese nation to learn from aerospace workers at the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua



Wild roses are covered with snow during an early snowfall in Milan, Italy, on 26 Nov, 2005. An early winter storm brought several centimetres of snow across parts of Europe giving a taste of the upcoming winter season.—INTERNET

No mutated strain of bird flu found in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 27 Nov — The Cambodian Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization (WHO) jointly announced on Friday that no mutated strain of bird flu has been found in Cambodia.

"The Ministry of Health of Cambodia and the World Health Organization would like to confirm that there is no evidence of a strain of avian influenza with significant mutations in Cambodia," a statement said.

The statement was a response to recent media reports that a mutated strain of bird flu had been found in samples taken in Cambodia.

Cambodia has reported four human cases of avian influenza in 2005. There have been no new cases since the last reported case in April 2005.

The samples from the four Cambodian cases were sent to a WHO Reference Laboratory, which found that the viruses from Cambodia were similar to those detected in other countries in the

region, the joint statement said.

"The viruses from Cambodia showed some minor changes, which are part of the normal instability of the virus," it added. "However, there is no evidence of any major changes that make it easier for the virus to jump from animals to humans." — *MNA/Xinhua*

Indonesia says to begin making Tamiflu in three to five months

JAKARTA, 27 Nov — Indonesia will begin making the anti-viral drug Tamiflu in three to five months in preparation for more human cases of deadly bird flu, Health Minister Siti Fadillah Supari said on Saturday.

"In three to five months production will start," Supari told a news conference, adding the country would

likely appoint two state-owned drugs companies to make the capsules.

The maker of Tamiflu, Swiss giant Roche AG, said on Friday it did not have a patent for the medication in Indonesia, adding the country was free to produce it for the local market.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam reaps bigger seafood earnings in first 11 months

HANOI, 27 Nov — Vietnam is estimated to make seafood export turnovers of nearly 2.5 billion US dollars in the first 11 months of this year, posting a year-on-year rise of 14.7 per cent, according to the Fisheries Ministry on Friday. The hike is mainly attributed to the European Union's increasing demand

for Vietnamese seafood and rising prices of many items, especially those exported to China. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Phuket's tsunami sirens fail to sound in test

BANGKOK, 27 Nov — Three tsunami warning towers set up at Patong beach in Thailand's famous southern resort province of Phuket have undergone initial tests, but their sirens failed to activate properly.

The trial run was carried out Friday morning in the presence of Deputy Prime Minister Suwat Liptapanlop, who visited the province to inspect the progress of preparations for the first tsunami remembrance ceremony to be held from 25-27 December, reported the *Thai News Agency* Saturday.

Showcasing the tsunami alert towers along the Andaman Coast will be part of the event, which will be attended by an expected total of over 10,000 Thai and foreign guests. Friday's tests failed to impress spectators since the towers did not receive and transmit the warning signals from the National Disaster Warning Centre as it should.

Attributing this to technical difficulties, the Deputy Premier ordered an urgent improvement of coordination between the

provincial alert tower management and the National Disaster Warning Centre.

According to the government plan, a total of 62 tsunami alert towers will be established along the

Andaman coast, all the country's disaster early warning systems will each send a loud alarm within a radius of 1.5 kilometres when there is any tsunami in the areas in the future.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman shops at a fashion boutique in Hong Kong on 25 Nov, 2005. Hong Kong's economy grew by a stronger-than-expected 2.7 percent in the third quarter, building on robust growth between April and June thanks to healthy exports, investment and consumer spending.—INTERNET

India plans to propose energy pact with China

NEW DELHI, 17 Nov — India plans to propose an overarching agreement on cooperation in oil and gas industry with China when Indian Petroleum Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar visits Beijing in mid-January 2006, Indo-Asian News Service reported Saturday.

In its proposal, India will suggest to set up institutional mechanism to carry forward the cooperation in research and development of energy sector between the two countries, Aiyar said here Saturday. He also indicated that Indian exploration major ONGC Videsh Ltd could join hands with China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) to bid for exploration blocks in Syria.

"The commercial matters can be facilitated if there is a political framework in place within which companies should work together," he said.

The two countries agreed to set up a working group to figure out possible areas of cooperation at a bilateral meeting held here Saturday, Aiyar said.

The Petroleum Ministry will hold a meeting with Indian state-owned oil and gas companies Monday to solicit their opinion on cooperation with the four major Chinese oil and gas companies, he said.

"Around four to five MoUs (memorandum of understanding) are expected to be signed during my visit to China in January," he said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

SPORTS

Juve keep distance over Milan with victory

MILAN, 28 Nov— Champions Juventus maintained their five point lead in Serie A with goals from Adrian Mutu, David Trezeguet and substitute Alessandro del Piero giving them a 3-1 home win over Treviso on Sunday.

Treviso had taken the lead through Francesco Parravicini before Fabio Capello's side took control.

Juve are on 36 points from 13 matches with second-placed AC Milan, who beat Lecce 2-1 on Saturday, on 31 points and third-placed Fiorentina, who are at AS Roma later on Sunday, on 28 points.

Uruguayan Alvaro Recoba and Argentine Esteban Cambiasso were on target for Inter Milan in their 2-1 win at Messina while Udinese enjoyed a 2-1 victory at Parma.

Lazio came from behind to win 3-2 at Empoli while Cagliari picked up their first victory of the campaign with a 2-0 win over Sampdoria — both goals coming from Honduran striker David Suazo.

Parravicini gave Juve a shock in the 25th minute, firing home a low shot past Christian Abbiati after good work down the right flank from Francesco Galeoto.

Juve drew level 12 minutes later

through Romanian Mutu, operating on the left flank, who turned in a low cross from Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Just before the break Trezeguet put Juve ahead, intercepting a low shot from Giorgio Chiellini and then slotting home to give the home side the advantage at the interval.

Juve were never in danger from then on and del Piero made it 3-1, eight minutes from the end, from close range after another fine cross from Ibrahimovic.

Inter got off to a good start in Sicily with Recoba volleying home a perfectly weighted cross from Serbian midfielder Dejan Stankovic and they could have had another in the 29th minute when Brazilian striker Adriano missed a simple chance — heading wide from close range.

The second goal had to wait for another half hour — Cambiasso producing a slick control and finish after a strong header down from Colombian defender Ivan Cordoba.—MNA/Reuters

Chelsea charge 11 points clear after Wigan slip

LONDON, 28 Nov— Champions Chelsea stretched 11 points clear of their Premier League rivals when they won 2-0 at managerless Portsmouth on Saturday and Wigan Athletic lost 2-1 at home to Tottenham Hotspur.

Wigan's defeat allowed Arsenal to power up to second place after a 3-0 home victory over Blackburn Rovers but Chelsea remain the side to catch after Hernan Crespo and Frank Lampard, with a penalty, secured the points at Fratton Park.

Jose Mourinho's team, who have lost only once in the league all season, have 37 points from 14 matches, with Arsenal on 26 from 13 games and Wigan slipping to third on 25 points from 13.

Enduring England midfielder

Lampard marked his 160th consecutive league game — a Premier League record — with a typically assured penalty in the 67th minute after wriggling teammate Joe Cole was tripped in the area.

Lampard's goal was his 11th of the season, making him the Premier League's top scorer, and it finished off limited Portsmouth who sacked manager Alain Perrin this week. Argentina striker Crespo, who later came off with a back injury, poached Chelsea's opener when he diverted in a Paulo Ferreira shot after 27 minutes.

Despite his side's solid display Jose Mourinho was not happy with the fact that Chelsea had to play so soon after Wednesday's Champions League win at Anderlecht.

"We played Wednesday in Brussels, two days after we had to be here in Portsmouth to play a big game," Mourinho told Sky Sports. "Man United played on Tuesday and have a rest until tomorrow.—MNA/Reuters



Philippines' swimmer Miguel Molina swims during a training session at the 23rd Southeast Asian Games in Laguna, outside Manila on 28 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Premier League match reports

LONDON, 28 Nov— Brief reports from English Premier League matches on Sunday:

Middlesbrough 2 — West Bromwich Albion 2

West Brom followed up their drubbing of Everton with a well-earned point at the Riverside to edge two points clear of the relegation zone.

Australian striker Mark Viduka gave Middlesbrough a 12th-minute lead but Nathan Ellington equalized and Nwankwo Kanu put West Brom in front with a good finish on the counter-attack. Kanu's Nigeria international teammate Yakubu Aiyegbeni levelled from the penalty spot for Boro in the 66th minute.

West Ham United 1 — Manchester United 2

United ended an emotional weekend after the death of George Best with a fitting victory that propelled them into second place in the table.

Striker Marlon Harewood scored after just 52 seconds with West Ham's first attack as they hit United on the break, Matthew Etherington dinking a superb ball through from the left.

Wayne Rooney equalized for United two minutes after the re-start, collecting a neat pass from Park Ji-Sung and firing home a shot which former United keeper Roy Carroll could not keep out. Irish defender John O'Shea got United's winner with a powerful header from a 56th-minute corner.—MNA/Reuters



West Bromwich Albion's Ronnie Wallwork, left, has a shot on goal past Middlesbrough's George Boateng, right, during their English Premier League soccer match at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium, on 27 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Everton, Fulham pull away from drop zone

LONDON, 28 Nov— Defender Joseph Yobo hauled Everton out of the Premier League relegation zone with the only goal in a 1-0 win over Newcastle United and Fulham also steered clear of trouble with a 2-1 win over Bolton Wanderers on Sunday.

Newcastle, missing injured England striker Michael Owen, had piled on the first-half pressure at Goodison Park but Nigerian Yobo nodded home from a Mikel Arteta corner just a minute after the break.

Everton then squandered two great chances that fell to James Beattie and Tim Cahill before holding on for the win. Fulham, who had been just two points above the drop zone, accelerated away thanks to two first-half goals from American striker Brian McBride at Craven Cottage.

There was some late drama,

though, with Fulham midfielder Sylvain Legwinski scoring a 90th minute own goal and Bolton's El Hadji Diouf being shown a second yellow card, apparently for dissent, after the whistle had blown and effectively getting sent off.

The victories Fulham moved up to 14th place on 15 points, while Everton edged out of the bottom three to 16th place on 13.

West Bromwich Albion, who were playing at Middlesbrough in a later kickoff, were on 11 points, followed by Portsmouth (10), Birmingham City (9) and Sunderland (5). — MNA/Reuters

Dindane double helps Lens to spectacular win

PARIS, 28 Nov— Two goals from Ivory Coast striker Aruna Dindane helped Racing Lens overcome Paris St Germain 4-3 in a spectacular Ligue 1 match at the Parc des Princes on Sunday.

PSG, who paid a heavy price for a shaky defensive display, drop two spots to fourth in the standings, 13 points behind runaway leaders Olympique Lyon.

Olympique Marseille recovered from a goal down to beat Monaco 2-1 at home and move two places up to ninth after Sunday's late game.

Champions Lyon, chasing an unprecedented fifth successive title, made sure of reaching the halfway stage in first place when they snatched a 1-1 draw at lowly Nice on Saturday.

Lyon are on 40 points from 16 games, 11 points clear of second-placed Auxerre, and will enter the winter break in top spot whatever the outcome of the three league matches left before the end of the year.

Lens, who climbed three places to

sixth following their win, opened the scoring against PSG after two minutes courtesy of forward Olivier Thomert.

PSG responded six minutes later with a superb goal from Portugal striker Pauleta, who neatly chested the ball before chipping it over Lens goalkeeper Charles-Hubert Itandje.

Lens immediately rallied and scored twice before the break, through Dindane and Brazilian forward Jussie. Dindane made it 4-1 in the 70th minute.

The issue seemed beyond doubt when Pauleta reduced the arrears with his second goal of the night on 89 minutes.

The home side kept pushing after that and scored again in added time through Colombia defender Mario Yepes.

MNA/Reuters

Panathinaikos close gap on leaders Olympiakos

ATHENS, 28 Nov— Panathinaikos moved to within a point of leaders Olympiakos Piraeus on Saturday when they beat fellow title challengers Xanthi 2-1 at the Olympic Stadium.

Panathinaikos join second-placed AEK Athens on 23 points, one point behind Olympiakos who host Iraklis on Monday. AEK can go top, at least briefly, with a win at Levadiakos on Sunday.

In a hard-fought game that saw 10 yellow cards dished out, all the goals came in the first half. Croatian midfielder Srdan Andric put Panathinaikos ahead in the 21st minute but Alexandros Garpozis levelled for Xanthi in the 35th.

Three minutes before halftime, Vangelis Mantzios produced what turned out to be the winner when he netted his fifth league goal of the season.

MNA/Reuters

Livorno draw 0-0 with Chievo at home

MILAN, 28 Nov— Fifth-placed Livorno were held to a goalless draw by Chievo Verona in Serie A on Saturday. Chievo, sixth in the standings, were fortunate to escape with a point after Livorno twice hit the crossbar and had an effort disallowed.

Livorno defender Fabio Galante hit the crossbar in the 54th minute and striker Cristiano Lucaralli had his strike on target ruled out for offside. Lucarelli then headed against the bar after a great run and cross from Brazilian wing-back Cesar Prates in the 82nd minute.—MNA/Reuters

China becomes largest target of S Korea's investment

NANNING, 28 Nov — China has become the largest target of investment from South Korea, according to information from the 9th East Asian Economic Cooperation Forum.

As of June this year, China attracted a direct investment of 28.7

billion US dollars from South Korean investors, said Xu Changwen, head of the Asian-Pacific Study Centre of the International Trade and Economic Cooperation Institute under the Ministry of Commerce.

According to a

survey by a South Korean union concerning trade and economics, 60 per cent of South Korean investors are satisfied

with their businesses in China and consider China their first choice of investment.

MNA/Xinhua

Relief under way for victims of fire gutting 1557 homes in Hline Township

YANGON, 28 Nov — A fire razed 1557 homes in a ward with narrow lanes and mostly small wooden and bamboo-walled houses in Hline Township today, leaving 1,962 families homeless.

The fire started from the house No 21 on 7th Panchan Kyaung Street in Ward 13 in Hline Township at about 12.15 pm due to negligence and it spread to other buildings before it died down at 3.15 pm

Although fire engines and officials concerned arrived at the scene as soon as the fire

broke out, narrow lanes denied fire engines' easy access to the ward to extinguish the blaze which burnt down houses that were closely built.

There were no human deaths, but detailed list of property damage is not yet known.

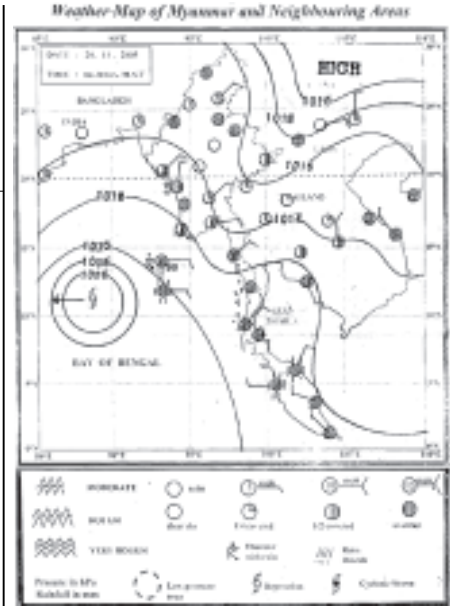
Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor

Col Maung Pa, Deputy Minister for SWRR Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and officials rushed to the ward, and oversaw the fire fighting and arranged relief measures.

Relief centres are set up at Hline Township Gymnasium, No 7 Basic Education Middle School and Panditayama Pariyatti Monastery, where personnel concerned are providing accommodation, food,

clean water, health care services and social requirements for fire victims.

The departments concerned have warned the public against the occurrence of fires due to negligence or other causes as it is now in the open season. — MNA



WEATHER

Monday, 28 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Yangon Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Yangon Division. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin, Shan, Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (1°C) and PyinOoLwin (4°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Coco island (3.54) inches.

Maximum temperature on 27-11-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 28-11-2005 was 63°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 28-11-2005 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 27-11-2005 was (7.7) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 28-11-2005 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 (7) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 27-11-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, the low pressure area over Southeast Bay has intensified further into a depression with its centre about (290)miles southwest of Port Blair, India. It is forecast to move west (or) northwest wards. Weather is cloudy in South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 29-11-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of night temperatures in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-11-2005: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-11-2005: Fine weather.

Storm News

(Issued at 11:30 hrs MST on 28-11-2005)

According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, the depression over Southeast Bay of Bengal has moved to the west and centred about (90) miles southwest of Port Blair, India. It is forecast to move west (or) northwest wards.

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- Tuesday, 29 November
Tune in today
- 8.30 am Brief news
 - 8.35 am Music: -Well all right
 - 8.40 am Perspectives
 - 8.45 am Music: -Rose I love you
 - 8.50 am National news / Slogan
 - 9:00 am Music: -Up from the skies
 - 9:05 am International news
 - 9:10 am Music
 - 1:30 pm News / Slogan
 - 1:40 pm Lunch time music
 - Leaves that are green
 - It's your life
 - Honey come back
 - 9.00pm English Speaking Course Level III Unit 20
 - 9.15 pm Article / Music
 - 9.25 pm Weekly sports reel
 - 9.35 pm Music for your listening pleasure
 - Lucky you
 - What do I do now
 - 9.45 pm News / Slogan
 - 10.00 pm PEL

TV Myanmar
 Tuesday, 29 November
 View on today

7:00 am	8:10 am	5:50 pm
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံယ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌ ဝုရူ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မာက္ခာဂါရိတာ၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာတိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်	8. Songs of yesteryears	10. Sing and Enjoy
7:25 am	8:20 am	6:15 pm
2. To be healthy exercise	9. တစ်လံကြီးတံတား	11. နိုင်ငံခြားတက္ကသိုလ်များမှ ရယ်ရှင်ဆော့ဗော့ဗျူဂရစ်ဆိတ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၄၂)
7:30 am	8:25 am	6:30 pm
3. Morning news	10. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ	12. Evening news
7:40 am	8:30 am	7:00 pm
4. Nice and sweet song	11. International news	13. Weather report
7:50 am	8:45 am	7:05 pm
5. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ	12. Let's Go	14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အချစ်ခေတ်ကားထစ်လေးများ” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
7:55 am	4:00 pm	7:30 pm
6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်	1. Martial song	15. အတီပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:05 am	4:15 pm	7:35 pm
7. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ	2. Song to uphold National Spirit	16. The mirror images of the musical oldies
	4:30 pm	7:45 pm
	3. Musical programme	17. ဝင်ငွေတိုး၍ ဒေသဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးမဏ္ဍိုင်ဆင်းရွှေလီ (အပိုင်း-၇)
	4:45 pm	8:00 pm
	4. အစားသင့်တော့သလိုပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ဇာတုဇေဒအထူးပြု) (ဇာတုဇေဒ)	18. News
	5:00 pm	8:05 pm
	5. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ	19. International news.
	5:10 pm	20. Weather report.
	6. Dance of national races	21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သူလက်ဆောင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
	5:20 pm	22. The next day's programme
	7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ	
	5:30 pm	
	8. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုး ပြည်အကျိုး	
	5:40 pm	
	9. ဓားစာဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်	

Prime Minister sends message of congratulations to Sri Lankan counterpart

YANGON, 28 Nov— General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayake, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, on the assumption of the office of the Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 21 November 2005. —MNA

Yazagyo dam project site in Yazagyo village, Kalay township, will benefit 6,500 acres of land and generate four megawatts.

Prime Minister visits computer technology show, inspects Yazagyo dam project in Kale Township, Sagaing Div

YANGON, 28 Nov — Prime Minister General Soe Win inspected newly constructed Union Road in Monywa, Sagaing Division, by car in the morning on November 26. He was accompanied by member of

the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Sagaing Division PDC Chairman North West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC of-

fice and departmental heads.

Next, the Prime Minister visited the first Sagaing Division computer technology show where (See page 8)



Prime Minister General Soe Win looks into progress in building of Yazagyo dam project near Yazagyo village in Kale Township. —MNA

Central Organizing Committee of MWVO holds regular meeting 6/2005

YANGON, 28 Nov — The regular meeting 6/2005 of Central Organizing Committee of Myanmar War Veterans Organizations was held at MWVO Headquarters in Mayangon Township this evening with an address by Chairman of Central Organizing Committee of MWVO Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of Central Organizing Committee of MWVO Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd), the ministers, senior military officers, the deputy ministers and heads of department.

The Secretary-1 said the National Convention will resume soon for emergence of a discipline-flourishing modern, developed democratic nation. He called on MWVO

to join hands with other partner organizations at the respective roles for the success of the National Convention. He also spoke on dealing with members of MWVO for perpetuation of the organization and making efforts for progress of agriculture, livestock breeding and industries and

looking after the welfare of war veterans and their families and boosting production. Joint Secretary of Central Organizing Committee of MWVO Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe reported on work done and the resolutions of the previous meeting for approval. He also submitted

the report on the regular meeting 6/2005. Leaders of various groups of Central Organizing Committee of MWVO reported on work done on five tasks of the Central Organizing Committee of MWVO and officials of organizational groups on measures undertaken.

The Secretary-1 took

part in the discussions and the meeting ended with the

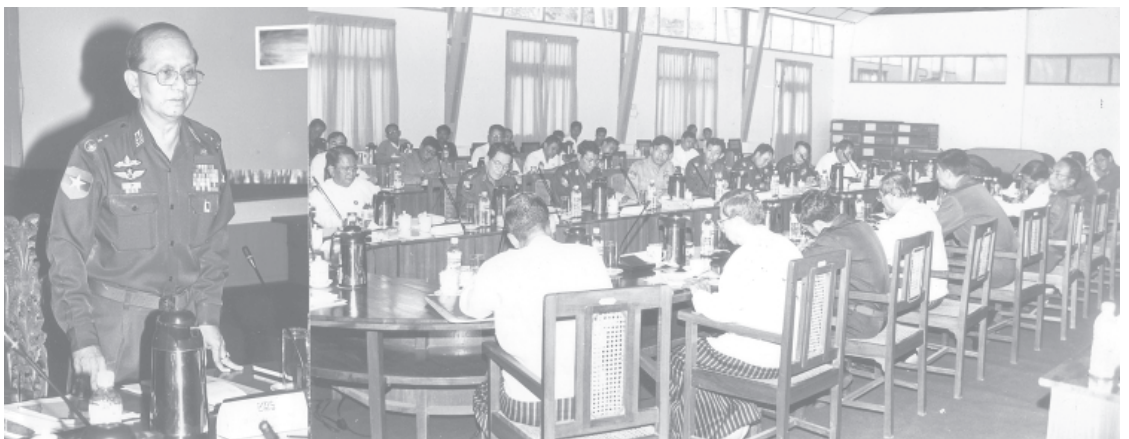
concluding remarks of the Secretary-1.—MNA

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After the discussions, I was thinking that the nation will become a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state soonest because of the harmonious efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw if there are no disturbances of destructive elements from inside and outside.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses regular meeting No 6/2005 of Myanmar War Veterans Organization.—MNA