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Entrepreneurs urged to cooperate each other to seek ways and means for development of sericulture

Prime Minister tours Sagaing Division, Chin State

YANGON, 30 Nov — Prime Minister General Soe Win met with departmental officials of Kale and Mawlaik Districts at the Kale Station meeting hall in Kale on 27 November morning.

Also present on the occasion were 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, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, senior military officers of Kale Station, members of social organizations and local people.

Kale District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Aung Moe Myint and Mawlaik District PDC Chairman Lt-Col



Prime Minister General Soe Win meets trainees of basic tailoring course at Women's Vocational Training School in Tiddim.—MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects silk production at Silk Factory in Tiddim. —MNA



Sein Ya reported on agricultural tasks, rice and edible oil sufficiency, education, health, development tasks and requirements.

The Prime Minister heard reports on education and health matters by Phaungbyin, Mawlaik, Kale, Kalewa and Mingin Township PDC Chairmen, and explained review and implementation of education promotion tasks and uplift of health care services joining hands with local people and social organizations.

Next, the Prime Minister and party flew to Tonzang in Chin State from Kale. They were welcomed by Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Col Tin Hla and departmental officials, students and local people.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 1 December, 2005

Strive for perpetual existence of the Union

The Union of Myanmar is an independent and sovereign nation where all the national brethren have been living in unity and amity from time immemorial. A long history of our nation shows that our forefathers had always defended and safeguarded our motherland by unitedly and bravely fighting all her enemies. The result is that it can still stand proudly as a sovereign nation.

It was due to the national unity that we managed to win back independence and sovereignty. Therefore, the Union Day anniversaries are held every year with the aim of strengthening Union Spirit. A coordination meeting on the observance of the 59th Anniversary of Union Day was held on 29 November and it was attended by Chairman of the Central Committee for Observance of the 59th Anniversary of the Union Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

In his address at the meeting, Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the 59th Anniversary of Union Day should be celebrated with full political essence and the celebrations should be aimed at highlighting the tradition of the national people living in unity and amity throughout history.

The 59th Anniversary of Union Day for 2006 is going to be observed with the following objectives:

- for all national races to safeguard the national policy, viz, non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty
- to keep Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people
- for all national people to defend and safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence
- to prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development, and
- for all national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-point policy programme

As more than 100 national races have been living together for ages, their national unity and Union Spirit has become stronger and stronger with the passage of time. They are now working together for regional and national development. Moreover, armed groups of national races who have returned to the legal fold are also taking part in these regional and national development endeavours.

We would like to call on all the national brethren of the Union to work for its perpetual existence by translating the objectives of the 59th Anniversary of Union Day 2006 into reality.



In memory of late parents U Tun Myat and Daw Ngwe Mya, U Myint Thein of No 2, Post Office Street, Thanlyin recently donates K 130,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through member of the administration board of the home U Chit Myaing. — H

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

Cash donated to International Day of Disabled Persons

YANGON, 3 NOV — A cash and medicine donation ceremony to mark the International Day of Disabled Persons was held at International Business Centre in Kamayut Township this morning. It was attended by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Director-General U Sit Myaing of Social Welfare Department, Director-General U Myint Tun of Fire Services Department, guests and wellwishers.

Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa accepted cash amounting to K 9,868,560 and FEC 4,800 including K 910,000 and FEC 2,400 by Country Representative of World Vision (Myanmar) Mr Roger Walker; K 1 million by Dr Tin Soe Lin and wife Daw Pwint Mar Khaing (Shwepazun); K 1 million and FEC 2,400 by Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Aye Myat Nwe (Bagan Hotel); K 505,000 by U Maung Maung, U Maung Maung



Country Representative of World Vision (Myanmar) Mr Roger Walker presents K 910,000 and 2,400 FECs to Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa. — SWD

Sein and brothers (Great Wall traditional medicine); K 500,000 by U Soe Thein (Dhana Aung Group Production Ltd) and Deputy Director Daw Khin Cho Ohn of Attorney-General's Office, MWAFF, MMCWA and other wellwishers. The Minister, the Deputy Minister, Directors-General and their wives presented certificates of honour to wellwishers. The ceremony was ended with the concluding remarks by Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa.

MNA

Ambassador of PRC calls on PBANRDA Minister

YANGON, 30 NOV — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt this afternoon received Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu at the ministry here.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed matters on development of border areas and national races, opium-substitute businesses for development of rural region, and bilateral cooperation in elimination of narcotic drugs.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for PBANRDA Col Tin Ngwe, Director-General of the Department for Progress of Border Areas and National Races U Than Swe, Director-General of the Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint, Director-General of the Education and Training Department U Than Win and officials. — MNA

Fourth leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour on 27-30 Dec



YANGON, 29 NOV — The fourth leg of 2005-2006 Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour and Pro Qualify to be organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd will be held from 27 to 30 December at Bagan Resort Golf in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Division.

The tour will be divided into two categories—professional level and men's amateur level (handicap 0-12). Those wishing to take part in the tour are to register at Bagan Resort Golf Club not later than 4 pm on 23 December or contact

telephone numbers 09-9972554 and 01-542989.

The main sponsor of the Golf Tour will be Air Bagan Ltd and the official bank is KBZ Bank Ltd. The co-sponsors will be Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Myanmar Treasure Resort Hotel, Aureum Palace Hotel Resort, Srixon, Jade Land Myanmar Co Ltd, Kachin Golfers Group, Max Myanmar Co Ltd, London, Imperial Jade Drinking Water and Bagan Resort Golf Club. Han Event Management will organize the tour.

Those who wish to enter professional golfers level from amateur level will have to take part in Pro Qualify events to be held from 24 to 25 December at Bagan Resort Golf.

MNA

Women's Soccer Event of XXIII SEA Games:

Marlar Win's hat-trick sails Myanmar into final

YANGON, 30 NOV — The women's football event of the XXIII SEA Games for 2005 continued at Marikina of the Philippines at 4 pm local time today.

In the fourth match of the group, Myanmar selected women's team beat host Philippines women's team 3-1.

Marlar Win scored an opening goal in the 20th minute of the first half. Hence, the Myanmar women led the first half with their opening goal.

In the 20th minute of the second half, Myanmar women's team was rewarded with one more goal of Marlar Win. Four minutes later, Marlar Win added a third as a hat-trick for her team.

Myanmar women's team cruised into the final with 12 points in four wins of the four group matches. Myanmar women's team will play against its runner-up in the final match at 5 pm local time on 3 December. — MNA

All this needs to be known

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



A sport utility vehicle sits in a ditch on US 64 near Plumerville, Ark, on 28 Nov. 2005. The driver and a passenger walked away with minor injuries after a strong winds or a tornado pushed the SUV into the oncoming embankment late Sunday. — INTERNET

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Russian experts arrive in Harbin to probe into river pollution

HARBIN, 29 Nov— A Russian environment inspection group arrived in Harbin, capital of northeast Heilongjiang Province, Monday morning to investigate into the latest situation of anti-pollution in the Songhua River.

The seven-member group is headed by VV Dardiuk, director of the Environmental Protection Bureau of Khabarovsk, which borders China's Heilongjiang Province.

The toxic chemical spill forced a four-day

suspension of water supply in Harbin last week. "We are here to study the ecological effects of the contamination in the Songhua River and learn how to deal with such emergencies from our Chinese counterparts," said Mr Dardiuk.

The Songhua River in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province

was polluted with tons of toxic chemicals after an explosion at the Jilin Petrochemical Company on 13 November.

The toxic slick stretches more than 80 kilometres and is expected to flow into the Heilongjiang River (also called Amur River in Russia) on the Sino-Russian border.

MNA/Xinhua

American analyst deemed security threat to Indonesia

JAKARTA, 29 Nov — Indonesia said on Monday an American expert on terrorism and Islamic militancy in the region had been banned from returning because she was deemed a security threat.

Justice Minister Hamid Awaluddin also said the decision to stop Sidney Jones, Indonesia director of the Brussels-based International Crisis Group (ICG), from entering Indonesia had been based from intelligence and police information.

"The information and thoughts from various departments conclude that Sidney Jones is being barred to enter Indonesia for our security," Awaluddin told a news conference.

"We are not talking about security in a physical sense but security in relation to the stability of our life in the form of public opinion," Awaluddin said without elaborating.

Jones, a long-time resident, speaks fluent Indonesian and is a leading analyst on Indonesian affairs, especially on the Jemaah Islamiyah terrorist

network, a regional offshoot of al-Qaeda. She is quoted frequently in foreign and domestic media.

She was barred from entering Indonesia last Thursday after arriving from a short trip to Taiwan

where she had accepted an award from Time magazine on behalf of the ICG for its work on conflict prevention and resolution.

Jones was expelled in June 2004 under a different administration

after a series of hard-hitting reports on terrorism in Indonesia.

In July this year, she was allowed back to live in Indonesia. The ICG has condemned the latest expulsion.

MNA/Reuters

EU states that hosted CIA jails could face sanctions

BERLIN, 29 Nov — Any European Union state that secretly hosted a CIA prison faces loss of its voting rights, and Washington should punish any violations that occurred, an EU commissioner said on Monday.

Franco Frattini, commissioner for Justice, Freedom and Security, said that under EU law, if reports of secret CIA jails were true, states would face "serious consequences, including the suspension of the right to vote in the Council".

Frattini told a news conference he would be obliged by EU treaties

to recommend the suspension to the Council, which brings together ministers of the 25 member countries and is the bloc's main decision-making body.

The comments were his most explicit to date on the implications for any country found to have hosted a secret CIA facility for interrogating terrorism suspects.

A suspension of voting rights for a member country would take the EU into uncharted territory.

It would require the unanimous backing of all the other member states plus the approval of the European Parliament, said an EU source familiar with the bloc's workings.

"You can imagine how difficult it would be to get unanimity on that. It has never happened before," he said.

The Washington Post this month reported the existence of secret CIA jails in Eastern Europe. Campaign group Human Rights Watch named

Poland, already an EU member, and Romania, which hopes to join in 2007, as the most likely hosts.

Both deny it, a position reiterated on Monday by outgoing Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski.

"Such prisons do not exist on Polish territory ... and there have not been any," Kwasniewski said.

MNA/Reuters

Iraq bomb kills two US soldiers near Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 30 Nov— Two US soldiers were killed today in Iraq when their patrol hit a roadside bomb north of the capital, Baghdad, the military said.

The soldiers were part of the coalition's Task Force Baghdad unit, the military said in an e-mailed statement. No further details were available.

The US military and Iraqi government have said guerrillas are trying to disrupt the country's National Assembly elections, scheduled for 15 Dec. Kidnappers are holding at least four people, including a German archaeologist seized on 25 Nov, and two Canadians, an American and a British civilian taken 26 Nov.

As of 10 am New York time yesterday, a total of 1,649 members

of the US military had been killed in action in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion, according to the Department of Defence. Including those who have died from other causes, such as illness and vehicle accidents, the death toll is 2,106.

As many as 30,559 Iraqi civilians have died as a result of the invasion and subsequent violence, according to a tally by Iraq Body Count, a London-based group that opposes the war and compiles its casualty toll from English-language media reports and official statements.

Internet

Iranian FM defends country's nuclear right

MOSCOW, 29 Nov— Iran does not envisage having nuclear defence capability but sees running a civilian nuclear programme as its legitimate right, Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said on Monday.

"Iran is against the production or storage of nuclear arms. We are supporters of nuclear arms elimination the world over," Mottaki said after talks with his Azerbaijani counterpart Elmar Mamedyarov in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan, according to the ITAR-TASS news agency.

"There is no force capable of stripping us of

the right to work on this programme," Mottaki said. "We use the nuclear programme exclusively for peaceful purposes."

The United States accuses Iran of seeking nuclear weapons under the guise of a civilian nuclear programme. Iran, however, says its nuclear programme is dedicated exclusively to power generation.

MNA/Xinhua



US Marines pause during a raid in Saadah, Iraq, eight miles from Syria, on 28 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

China's Vice-Premier makes phone calls to villagers

BEIJING, 29 Nov — Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju on Sunday made a telephone call to an on-the-spot meeting on telephone reaching village, congratulating on the use of telephone in 96 per cent of Chinese villages.

The Ministry of Information Industry on Sunday announced that up to now, China's 96 per cent of administrative villages, or 49,000 villages, have access to telephone, at an on-the-spot telephone-reaching-village meeting, held in Yan'an City of northwest Shannxi Province. Huang spoke highly of the achievement via telephone and required the departments concerned to further improve rural communication facilities.

He said China entered a crucial period of building up a well-off society in an all-round way. The fifth plenary meeting of the 16th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) had put the work of dealing with issues relating

to agriculture, rural areas and farmers on the top of work agenda. Speeding up the construction of rural communication facilities is one of the important measures to solve the issues on agriculture, rural areas and

farmers, an important responsibility for governments and an obligation for communication departments, he said.

"Over recent years, rural communication development made great

progress, as more than 40,000 administrative villages have telephones. The use of telephone will help farmers broaden horizon and have easy access to information," Huang said.

MNA/Xinhua

US Embassy confirms kidnapping of American in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 29 Nov — The US Embassy in Iraq confirmed on Monday that an American civilian was kidnapped in the violence-plagued country.

A US citizen has been confirmed missing in Iraq, a US Embassy spokesman announced, without revealing the identity of the citizen.

Earlier reports said four foreign aid workers including two Canadians, a Briton and an American were abducted by unknown gunmen in Baghdad on Saturday. The British and Canadian governments have also confirmed the kidnapping. It is the first snatching of foreign civilians in Baghdad since the high-profile abduction of the British *Guardian* newspaper reporter Rory Carroll, who was held for 36 hours last month and later released unharmed. More than 220 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq since the US-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003 and nearly 40 of them were killed. — MNA/Xinhua

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Members of a militant female organization shout slogans calling for justice during an anti-US rally timed for the second preliminary investigation hearing on the rape case on 29 Nov, 2005 in Olongapo City, west of Manila. —INTERNET

Israeli, Palestinian relief societies sign cooperation pact

GENEVA, 29 Nov — Israeli and Palestinian relief societies signed a pact here on Monday to cooperate over medical and ambulance services.

The agreement, which comes one week before the expected adoption of a third emblem alongside the red cross and red crescent, will help pave the way for the admission of Israel's

first-aid service, Magen David Adom (MDA), or Red Shield of David, into the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

In a ceremony presided by Swiss Foreign Minister Micheline Calmy-Rey, the pact was signed by Noam Yifrach, chairman of MDA and Younis Al-Khatib, president of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society.

Also present were the Israeli and Palestinian ambassadors to the UN in Geneva and Jakob Kellenberger, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

MNA/Xinhua

WHO apologizes for missing AIDS treatment target

LONDON, 29 Nov — The World Health Organization apologized on Monday for missing its target to get three million people in poor countries on life-saving AIDS drugs by the end of 2005.

Dr Jim Yong Kim, the director of the WHO's HIV/AIDS department, admitted that the WHO had not moved quickly enough to meet its ambitious "3 by 5" target.

"I have to say that I'm personally extremely disappointed in myself and in my colleagues because we have not moved quickly enough — we have not saved enough lives," Kim told the BBC.

The WHO and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) had hoped to provide three million of the six million people in

poor countries with treatment but the real acceleration in numbers they had hoped for did not materialize.

The exact number of HIV/AIDS sufferers on treatment will be announced early next year. In June, Kim said about one million people in poor countries were receiving the drugs.

"All we can do is apologize," he said less than a week before World AIDS Day on 1 December. Although the three million mark will not be reached, Kim said he did not think the initiative had failed because the pro-

gramme had increased the number of people on antiretroviral drugs and had saved lives.

Because of the "3 by

5" initiative, many more countries had joined the programme and provided access to AIDS drugs.

MNA/Reuters

Iraqi gunmen threaten to kill German woman

BERLIN, 29 Nov — Kidnappers in Iraq have threatened to kill a German woman and her driver unless Berlin stops cooperating with the US-backed Iraqi Government, German state television ARD reported on Tuesday.

A German Foreign Ministry spokesman travelling with Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said in Washington the woman had been missing since Friday and that a unit

had been set up to secure her safety.

The kidnappers made their threat in a video tape handed to ARD in Baghdad, the television said.

Extracts from the tape on ARD's website showed two people sitting on the ground with their eyes covered by white material. They were surrounded by three masked, armed figures, one of whom appeared to be reading from a piece of paper.

Germany's new conservative Chancellor Angela Merkel wants to improve relations with the United States and said earlier this month Berlin would carry on with the previous government's policy of helping to train Iraqi forces outside Iraq.

Former chancellor

Gerhard Schroeder opposed the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, souring links with Washington.

MNA/Reuters

Toll in Sudan's yellow fever outbreak climbs to 131

GENEVA, 29 Nov — A yellow fever outbreak in Sudan has killed another 10 people, bringing the known toll to 131 deaths out of 530 cases in less than three weeks, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

All reported cases have been in South Kordofan State in central Sudan, but the WHO has said it fears the mosquito-borne disease could spread rapidly among people who are poor, nomadic and unvaccinated.

The case fatality rate is 25.2 per cent in the outbreak, which the Health Ministry said began on 10

November. More than half of the known cases are in the town of Dilling.

Some 1.7 million doses of vaccine against yellow fever, sent from an emergency stockpile, arrived in Sudan at the weekend and a mass vaccination campaign is to begin soon, according to the WHO, a United Nations agency. — MNA/Reuters



A blindfolded German woman (3rd-L) and her driver sit surrounded by three armed men in this undated image released by German state television ARD on 29 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Vietnam starts to build first oil refinery

HANOI, 29 Nov— The construction of Vietnam's first oil refinery officially began in central Quang Ngai Province on Monday morning.

The Dung Quat refinery with an annual refining capacity of 6.5 million tons of crude oil is of significant in ensuring energy for Vietnam, which is a crude oil exporter, but petroleum product importer, said Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung at the groundbreaking ceremony.

The refinery with an estimated cost of 2.5 billion US dollars, is expected to become operational in late 2008 or early 2009. Once completed, it will provide such products as Mogas 90 gasoline, jet fuel, kerosene, diesel oil, and propylene, meeting one-third of the local demand for petroleum products.

In May, the state-owned Vietnam Oil and Gas Corporation signed the construction contract with a consortium led by France's Technip Conflexip.

Vietnam exported nearly 15 million tons of crude oil valued at over 6.2 billion dollars in the first 10 months of this year, down 7.2 per cent in volume but up 33.5 per cent in value against the same period last year. Meanwhile, it imported over 9.6 million tons of petroleum products worth roughly 4.2 billion dollars, posting respective rises of 4.7 per cent and 43.1 per cent, according to the country's General Statistics Office.

MNA/Xinhua

UN vote urges fishing limits to protect turtles

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Nov— The UN General Assembly urged governments and fisheries management groups on Monday to take urgent steps to protect endangered sea turtles and sea birds from an indiscriminate fishing technique.

A resolution adopted by consensus by the 191-nation assembly is aimed at restricting a form of industrial fishing known as longline fishing.

It is used by large fishing vessels in the Pacific Ocean that trail lines studded with hooks that can stretch out as long as 60 miles behind them, snaring millions of sea turtles

and birds along with the fish they intend to catch.

The resolution calls for urgent implementation of measures set out in UN Food and Agriculture Organization guidelines intended to reduce such incidental sea turtle and bird deaths.

The measures include closing some fishing areas on a seasonal or con-

tinuous basis as well as restricting particular types of fishing equipment.

But they fall short of the moratorium on longline fishing sought by more than 1,000 scientists from 97 countries in a letter delivered to UN delegates in May.

Longline fishing is practiced by vessels from many nations including the United States, Japan, Taiwan, Spain and other Asian and Latin American nations.

The value of its take at dockside is estimated at 4 billion US dollars to 5 billion US dollars a year.

Tuna and swordfish are longline fishing's most common targets, but the lines also snag as many as 4.4 million sea turtles, bullfish, sharks, marine mammals and seabirds every year, according to a study of the practice conducted by Robert Ovetz of the California-based Sea Turtle Restoration Project.

MNA/Reuters

Watchdog to probe British top cop over Brazilian's death

LONDON, 29 Nov — An independent watchdog said on Monday it would investigate claims that London's police chief lied to the public after the fatal shooting of an innocent Brazilian man suspected of being a would-be suicide bomber.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Ian Blair, who is Britain's most senior officer, is to be investigated by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) after an official complaint from the family of Jean Charles de Menezes.

De Menezes, a 27-year-old electrician, was shot in the head seven times as he boarded a train at Stockwell underground station in south London on 22 July. The IPCC is already probing the circumstances surrounding de Menezes' death and expects that investigation to be completed by the end of the year.

In July, officers had been on high alert after four bombers failed in their attempts to attack three underground trains and a bus in London just the day before the de Menezes shooting. Two weeks earlier, suicide bombers had killed 52 people in an identical plot in the British capital.

Initial reports from police and witnesses said de Menezes had been wearing a bulky jacket, had vaulted a ticket barrier and ran when challenged by officers.

But a leaked initial IPCC report cast doubt on these claims and de Menezes' family claimed Blair, who at first praised the actions of his officers, had lied when he spoke to the media in the immediate aftermath of the incident.

MNA/Reuters



A man ice-fishes in the frozen River Amur near the Siberian city of Khabarovsk on 27 Nov, 2005. Thousands of children returned to school in China's Harbin city on Tuesday a week after a toxic spill prompted officials to turn off the water taps and now threatens supplies for more than a million Russians downstream. —INTERNET

China coal mine blast kills 68, traps over 100

BEIJING, 29 Nov— An explosion ripped through a coal mine in China's northeastern province of Heilongjiang, killing 68 miners and trapping 79 underground, just days after Chinese leaders called for vigilance to prevent major accidents.

The blast was reported on Sunday at Dongfeng Coal Mine, run by a branch of the Heilongjiang Longmei Mining (Group) Co Ltd, the official Xinhua news agency said on Monday, quoting the provincial coal mine safety administration.

Seventy-four of 221 miners working underground at the time of the blast were rescued, Xinhua said. A coal-dust explosion had knocked out all ventilation systems in the pit, investigators said. The main system resumed operation on Monday.

The explosion was the latest disaster to strike Heilongjiang, whose capital city, Harbin, was held hostage for five days by a toxic spill coursing through the river that provides its water supply, forcing a five-day shut-down of tap water.

The slick, caused by an explosion at a chemical plant in nearby Jilin Province about two weeks ago, passed through the Songhua River and out of Harbin at the weekend. Taps were turned back on Sunday.

Making no mention of the toxic spill, Premier Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao called last week for vigilance to pre-

vent major accidents which cause huge casualties and property losses.

Hu and Wen urged law enforcement agencies to implement stricter inspec-

tion measures and punish those responsible in accordance with the law, state media said, without elaborating.

MNA/Xinhua

Ice on wings determined as cause behind Colombian plane crash

BOGOTA, 29 Nov— Ice on the wings of a Colombian plane that crashed on 16 August, killing 160 people on board, has been determined as a cause behind the tragedy, according to the *El Colombiano* newspaper.

The passenger plane's black box had recorded the cabin crew discussing bad weather conditions and the possibility of ice on the wings, the newspaper reported on Sunday, citing the US National Transport Security Board (NTSB).

The results were released after investigations made by the NTSB using data supplied by Venezuela's Air Accident Investigation Committee.

The twin-engine McDonnell Douglas MD-82 aircraft of Colombia's carrier, the West Caribbean Airways (WCA), was flying from Panama City to Martinique, the French-owned island in the Caribbean, when it crashed over Venezuela, killing the 152 passengers and its eight crew members on board— MNA/Xinhua



Nine-year-old Madison Wilson, left, of Highlands Ranch, Colo, joins her 7-year-old sister, Riley, in banging their spoons against pots during a protest against the appearance of President Bush at a fundraising event for US Rep Marilyn Musgrave, R-Colo, on Tuesday, 29 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Stop AIDS, Keep the promise

Dr Min Thwe

World AIDS Day falls on the first of December every year. It has been 18 years since countries around the world have been escalating HIV and AIDS prevention and care activities during the first week of December as commemoration of World AIDS Day week, with a special theme for each year. This year's theme is "Stop AIDS. Keep the promise".

AIDS-Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

It is a disease caused by the infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

Epidemiology

HIV has been transmitting in the world as an epidemic nature in many countries.

According to the latest statistics (December 2005), it has been estimated that there are 40.3 million people who are living with HIV in the world. About 5 million individuals have infected in 2005 alone, out of which 0.7 million are children under the age 15 years.

Every day, more than 6000 individuals have been infected with HIV in the world. About half of the new infection occurred among women. As for he Asia, 30% of new infection occurred among women.

Morbidity (death due to AIDS)

According to the statistics, since the beginning of the epidemic, AIDS accounts for more than 20 million deaths in the world. In 2005 alone, more than 3 million deaths were due to AIDS, of which children less than 15 years accounts for nearly seven hundred thousands.

How HIV can transmit?

High concentration of HIV can be found in blood and secretions from genital organs: semen and vaginal secretions. The following are the main mode of HIV transmission.

- (1) Unprotected sexual intercourse with an infected person (those who have sex with sex workers and sex with same sex person are particularly at high risk)
- (2) Sharing of needles and syringes (particularly injection drug users are at high risk)
- (3) Through blood and blood products, organ transplants where donor is infected
- (4) Mother to child transmission of HIV. An infected pregnant woman can transmit the virus during the pregnancy, during the child birth and through breast milk.

It is also notable that HIV transmission is closely associated with Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI). Since HIV is a fragile virus, it can not penetrate the skin under the normal circumstances. But, when an individual has STI, either ulcerative or inflammatory forms, the nonspecific immune system, ie protected layer of genital tract, was disrupted, and thus giving rise to a condition where HIV can enter into the body. Therefore, there is a very high association of HIV transmission and presence of STIs.

How HIV cannot be transmitted?

HIV can not be transmitted in the following ways.

- (1) Routing casual contacts cannot cause transmission: such as shaking hands, hugging, working together with infected person, attending the same class room with infected person in school, swimming, sharing the household,
- (2) HIV cannot transmit through foods, water, and air including through coughing
- (3) HIV cannot transmit via the insets and animals such as via mosquito, fly, lice, and rats.
- (4) HIV cannot transmit through household utensils such as door handles, telephones, pot and pans, plates, spoons and forks, etc.

What are the clinical features of AIDS?

HIV is a chronic disease. The signs and symptoms of the disease can appear in an infected person only after 7 to 10 years following the entry of virus into the body. This is an infection with a very long latent period. Thus, if a person infected with HIV has sign and symptoms of AIDS, he or she must have infected since

last 7 to 8 years ago. Since there is a very long latent period between the entry of virus into the body and appearance of signs and symptoms, an individual can only check whether he or she is infected with HIV by testing the blood (commonly). Even though, it usually takes 3 weeks to 3 months in order to able to test the blood for HIV since commercially available tests detect antibody to HIV. This initial transition period (3 weeks to 3 months after entry of virus into the body of infected person) is known as window period—the period during which an individual is also highly infectious despite HIV test will give a negative result.

With regards to the symptoms of AIDS patient, there are major and minor criteria.

Major criteria include: weight loss (more than 10% of base line body weight)

Diarrhea for more than one month

Fever for more than one month

Minor criteria include: cough more than one month

Generalized lymph adenopathy

Repeated attack of Herpes infection

Oropharyngeal candidiasis

Generalized dermatitis

What does it mean by this year's theme?

During the 2001, the member states of UN general assembly have committed to implement HIV and AIDS prevention and control activities. Prevention, care and support activities have been implemented in these countries with systematic plans. Some of these commitments are already accomplished in the past years. But there are commitments that still need to be implemented by the member states countries. Thus, it is still necessary to contribute to the collective efforts in a coordinated manner by the organizations around the world, industries, religious organizations, media, and communities and of course people living with HIV. Therefore, the theme of this year's WAD is Stop AIDS. Keep the promise.

How HIV problem is dealt in the country?

AIDS is considered as one of the priority diseases in Myanmar. It is also considered as the disease of Naitonal concern. Under the guidance of the National Health Committee, the National AIDS Committee, chaired by Minister for health, is formed since 1989 at the central level for policies guidance and coordination. A working committee, chaired by Deputy Minister for Health, is also formed to support the National AIDS Committee and to implement the activities that decided by it. Similarly, AIDS Prevention and Control Committees have been functioning at various administrative levels: State/Division/District and Township. Department of Health, Ministry of Health, has been implementing HIV and AIDS prevention, control and care activities through the working force of basic health staff working in the country using primary health care approach, and with the technical support from the National AIDS/STD prevention and control Program (NAP).

NAP is formed under the disease control division of department of Health. NAP has headquarters in Yangon and 43 teams located in all States and Divisions of the country. Along with the Ministry of Health, related ministries of the government, 7 UN agencies, 18 International NGOs, 17 local NGOs, and communities are participating in the national response against HIV and AIDS in Myanmar.

What are the prevention, care, and support activities that implemented in the country?

In Myanmar, prevention, control, care and support activities that related to HIV and AIDS are implemented with 6 major strategies and 10 main activities. Advocacy activities are being implemented with the aim of informing the decision makers, implementing partners and the communities. Since HIV transmission is related to the risk behavior of individuals, health activities are also conducted to increase the level of knowledge on the transmission, prevention and care so as to adopt the healthy lifestyle.

As HIV is closely associated with sexually transmit-

ted infections, activities are also conducted with the aim of reducing the sexual transmission of HIV. These include dissemination of educational messages highlighting the traditional and cultural values related to health behavior, training of health care providers on syndromic management of STIs and implementation of 100% condom promotion among targeted population groups.

Efforts are also made to prevent HIV transmission among injecting drug users. In addition, activities related to prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV, provision of safe blood supply up to the township level hospitals in the country, prevention of HIV transmission among health care settings are also being implemented. As for the care and support activities, voluntary counseling and confidential testing services (VCCT), management of Opportunistic infections and provision of Antiretroviral Therapies (ART) to those who needed and available resources, and provision of home based care services are provided.

Since partnership development is one of the essential factors for successful implementation of programme activities, Ministry of Health is in partnership not only with the related ministries such as Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Rail Transportation, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Ministry of Information, but also with UN Agencies, Local and International NGOs, and communities. Moreover, Myanmar is also participating in the ASEAN level activities, Regional and Global activities related to HIV/AIDS. Besides, activities are also conducted for the planning, supervision, monitoring, evaluation of the HIV/AIDS prevention and control in the country as well as capacity building of various levels of health care providers and community members.

What are the health education activities?

Health-education activities are being conducted by two approaches. With general population approach, billboards, posters, pamphlets, documentaries, TV spots, videos, short messages, articles and stories are being developed, erected, distributed, broadcast, telecast, printed and distributed not only in Myanmar but also in ethnic languages. With targeted population approach, specific and targeted educational messages have been developed and distributed using specific ways and means such as peer education, audience specific educational talks, poster, pamphlets and leaflets.

What should we do in this year?

With the aim of making the commitment made by every individual to participate in efforts that leads to reduce the HIV transmission and its impact, to prevent transmission of HIV beyond ourselves and our family members, to provide care and compassion to the infected and affected, the following activities should be implemented in this year.

As for the school going age, it is necessary to conduct activities that lead to character development and adoption of healthy life styles. As for the general population, promotion of the use of media for the awareness related HIV and its impact, dissemination of helath educational messages and maintaining the traditional and cultural values, participate in the prevention and control activities.

In conclusion, nowadays HIV/AIDS is a development problem. Because of HIV and AIDS, individuals have to suffer chronic illness that leads to death. Families have lost their incomes. Societies and countries have lost their workforce and productive power that leads to hunger and poverty. Since Myanmar can able to fight small pox, polio and leprosy with the community participation approach, it is also hoped that the same approach can be applied in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Thus, it is urged that every effort should be made by the individuals, families and societies so as to become Myanmar free from HIV/AIDS and its impact.

Agriculture sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of agriculture in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Extended growing and production of beans and pulses

For the development of the agriculture sector of the nation, plans have been laid down and are being implemented to increase growing of 10 items of crop. Out of the ten crops namely paddy, maize, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, pigeon pea, green pea, green gram, cotton and sugarcane, beans and pulses are important items in the agriculture sector.

In Myanmar, beans and pulses are produced most after paddy. Beans and pulses have been grown throughout the country since distant past as they are easy to grow, the cost low and it can be grown as a mixed crop. Of them, gram, lablab

Extended growing and production of quality strain beans and pulses

Sr No	Subject	1988	2005	Progress
1	Sown acreage of high yield strain beans and pulses			
	- Sown acreage of mung (thousand)	1870	1933	63
	- Sown acreage of green gram (thousand)	1918	2000	82
	- Sown acreage of pigeon pea (thousand)	1269	1309	40
	- Sown acreage of soya bean (thousand)	287	328	41
2	Sown acreage of beans and pulses (million)	1.8	8.4	6.6
3	Tons of beans and pulses exported (100,000)	0.17	6.5	6.33
4	Production of beans and pulses (metric ton in thousand)	250	2500	2250



A thriving cold season groundnut plantation of local people in Shwegyin Township, Bago Division.—MNA

bean, pigeon pea, butter bean and soya bean are grown most in the country.

Although sown acreage of beans and pulses declined in the past for various reasons, it has now increased and reached up to about two million acres.

In line with the market-oriented economic system, beans and pulses are grown not only for domestic consumption but for export. In 1988-89, only 1.8 million acres of land were put under paddy but in 2004-2005, the sown acreage of beans and pulses reached 8.4 million acres.

The export items are green gram, pigeon pea, soya bean, cow pea and Myehtaukpe. In 1988-89, only 17000 tons of beans and pulses were exported but in 2004-2005 the number has reached up to 6.5 million tons. As Myanmar is the biggest exporter of beans and pulses out of the ASEAN member countries, she is playing a leading role in growing beans and pulses.

Nowadays, measures are being taken to grow high yield strain beans and pulses and as a result the growing of beans and pulses has jumped markedly.

The table provides the reader with facts and figures on extended growing and production of high yield strain beans and pulses.

Myanmar snatches three more gold, one silver, 12 bronze



Aung Thiha

YANGON, 30 Nov — Myanmar Sports Contingent bagged three gold, one silver and 12 bronze medals more today in the XXIII SEA Games in the Philippines.

Kay Khaing Lwin secured one gold medal in the women's 200-m, Aung Thiha in the men's 1500-m and Yin Yin Khaing+Myint Myint Aye+Le Le Win+Kay Khaing Lwin in the women's 400-m relay in the track & field event.

Pyay Pwai Phyto snatched one silver medal in the men's Wushu Changquan event.

One bronze medal winners were Thinza Soe in the women's 45-kilo Sanshou event, Yarzar



Khaing in the women's 54-kilo Sanshou event, Pyi Han Tun in the men's 48-kilo Sanshou event, Saw Khaing in the men's 60-kilo Sanshou event, Hla Moe in the men's 70-kilo Sanshou event, Maung Maung Than in the men's 56-kilo Sanshou event, Aung Sithu in the men's Wushu long spear event, the table tennis team in the women's event, Khin Soe Thaik in the women's 10-m air pistol event, Khin Maung Htoo in the men's 50-m shooting event,



Kay Khaing Lwin

Kyaw Kyaw Htoo in the men's 54-kilo Taekwondo event and Thiri Tint Lwin in the women's 47-kilo Taekwondo event.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win pressing the button to unveil the signboard of multimedia classrooms of Kyikha BEHS on 27-11-2005. — MNA

Entrepreneurs urged to...

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carrying out sericulture tasks for many years, entrepreneurs are to cooperate each other to seek ways and means for development of their businesses and production of quality silk. Departments concerned will give necessary assistance to them. He urged all to extend breeding of mythum. And, all are to make efforts for development of the township as well as the state.

The Prime Minister donated exercise books and refreshment to the township and cash donations to the medical funds through officials.

After the ceremony, they inspected Township Hospital (16-bed). At Tonzang BEHS, the Prime Minister inspected the multimedia classrooms and construction of two-storey building and cordially met with teachers and students.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Tel-

egraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented cash donations to the funds of the school through the headmaster. In the afternoon, they proceeded to Kyikha Myohtit and met with local authorities and local

development tasks and unity of local national people. Afterwards, they oversaw Kyikha Station Hospital.

At Kyikha BEHS, Minister for Education Dr



Prime Minister General Soe Win views round multimedia teaching centre in Kyikha BEHS. — MNA

The Government has been making concerted efforts for the equitable development of the Union, for narrowing the gap between one region and another and for improving the social quality of life of the people. Now, local people in Chin State realise the genuine goodwill of the Government.

people. After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister made cash donations to the funds of Kyikha Station Hospital.

The Prime Minister cordially conversed with those present, and explained arrangements being made for prevalence of law and order and administrative machinery of Kyikha region, carrying out of

Chan Nyein, Headmaster U Lam Za Khaing and Chairman of School Board of Trustees formally opened the new school building. The Prime Minister unveiled the multimedia classrooms.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun presented cash to the funds of the school through the school head. While in Kyikha, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected the telephone station of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications.

They proceeded to the cargo yard of Border Trade Department in Haingwa Village in Reedkhardar of Falam Township. Staff Officer U Soe Oo of BTD reported on progress of the cargo yard's functions and export and import tasks. Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein gave a supplementary report.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein heard reports on export items presented by officials.

Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye explained arrangements for producing export items that can earn foreign exchange.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on functions for the cargo yard.

At Reedkhardar Pig Breeding Farm, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein reported on establishment of the pig farm, and farm manager Dr Htoo Myint Aung on sales of pig to other country and

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Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects Reedkhardar pig farm in Falam Township. — MNA

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 earning of income. A total of 148 pigs are being bred in the farm.

They inspected Reedkthodar Hospital.

At the Reedkthodar Town Administrative Office, they met with officials and local people. The Prime Minister discussed matters related to development of the town, assistance to be provided by the State to the town and cultivating Union Spirit.

At Reedkthodar BEHS, they viewed the school buildings and the site for construction of a new building.

In the evening, they flew to Tiddim. At the office of Tiddim Township Hall, the Prime Minister heard reports on better transport

vated 136,416 tea plants on 32.80 acres of land. In Tiddim, 1,762 acres of land were put under tea plant.

Afterwards, the prime minister and party proceeded to Tiddim Silk Factory of the Myanmar Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise and inspected sample of silk produced by the factory and production process of silk. At the briefing hall, an official reported on production of silk at silk factories in Tiddim and PyinOoLwin and future plans.

During his inspection tour of Tonzang, Kyikha, Reedkthodar and Tiddim, Prime Minister General Soe Win called for extended cultivation of season crops by de-



Prime Minister General Soe Win in his inspection of Kyikha Station Hospital (16-bed) in Kyikha. — MNA

Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. Only then, will the living standard of local people be improved, he added.

Moreover, other

Especially, with the assistance of the Government, education, health, transportation, water and electricity supply and tele-communication

have been established in Haka, Tiddim and Falam and specialists are providing health care services to local people.

The Government has been making concerted efforts for the equitable development of the Union, for narrowing the gap between one region and another and for improving the quality of life of the people. Now, local people in Chin State realise the genuine goodwill of the Government.

Therefore, local people are to carry out development tasks for the region and for the nation in cooperation with the Government.

In conclusion, the prime minister said as unity is the strength, the local people, authorities and members of social

organizations are to carry out development tasks in unity.

During the inspection tour, the prime minister provided assistance to local people.

On 28 November, Lt-Gen Ye Myint also met with officers and other ranks and their families at local battalion in Tiddim.

On 28 November, Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Central Executive Committee Members of USDA Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko also met with the secretary, executives and members of Tiddim Township USDA.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects Tonzang Township People's Hospital. — MNA

of Tiddim-Falam Road, cultivation of paddy, breeding mythum, growing of over 1,700 acres of tea plantation and 400 acres of mulberry plantations, more power supply and progress of education, health and economic sectors of the township by officials.

Afterwards, the prime minister fulfilled the requirements for Tiddim Township.

After the ceremony, Prime Minister General Soe Win went to Training School for Progress of National Races and the vocational training school in the township and inspected the training.

On 28 November, the prime minister and party inspected tea plantation of departments in Tiddim.

Departments culti-

plying highland cultivation methods.

Climate and soil of Chin State is suitable to tea, and so far 10,000 acres of tea has been cultivated.

He also urged local authorities and residents to put more energies into cultivation of tea with the assistance of

cash crops and perennials and paddy should be grown extensively in the region while raising domesticated wild ox and pig extensively, he added.

The prime minister continued to say that during the inspection tour, they witnessed the development of the towns.

tions sectors have developed, he said.

A university and colleges have been established in Kale in northern Chin State and higher education such as computer science and engineering science are now within the reach of local students.

Modern hospitals

Local people are to carry out development tasks for the region and for the nation in cooperation with the Government.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets with officers and other ranks and family members at local regiment in Kyikha. — MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects the site for construction of GTC and University of Computer Studies in Kyaukphya Village, Myeik Township.—MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects construction of Myeik GTC...

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reported on salient points of the university, courses conducted and progress of work and Engineer-in-Charge of Yuzana Construction Co Ltd U Khin Oo on progress of work.

In meeting with faculty members, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said the government is building a democratic nation and he spoke of the need for them to participate in the tasks for development of human resources.

He inspected construction of convocation



Construction of Myeik University in progress.—MNA

hall.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo also inspected construction of four operation theatres at Myeik General Hospital, construction of roads and port and development tasks.

They arrived back here yesterday.

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Home Affairs Minister inspects relief camps for fire victims

YANGON, 30 Nov — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo yesterday inspected the relief camps—Hline Gymnasium, Kyaikkasan Grounds and the Bayintnaung Transit Centre—where fire victims are being accommodated.

He also met with the fire victims and comforted them. The minister gave instructions to officials concerned on relief measures.

The fire broke out in Hline Township on 28 November gutting 1,557 homes and leaving 1,962 families homeless.

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NCC Work Committee holds coord meeting



NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe addresses coordination meeting of NCC Work Committee.—MNA

YANGON, 30 Nov—The National Convention Convening Work Committee held a coordination meeting at its office of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung,

Secretary U Thuang Nyunt, Joint-Secretaries and work committee members.

Chairman of NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe presided over the meeting.

Joint-Secretary-1 U Khin Maung Myint

acted as master of ceremonies.

First, NCC Work Committee U Aung Toe delivered an opening address. Vice-Chairman U Aye Maung and Secretary U Thuang Nyunt discussed tasks related to the National Convention to be

reconvened on 5 December.

Next, members of the NCC Work Committee took part in the discussions.

The meeting ended with the remarks by NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe.

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National Convention delegates arrive

YANGON, 30 Nov—The National Convention delegates from states and

divisions arrived here by air this morning.

The delegates

arriving here were from Thaninthayi Division and Shan State (North). They were welcomed at Yangon international airport by Chairman Col Htein Lin of the Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee, member Col Soe Myint and officials and transported by car to Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, where the National Convention will resume.—MNA

National Convention Delegates of Shan State (North) arrive at Yangon International Airport. °
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MWAF provides cash assistance for needy eye patients

YANGON, 30 Nov— The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation this morning made cash donations to needy eye patients from Hmawby Township who are warded in Yangon Eye Hospital.

President of MWAF Daw Than Than Nwe, Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint, heads of department, leaders of work groups and members arrived at the hospital at 10 pm. Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Director-General of the Health Department Dr Tin Win



President of MWAF Daw Than Than Nwe presents K 880,000 to Medical Superintendent of Yangon Eye Specialist Hospital. —MNA

Maung, Medical Superintendent Dr M Jar Naw and ophthalmologists. They comforted the

patients from Hmawby Township who will undergo operations, and the patients who have received treatments since last week. The patients received medical checks in the township under the programmes implemented by the health section of the work committee of social and cultural affairs of MWAF in October.

Members of the MWAF presented K 880,000 for performing operations on the patients to the medical superintendent.

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President of MWAF Daw Than Than Nwe and members comfort an eye patient from Hmawby Township at Yangon Eye Specialist Hospital. —MNA

USDA opens Basic Journalism Course No 3

YANGON, 30 Nov — A ceremony to open Basic Journalism Course No 3, organized by Union Solidarity and Development Association, was held at the hall of the association on University Avenue in Bahan Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Secretariat member of USDA U Thaug, CEC members U Aung Min, U Thein Swe, U Thein Aung, U Aung Thein Lin, U Than Htay and U Nyan Tun Aung, course instructors, officials concerned of USDA, regional coordinators and trainees.

First, Secretariat member U Thaug delivered an address on the occasion, saying that the present world had been an age of information technology and a global village.

In an IT age, some big nations were interfering in internal affairs of sovereign states aiming mainly at jeopardizing stability of theirs through international media by taking advantage of development of IT

technologies. Some big nations were candidly performing adverse information called disinformation to deceive the people to have a wrong outlook by using print media and electronic media. Through media, they support the countries, individuals or organizations who are their lackeys with positive attitude but attack those who do not yield their influence.

During the course, the experienced course instructors would give lectures on national policies, development of the State, news writing, hunting for news, newspaper production, set up of publishing houses, common mistakes in Myanmar writing, advanced media, news photos and TV camera shooting, radio journalism, news editing, basic composing of poems and cartoon drawing. USDA was constantly training its members for ensuring their physical and mental skills. The members were to understand the values of the Union, friendship,



Secretariat Member of USDA Minister U Thaug delivers an address at the opening ceremony of Basic Journalism Course organized by USDA. —MNA

Cash, relief supplies provided to fire victims in Hline Township

YANGON, 30 Nov — With the sponsorship of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, a ceremony to provide the fire victims with cash assistance, clothing, household goods and medicine was held at the fire relief camp of No 1 Transit Centre (Bayintnaung) in Hline Township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Chairperson of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, deputy ministers, heads of department, members of social organizations, resident representatives of UN organizations, wellwishers, the fire victims and officials.

During the ceremony, Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung accepted the donations— K 200,000 by Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay, K 100,000 by Chairperson of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Myo Thu, relief supplies worth K 120 million by Myanmar Red Cross Society, relief supplies worth K 5 million by families of Bayintnaung Market, K 2 million by Yangon Crown Foundry Workshop, six kinds of relief items for 1200 households by the Ministry of SWRR, K 300,070 by U Thein Maung and Daw Pa Pa (Sandi Traditional Medicine), 720 pairs of shoes worth K 300,000 by U Mya Thein (Panyoma Shoes Service), clothing, medicine and household goods worth K 40 million, relief items by MMCWA and MWAF, relief items worth K 500,000 by Golden Super Height Company and K 100,000 by Yangon Division Police Force and MCWA. After the donations, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa expressed his thanks.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and officials concerned inspected measures being taken for accommodation, health care services and food and met with the fire victims and comforted them at the relief camp.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and officials went to Kyaikkansan Grounds in Tamway Township. The minister accepted the donations— cash assistance K 1 million by Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council, K 1 million by Myanmar Oil Dealers Association, 500 bags of rice by Myanmar Merchants Association, clothing, relief items and medicines by the Ministry of SWRR and MMCWA and K 5 million by Taw Win Construction Company, expressed his thanks, cordially met the fire victims and comforted them.

As the first-phase presentation of relief items, committee member of Yangon City Development Committee U Kyaw Soe and officials of USDA handed 25 kinds of relief items to the fire victims at three relief camps this afternoon. — MNA



Fire victims accept assistance provided by MMCWA. —MNA

solidarity and peace, and sovereignty. The members were to safeguard the State through Union patriotic spirit and to actively participate in building of a new modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

A total of 56 trainees are attending a nine-week course.

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 compacts, salt and sugar
 containers, table plates, trays
 for household purposes, all
 these made of precious
 metals or coated therewith
 Jewellery, precious stones,
 horological and chronomet-
 ric instruments".
 Fraudulent imitation or
 unauthorised use of the said
 Trade Mark will be dealt
 with according to law.

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 Dated: 1 December 2005

**HK seizes
 suspected
 smuggled
 goods of \$13m**

HONG KONG, 29 Nov
 — Hong Kong Marine
 Police seized suspected
 smuggled goods worth of
 1.3 million US dollars off
 east of South Ninepin
 Island on Sunday and
 arrested eight men related
 to the case.

The goods were
 seized from a cargo vessel
 heading towards waters of
 the Mainland on Sunday
 morning, when Hong
 Kong's marine police was
 conducting anti-illegal
 immigration and smug-
 gling operation on the sea.
MNA/Xinhua

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 Polybag and Printing company requires highly qualified
 and self-motivated individuals for the following: Salary will be
 offered according to the experience and individual abilities. (Ferry
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(1) Production Management Manager	- 1 Posts(M)
-B.E or B.TECH(P&R, M.P.EP)	
(2) PEPP Technician	- 2 Posts(M/F)
-B.E or AGTI (P&R, M.P.EP)	
(3) Operator	- 5 Posts(M)
-AGTI(P&R, M.P.EP)	
(4) Marketing (Supervisor or Manager)	- 1 Post(M/F)
-Any Graduate & Chinese language	
(5) Senior Accountant	- 1 Post(M/F)
-B.com (or) LCCI Level 3 (Age under 40)	
(6) Office Staff	- 2 Posts(M/F)
-Any Graduate	
-Can Operate Computer (Graphic Design)	

Must have minimum 3 years experience in PEPP control machine
 for film printing factory and can speak English for position
 1&2 (will be getting overseas training). Applicants who can speak
 English and operate computer are preferable for position 5 and
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 recent photos, to the following address. (Walk in interview!)

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**British police quiz teen
 over police officer killing**
 LONDON, 29 Nov—
 Bradford.
 British police said they
 were still quizzing on
 Monday a teenager
 arrested in connection
 with the murder of
 Bradford policewoman
 Sharon Beshenivsky,
 gunned down as she
 answered an emergency
 call about an armed
 robbery.
 The 19-year-old was
 arrested in Birmingham
 on Saturday and is now being
 questioned at a police
 station in West Yorkshire.
 Police refused to
 name him, but media said
 he was Yusuf Jama, one
 of three men wanted in
 connection with the
 murder.
 Beshenivsky, 38, a
 mother of three children
 and two step-children, was
 killed last week after she
 and fellow officer Teresa
 Milburn responded to an
 armed robbery at a travel
 agency in the centre of

**US Court
 allows thief's
 "I stole mail"
 punishment
 sign**
 WASHINGTON, 29 Nov
 —The US Supreme Court
 on Monday allowed a
 California man to be
 sentenced to spend a day
 outside a San Francisco
 post office wearing a
 signboard stating, "I stole
 mail. This is my punish-
 ment".
 The justices rejected
 an appeal by Shawn
 Gementera, who argued
 that this was designed to
 publicly shame and
 humiliate him.
 He said it violated the
 Sentencing Reform Act
 and the constitutional ban
 on cruel and unusual
 punishment.
 Gementera pleaded
 guilty to mail theft after
 the police arrested him and
 an accomplice in 2001 for
 stealing letters from
 several mailboxes in San
 Francisco.
 US District Judge
 Vaughn Walker in 2003
 sentenced Walker to
 two months in prison,
 to be followed by three
 years of supervised
 release.
MNA/Reuters

site of the crime.
 On Monday her
 husband Paul told of the
 family's devastation at her
 death, saying the news left
 him feeling as "if my guts
 had been ripped out".
 "It's like she's still with
 me. I can't bring myself to
 think she's not going to
 come through that door
 or be here tomorrow,"
 newspapers quoted him as
 saying.
 "We had so many
 things to do, the rest of our
 lives.
 How do you fill those
 holes when you can't fill
 them together? Those
 holes seem like bottomless
 pits."— *MNA/Reuters*

**DON'T
 SMOKE**

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New Chinese historic sites granted certificates of world heritage

BEIJING, 30 Nov— A batch of Chinese historic sites, including the historic centre of Macao, were granted the certificates of world heritage here on Monday.

Chinese State Councillor Chen Zhili, Edmund Ho Hau Wah, chief executive of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and Koichiro Matsuura, director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) attended the certificate awarding ceremony in Beijing.

The historic centre of Macao was added to the World Heritage List at the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee, held in Durban, South Africa, in July this year. The heritage in Macao comprises about two dozen monuments, including the Buddhist Ma Kok Temple, the Catholic Holy House of Mercy, the Old City Walls, the Fortress Hill and a number of churches. The relics, most are still in use, have witnessed the earliest pervasion of Western religious culture in the oriental continent as well as its ensuing coexistence with the local culture. The other sites awarded the certificates include the capital cities and tombs of the ancient Koguryo Kingdom of China, the three imperial mausoleums dedicated to first and second emperors and the two empresses of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), as well as to the ancestors of the emperors, all in Shenyang, capital of Liaoning Province, and the Shenyang Imperial Palace of the early Qing Dynasty.— *MNA/Xinhua*



Destroyed houses are seen after a 5.9-magnitude earthquake hit the Qeshm Island in the Persian Gulf, Iran, on 28 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Canada urges wider global warming fight

MONTREAL, 29 Nov— Host Canada urged a wider fight against global warming at the start of 189-country talks on Monday that will try to enlist the United States and poor nations in UN-led schemes to fight climate change beyond 2012.

"Let us set our sights on a more effective, more inclusive long-term approach to climate change," Canadian Environment Minister Stephane Dion told the opening of the UN conference in Montreal, which lasts until 9 December. "More action is required now," Dion told delegates at the talks, likely to involve up to 10,000 representatives of governments, environmental groups and businesses, charged with working out how to limit emissions of heat-trapping gases from fossil fuels.

The talks will start mapping out what to do after

the UN's Kyoto Protocol, a first step by about 40 industrial nations to curb emissions, runs out in 2012. Negotiations on a successor could take several years. The Montreal session included actors and video images showing the risks of a changing climate — including more frequent hurricanes, ice storms, desertification, locust swarms, forest fires, floods and melting ice caps. Dion said climate change was the single most important environmental issue facing the world today.

He did not mention Washington by name but the United States, the

world's biggest polluter, and Australia have pulled out of Kyoto, denouncing its caps on emissions as an economic straitjacket.

"A targets and timetables approach will not work for us," chief US climate negotiator Harlan Watson told Reuters, reiterating the Bush Administration's opposition to Kyoto-style caps. Washington favours an approach with big investments in new technologies like hydro-gen or research into burying carbon dioxide, the main industrial gas blamed for warming the planet.

MNA/Reuters

Study shows vaccine can block bird flu spread in poultry

WASHINGTON, 29 Nov— Vaccines can protect poultry from bird flu and block viral spread between birds, showed a Dutch study published in the Monday issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Researchers in the Netherlands tested two vaccines targeting the H7N7 bird-flu strain, and found the vaccines were effective in stopping the spread of the viral strain between chickens.

The study was conducted after reports of asymptomatic chickens shedding virus after vaccination. Previous research found vaccination could protect individual chickens from falling ill with various flu strains.

In the study, healthy vaccinated chickens were housed together with infected ones. Researchers found the

virus' reproduction rate was brought down enough to enable only a small number of new infections in the two weeks after inoculation. Some transmission occurred in the first following week, reported JA van der Groot and colleagues from the Netherlands' Central Institute for Animal Disease Control.

The researchers said the vaccines worked at different levels of effectiveness, and this made it necessary for health authorities to test vaccines' ability before poultry inoculation.

MNA/Xinhua

Online sales surge in US as holiday shopping season kicks off

LOS ANGELES, 29 Nov— Online sales are expected to surge in the upcoming year-end shopping season as consumers flock to the comparison shopping websites for their holiday purchases, a Los Angeles-based website said on Sunday.

Comparison shopping service PriceGrabber.com said its website saw a 77 per cent increase in the number of shoppers over last year's Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving that is considered the kick-off to the retail holiday shopping season.

PriceGrabber-generated customer referrals to merchants led to more than 192 million dollars in sales on Friday, with an average order referral of 420 dollars, according to the website.

Online shopping trends indicate that sales of apparel will increase by 394 per cent over last year, while home and garden sales are expected to be up 296 per cent, jewellery up 211 per cent, sporting goods up 180 per cent and electronics up 44 per cent.

At PriceGrabber, digital cameras

were the top selling product on Friday, followed by gaming consoles, clothing, MP3 players and plasma TVs.

According to a PriceGrabber.com survey released earlier this month, more than 50 per cent of online shoppers started their holiday gift shopping before Thanksgiving.

Despite the early start, 75 per cent of the shoppers said they still expect to be shopping within the last five days before Christmas.

Jupiter Research, a leading international research advisory organization specializing in business and technology market, said holiday sales will reach 26 billion dollars this year in the United States, up 18 per cent over last year.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese actress Kaori Momoi, Malaysian actress Michelle Yeoh, Chinese actress Zhang Ziyi and Japanese actor Ken Watanabe smile during a news conference for their new movie 'Memoirs of a Geisha' in Tokyo on 28 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Rui Costa guides AC Milan to Italian Cup win

MILAN, 30 Nov—Portuguese midfielder Rui Costa scored one goal and laid on another to steer AC Milan to a 3-1 win over Serie B club Brescia in their Italian Cup fourth round, first-leg match on Tuesday.

Milan, who rested a number of first-team regulars, went ahead in the 26th minute when Rui Costa fired home from the edge of the area after being set up by Georgian defender Kakha Kaladze.

Rui Costa also created the second goal, taking the corner which Italy striker Alberto Gilardino headed home five minutes before the break.

Lithuanian Marius Stankevicius brought Brescia back into the tie with a 48th-minute header from a cross by former Inter Milan midfielder Luigi DiBiagio. Carlo Ancelotti's Milan restored their two-goal advantage in the 69th minute after a well-taken

shot from inside the area by Christian Vieri.

On Wednesday, Parma host Inter Milan and Serie B side Atalanta are at home to Udinese.

The most attractive tie of the week is on Thursday when Fiorentina, third in Serie A, take on champions Juventus.

The remaining four ties take place next week with the return legs in the second week of January.

MNA/Reuters

Alaves sign Brazilian midfielder Elton Giovanni

MADRID, 30 Nov—Alaves have signed Brazilian midfielder Elton Giovanni from Santos on a free transfer, the Primera Liga club said on Tuesday.

The 22-year-old, who has played for Brazil at youth level, will join up with the squad and train in Spain until he can officially play in January.

MNA/Reuters

Doncaster stun Villa with 3-0 League Cup win

LONDON, 30 Nov—Third division Doncaster Rovers pulled off the biggest shock of their 126-year history on Tuesday when they beat Premier League Aston Villa 3-0 to reach the League Cup quar-

ter-finals for the first time.

Doncaster, who returned to the Football League only two years ago after dropping to the Conference in 1998, fully deserved their victory and could easily have had more goals against a full-strength Villa team who barely mustered a shot.

In the night's other two games the Premier League teams went through as Arsenal beat Reading 3-0 at Highbury and Birmingham City beat Millwall on penalties after a 2-2 draw in London.

Doncaster, who knocked out Manchester City on penalties in the last round, looked confident from the start as 10,500 fans packed the Belle Vue Stadium, their

biggest crowd for 30 years.

They took the lead in the 20th minute with a Michael McIndoe penalty and doubled it seven minutes into the second half with a Paul Hefferman shot.

Villa were then frustrated as a penalty appeal for a foul on Milan Baros was rejected and the five-time winners of the trophy never looked like matching their escape of the previous round when they came from 3-1 down at halftime to beat Wycombe Wanderers 8-3.

Doncaster's previous best in the tournament was the fifth round in 1976 and they made sure of surpassing that 11 minutes from time when Irish midfielder Sean Thornton lashed in the third goal from 20 metres.—MNA/Reuters



Millwall's Alan Dunne, left, celebrates with team-mates after scoring the equaliser against Birmingham City during the English League Cup, fourth round match at the New Den, south east London, on 29 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Peace team loses narrowly to Barcelona

BARCELONA, 30 Nov—Spanish champions Barcelona beat a joint Israeli-Palestinian soccer team 2-1 on Tuesday in a "match for peace" aimed at promoting reconciliation in the Middle East.

A large crowd of 31,820 turned out at Barcelona's famous Nou Camp stadium for the good-humoured and sporting match in which both sides' efforts were applauded equally.

Barcelona scored two goals within five minutes in the second half through Deco and Maxi Lopez while the Israeli-Palestinian side pulled one back through Israeli winger Abas Suan.

The match was backed by the Peres Centre for Peace, a foundation set up by veteran Israeli politician Shimon Peres.

It was aimed at build-

ing understanding and respect between Israelis and Palestinians and at contributing to the quest for Middle East peace.

The "Peace Team" included Israeli internationals and Palestinian players from the occupied West Bank. Peres watched the game with Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos while another supporter of the initiative, actor Sean Connery, took the honorary kick-off.

Each side had chances in a goalless first half.

Cameroon international striker Samuel Eto'o had three good goal attempts before he was replaced after half an hour by Swede Henrik Larsson.

Israeli goalkeeper Nir Davidovich saved one Eto'o strike in the 21st minute and dived at the striker's feet to stop him three minutes later.

Brazilian playmaker Ronaldinho, who was crowned European Footballer of the Year on Monday, showed flashes of brilliance before he was substituted in the second half.

The "Peace Team's" best first-half chance came in the 15th minute when Idan Tal went clean through, but instead of shooting he tried to square the ball to Avi Nimni and it was cut out by a Barcelona defender.

Both teams made sweeping changes at halftime but the second period turned out to be more entertaining.

Deco scored with a right-footed lob after a backheel from Lopez after 59 minutes. Lopez then made it 2-0 with a tap-in in the 64th from a cross by Ludovic Giuly.

Suan pulled a goal back after 67 minutes when he latched onto a flick from Baruch Dego and volleyed it past Barcelona's substitute keeper Ruben Martinez Andrade from close range.

The match was held in Barcelona a day after leaders and ministers from the 25 European Union countries and 10 Mediterranean partners, including Israelis and Palestinians, ended a two-day summit in the city.—MNA/Reuters

Besiktas fine Ailton \$100,000 for red card offence

ANKARA, 30 Nov—Brazilian striker Ailton has been fined 100,000 US dollars by his Turkish club Besiktas after being sent off during their league match at Sivasspor on Saturday.

Ailton was shown the red card in the 24th minute after kicking an opponent in the groin.

"Ailton, who got a red card in the last league match against Sivasspor, has been fined 100,000 US dollars," the Besiktas board said in a statement dated November 28. The team's French coach Jean Tigana said in Tuesday: "I did not see what happened with Ailton, but I will not criticize the referee's decision. If our player was shown a red card there, we have to believe the referee."—MNA/Reuters

Relief for Real, Luxemburgo, Barcelona seek perfection

MADRID, 29 Nov—Real Madrid coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo believes his side are turning the corner after they scored twice in as many minutes to draw 2-2 at Real Sociedad in the Primera Liga on Sunday.

"The players saved everyone's heads, not only mine," Luxemburgo said.

"We put on a good display, fighting right till the very end and equalized in very trying circumstances," Luxemburgo added.

"I saw more commitment from the players and they all seemed up for it from the start. We are all keen to move forward now and today was an important step in the right direction."

Real suffered a humiliating 3-0 home defeat at the hands of arch-rivals Barcelona the previous weekend, when angry fans applauded the visitors.

A 1-1 draw with Olympique Lyon in the Champions League did little to improve the situation and director of football Arrigo Saachi rallied to Luxemburgo's defence on Friday saying the Brazilian's job

was not under threat.

Sociedad took a 2-0 lead on Sunday before goals from Raul Bravo and Zinedine Zidane, in the 87th and 88th minutes, salvaged a point.

But Real, sixth in the table, lost ground on leaders Barcelona who are six points ahead of them following their 4-1 hammering of Racing Santander at the Nou Camp.

Barca are level on 28 points with Osasuna, who maintained their perfect home record with a 3-2 win over Alaves, but top on goal difference.

Barcelona coach Frank Rijkaard tried to keep things in perspective after another scintillating display extended their winning streak to eight games, in which they have scored 28 goals and conceded just three.—MNA/Reuters



England's captain David Beckham (C) smiles as he poses with children to open The David Beckham Academy in London on 28 Nov, 2005. Beckham opened his London soccer academy alongside the Millennium Dome on Monday, just a short distance from where he was born.—INTERNET

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၂။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ မန္တလေးမြို့ရွေးကွက်များမှ ငရုပ်ဆီများမှာ အစားအသောက်တွင် သုံးခွင့်မပြုသော ဆိုးဆေးများ အသုံးပြုထားကြောင်း စိစစ်တွေ့ရှိရပါသဖြင့် စားသုံးရန်မသင့်သော ငရုပ်ဆီများဖြစ်ကြောင်း အသိပေးအပ်ပါသည်။

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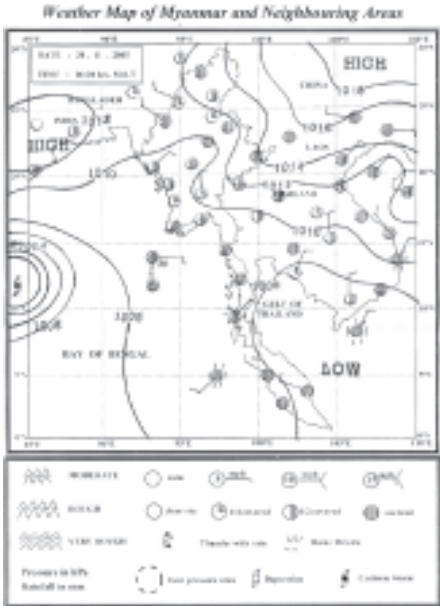
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broke out, officials and members of fire services tried to extinguish the blaze with the use of 53 fire engines and 10 vehicles.

The blaze died down at 11.15 am, and there were no human death and loss.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and officials arrived at the scene of the fire and supervised fire fighting and relief measures.

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WEATHER

Wednesday, 30 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin and Chin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (6°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division, (4°C) above normal in Mon State and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Coco Island (1.18) inches and Kawthong (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 29-11-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 30-11-2005 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 30-11-2005 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 29-11-2005 was (8.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 30-11-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (102.60) inches at Mingaladon, (101.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.46) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from North at (09:20) hours MST on 30-11-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's tropical storm 'Baaz' over Southwest Bay and adjoining Southeast Bay of Bengal has moved west-northwest wards and centred over Southwest Bay. It is centred about (280) miles southeast of Chennai, India and forecast to move west (or) northwest wards. Weather is cloudy in Southwest and Westcentral Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 1-12-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Rakhine State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Mon State, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight increase of night temperatures are likely in the southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-12-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-12-2005: Fair weather.

Storm News

(Issued at 10:30 hrs MST on 30-11-2005)

According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, yesterday's depression over Southwest Bay and adjoining Southeast Bay of Bengal has further intensified into tropical cyclone 'Baaz' over Southwest Bay. It is centred about (280) miles southeast of Chennai, India and forecast to move west (or) northwest wards.

Fire breaks out in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone

YANGON, 30 Nov — A fire broke out at the warehouse of Charming Garment Factory in Plot 38 on Seikkantha Street in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone-2 in Hlinethaya Township at 9 am today. As soon as the fire



Thursday, 1 December Tune in today

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: -Just to have you
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: -I'm gonna getcha good
- 8.50 am** National news / Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music: -Ain't that cute
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music: -Real life
- 1.30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music: -Sail on sailor -Let's this love again -You remind me of something -Just as long as I've got you -I'll be back for more
- 9.00pm** Aspects of Myanmar: Stop AIDS. Keep the promise (Dr Min Thwe)
- 9.10 pm** Article: Pourri
- 9.20 pm** Favourite songs chosen by music lovers: -Always on my mind (Elvis Presley) -Complicated heart (MLTR) -When I look into your eyes (Samira)
- 9.45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

Thursday, 1 December View on today

- 7:00 am** 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကျွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဝဂ္ဂ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဓဇာတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မွေဘာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am** 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am** 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am** 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am** 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:55 am** 6. Dance of national races
- 8:05 am** 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am** 8. အတပဒသဘာ
- 8:20 am** 9. ပေါင်းစည်းအင်အား ဧရာဝတီ မြစ်ကူးတံတားများ

- 8:30 am** 10. International news
- 8:45 am** 11. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm** 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm** 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm** 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm** 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm** 5. အစေးသင်တန်းကျွမ်းကျင်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနံပါတ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm** 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:20 pm** 7. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm** 8. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:45 pm** 9. "အဒိမ္မာစေတနာတပ်" (မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ မြတ်မာသီအောင်၊ နှင်းဝတ်ရည်သောင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)
- 5:50 pm** 10. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောစွမ်းမြင့်စိမ်းလန်းစေရမည်
- 6:00 pm** 11. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 6:10 pm** 12. "လှေစီးသုံးထစ်ဆင်းတဲ့အခါ" (အရိုင်း၊ မင်းသူ၊ အေးသီတာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်၊ (ဇီးနီစီ))
- 6:20 pm** 13. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm** 14. Evening news
- 7:00 pm** 15. Weather report
- 7:05 pm** 16. Musical programme
- 7:20 pm** 17. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:30 pm** 18. ကမ္ဘာ့စွမ်းအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါတိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ
- 7:45 pm** 19. အေအိုင်အိအက်စ်တိုက်ဖျက်ရုံအားလုံးပါဝင်ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်
- 8:00 pm** 20. News
- 21. International news.**
- 22. Weather report.**
- 23. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းထွဲ "မခွဲအထူ" (အရိုင်း-ဒုဒု)**
- 24. "မမှောင်သောအလင်း" (အရိုင်း-၂) မိုးသောကြာ၊ မြို့တော်၊ ရတနာစင်၊ (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)**
- 25. The next day's programme**

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



Prime Minister General Soe Win meets officials, members of social organizations and local people in Kyikha.— MNA

Entrepreneurs urged to...

(from page 1)

At the office of Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise in Tonzang, Chin State, Manager U Van Thong reported on cultivation of mulberry trees, breeding of silkworms and production of silk. The Chairman of Chin State PDC gave a supplementary report.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo briefed him on growing of mulberry plantations, and assistance provided by the ministry to breeding silkworms.

Prime Minister General Soe Win instructed officials to render necessary assistance to the entrepreneurs, and inspected production process of the sericulture industry.

At the town hall, local people submitted re-

ports on their requirements, and township level officials on betterment of Tonzang-Kyikha Road and development tasks. The chairman of Chin State PDC, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe gave supplementary reports.

After fulfilling the requirements, the Prime Minister said that as people of Tonzang has been (See page 8)

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects construction of Myeik Government Technological College

YANGON, 30 Nov —Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung Swe, Deputy

Commander Brig-Gen Hong Ngaing and military officers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments arrived at the site for construction of Myeik Government Technological College in Kyaukphya Village on 28 November.

Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe reported on construction of the college. The commander also reported on seeking the sites for the college and University of Computer Studies. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected the sites.

They went to the

briefing hall in Kyweku Village where Director of Taninthayi Division Development Affairs Committee U Tin Aung reported on establishment of Myeik Myothit with audio visual aids.

The commander reported on allotment of land for fisheries entrepreneurs, distribution of

construction materials, sale of low-cost housing project, choice of the sites for construction of the technological college and University of Computer Studies and repair of roads in the village.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo said Myeik is the capital of Taninthayi Division. Due to the yearly increas-

ing population arrangements for construction of Myothit is being made.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to the site of the main building of Myeik University. Rector U Thein Aung (See page 10)



Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets departmental officials in Kyweku Village in Myeik. — MNA

INSIDE

NAP is formed under the disease control division of department of Health. NAP has headquarters in Yangon and 43 teams located in all States and Divisions of the country. Along with the Ministry of Health, related ministries of the government, 7 UN agencies, 18 International NGOs, 17 local NGOs, and communities are participating in the national response against HIV and AIDS in Myanmar.

DR MIN THWE