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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife see off Chief of Army Staff of PRB and party

YANGON, 3 Dec — Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San saw off Chief of Army Staff of the People's Re-

public of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc and party at Yangon International Airport this afternoon.



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*After laying down the seven-point Road Map, the National Convention discussed the three important pillars for the future of Myanmar— three branches of State power— legislative, judiciary and executive sectors. Solutions were sought in the discussions without personal attachment, sectarianism, localism and doubt caused by the instigation of foreigners among the national races.*

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*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with Chief of Army Staff of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc at the airport.— MNA*



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San bid farewell to Chief of Army Staff of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc and wife at the airport.—H*

Together with Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, it was also accompanied by SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and their wives, Office of Chief of Military Affairs Security Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mohammed Khairuzzman, Military Attache Brig-General Helal Uddin Ahmed, psc and their wives and officials.

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Endeavour for national development through own resources

Myanmar with a favourable climatic condition is rich in natural resources. With the aim of serving the long-term interest of all the national brethren, enhancing the living standard and forging national solidarity, the government is making efforts in all seriousness to bring about equitable development across the nation.

Prime Minister General Soe Win, accompanied by officials, on 29 and 30 November went on an inspection tour of Sagaing Division where he looked into Manipura Multi-purpose Dam Project, Myittha Dam Project and Ayadaw-2 River Water Pumping Project and gave necessary instructions.

During his inspection tour, Prime Minister General Soe Win met with members of division, district and township PDCs, departmental officials, social organizations and townsenders at the town hall in Monywa and stressed the need for the entire national people to strive together with the government for national development, relying on own technologies and resources since the strength of a nation lies within.

Thanks to concerted efforts of service personnel, members of social organizations and local people under the correct leadership of the government, remarkable progress has been made across the Union.

With the emergence of a cluster of dams and reservoirs and river water pumping stations, Sagaing Division is now able to engage in extended cultivation of monsoon paddy, summer paddy and a variety of crops. As the division has produced over 50 million baskets of paddy in surplus, it has turned out to be the granary of Upper Myanmar.

The government is making continued efforts for the emergence of more irrigation facilities in its drive for development of the agricultural sector.

At present, Manipura Multi-purpose Dam in Kale Township, Sagaing Division is under construction to prevent the widespread flooding of the plains along Myittha river including lower regions of Kelewa. On completion, it will be able to benefit 50,000 acres of farmland and generate 300 megawatts.

Likewise, Myittha Dam being constructed in Gangaw Township will be able to benefit 12,000 acres of farmland and generate 40 megawatts.

As the government is building development infrastructures to narrow development gap between the hilly regions and the plains, it is incumbent upon each and every citizen to lend themselves to the project.

Hence, local authorities and residents of Sagaing Division are to throw themselves into national development tasks, relying on own technologies and resources.



In memory of late U Myint Thein and parents of both sides, Dr Thein Oak Kyaw Myint-Dr Khin Myint Aye and family of Yankin Township present K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board member 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

### Bangladeshi Army delegation tours PyinOoLwin, Mandalay, Bagan Archaeological Region, Mt Popa Park



Bangladeshi Lt-Gen Moeen U Ahmed, psc and wife view scenic beauty of Mount Popa.— MNA

YANGON, 3 Dec — Accompanied by Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Bangladeshi Defence Attaché Brig-Gen Helal Uddin Ahmed, psc and wife and officials, the Bangladeshi goodwill delegation led by Chief of Army Staff of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Lieutenant-General Moeen U Ahmed, psc, and wife left here by special Tatmadaw aircraft on 30 November.

On arrival at Anisakhan Airport in PyinOoLwin, they were welcomed by Rector of Defence Services Academy Brig-Gen Nyi Tun and senior military officers.

The goodwill delegation proceeded to Defence Services Technological Academy where Rector Brig-Gen Win Myint and senior military officers welcomed and explained the history of the academy and academic matters. Brig-Gen Win Myint and Lieutenant-General Moeen U Ahmed, psc exchanged souvenirs and posed for group photo.

At DSA, Commandant Brig-Gen Nyi Tun and officials welcomed and explained the history and academic matters of DSA. After signing in the visitors' book, Brig-Gen Nyi Tun and Lieutenant-General Moeen U Ahmed, psc exchanged souvenirs.

The visiting delegation went to National Kandawgyi Gardens where Chairman of PyinOoLwin District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Mon and officials welcomed and conducted them round the gardens.

On arrival at Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace

in Mandalay, Director U Aye Maung of Archaeology Department briefed them on the background history of the palace. At Mandalay Hill, the Bangladeshi delegation visited the pagoda and enjoyed scenic beauty of Mandalay at sunset.

In the evening, Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting Bangladeshi delegation at the Central Command Headquarters. After the dinner, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Lieutenant-General Moeen U Ahmed, psc exchanged souvenirs.

On 1 December, the goodwill delegation left Mandalay International Airport for Bagan-NyaungU. Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win and wife and senior military officers saw off the guests.

At Bagan-NyaungU Airport, they were welcomed by Magway Division PDC Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe and wife and officials. While in Bagan-NyaungU, the guests visited Bagan Archaeological Museum, and U Ba Nyein Lacquerware Industry. The Bangladeshi delegation visited Mount Popa Park, and Bagan Archaeological Region.

In the evening, Col Phone Maw Shwe hosted a dinner in honour of the Bangladeshi delegation at Tatmadaw Guest House. On 2 December, the goodwill delegation left for Yangon. Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials saw them off at Bagan-NyaungU Airport.

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### Track & Field, Wushu teams arrive back

YANGON, 3 Dec — The victorious Track & Field Team and Wushu Team that participated in the XXIII SEA Games arrived back here on 1 December evening.

Myanmar's Track & Field Team won four gold and three silver medals, and Wushu Team bagged two gold, three silver and eight bronze medals in the XXIII SEA Games being held in the Philippines.

Track & Field Team was headed by President of Myanmar Track & Field Federation U Teza and Wushu Team was led by President of Myanmar Wushu Federation U Khin Maung Lay.

Chairperson of Central Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye and officials of the Ministry of Sports welcomed back the athletes at Yangon International Airport.

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Victorious Myanmar Wushu Team being welcomed back at the airport.— NLM



# UN says quake-hit Pakistan in urgent need of winterized tents

ISLAMABAD, 3 Dec — Winterized tents are urgently needed in the earthquake-hit areas of Pakistan for survivors to get through winter, United Nations officials said at a Press conference here on Friday.

UN coordinator in Pakistan Jan Vandemoortele told reporters that the first heavy snowfalls in the last week of November marked the beginning of the winter period in the affected areas. He outlined the key objectives in December:

— To ensure the continued provision of assistance and support for an estimated 35,000 to 38,000 people who will choose to remain in their homes in remote locations.

— To support the provision and management of sufficient and appropriate camp accommodation, where required, and assistance to populations at lower elevations. The planning figure in planned and self-settled camps for the period of December is 250,000 people.

— To ensure that the protection and assistance needs of particularly vulnerable populations are met, including women and children, orphans, unaccompanied and separated children, those affected

mentally and physically by the earthquake, the newly-widowed, single-parent headed households, and the elderly.

“The worst enemy now is not cold and mountains but complacency and pessimism,” Vandemoortele said.

At the same occasion, Darren Boisvert, a spokesman for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Islamabad said that 90 per cent of the 420,000 tents distributed in

the quake-hit areas were not meant for cold winter, adding that some of them could be winterized but others should be replaced.

Vandemoortele mentioned that the green tents provided by China were sufficient to resist cold winter in the quake-affected areas in Pakistan.

On November 12, a total of 13,000 winterized cotton tents donated by China were handed over to the Pakistani authorities.

MNA/Xinhua

# CIA planes land at European airports for over 300 times

LONDON, 2 Dec — The British daily *Guardian* reported on Thursday CIA planes carrying clandestine prisoners have made over 300 landings at European airports, saying it had seen flight logs of these planes.

The paper said the flight logs revealed that the CIA visited Germany 96 times and Britain 80 times, and the figure rose to more

than 200 if CIA charter flights were included.

France was only visited twice and Austria not at all, the paper said.

The logs also showed regular trips to Eastern Europe, where the alleged secret CIA prisons were located.— MNA/Xinhua

# US troops attacked by guerillas in Ramadi

BAGHDAD, 2 Dec — Al-Qaeda militant group in Iraq launched mortar attacks on US bases in the flash point city of Ramadi as gunmen seized its streets on Thursday, residents said.

Hundreds of armed men heavily pounded a building used by the US troops as a base in the city and the government building, said the residents.

They said leaflets were distributed all over the city claiming that the al-Qaeda militant group, led by the Jordanian borne Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, has taking over the city, some 110 kilometres west of Baghdad.

A statement on the leaflets said the guerillas shot down a US plane. US Army did not immediately comment on the information from Ramadi.

Ramadi has long been a bastion of unrest against US and Iraqi Government troops. US and Iraqi troops waged series of offensives in the volatile Anbar Province during the past few weeks to clear the region from guerillas.— MNA/Xinhua

# Mexico opposes US plan to build more barriers along border

MEXICO CITY, 2 Dec — Mexican Foreign Secretary Luis Ernesto Derbez said Wednesday that Mexico opposed the US plan to build more separation walls along the border between the two countries.

The plan will not help resolve the problem of illegal migration that bothers the two countries, Derbez told reporters.

The Mexican objection to the walls is not directed against the United States or President George W. Bush but rather



Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej reviews the honour guard in Bangkok on 2 Dec, 2005. — INTERNET

# Sex trafficking family jailed in Britain

LONDON, 2 Dec — Five Albanian men have been sentenced for a total of 63 years for running a chain of brothels employing young women trafficked to Britain from Lithuania.

The 1.8 million-pound (3.1 million US dollars) operation run by the Demarku brothers involved girls as young as 16. And some girls were forced to entertain up to 20 clients a day in a series of west

London brothels, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) news reported on Thursday.

Ringleaders Agron Demarku, 22, and his brother Flamur, 34, were given 18 years and Izzet Fejzullahu, 32, got 14 years.

Bedari Demarku, 22 — acquitted of the most serious charge of causing sex without consent — got eight years and his brother Xhevair, 29, five years.

Xhevair had pleaded guilty to trafficking within Britain and conspiracy to control prostitution before the start of the 11-week trial at Southwark Crown Court

in London.

Judge Anthony Pitts said it was a despicable trade with “echoes of slavery” which could not be tolerated by a civilized society. He ordered all five men to be deported back to Albania at the end of their sentences. Further hearings will be held to decide on the confiscation of other assets, though much of the money made by the group is thought to have been sent back to Albania.

Also on Thursday, a report suggested that the number of British men using prostitutes had doubled in the last decade.

MNA/Xinhua

# Roadside bomb kills 10 Marines near Fallujah

BAGHDAD, 2 Dec — A roadside bomb killed 10 Marines and wounded 11 others on a foot patrol near Fallujah, the US military announced Friday. It was the deadliest attack against American troops in four months.

The ambush occurred Thursday against Marines from Regimental Combat Team 8, based at Camp Lejeune, NC. The Marine unit has suffered some of the highest casualties of the Iraq war.

The unit’s latest losses were among 14 new deaths in Iraq announced by the military Friday. With at least 793 American lives lost since January, 2005 appears on track to become the deadliest year for the troops since the US-led invasion in March 2003. There were 846 deaths in 2004, and 485 the previous year.

Altogether, at least 2,127 have died since the beginning of the war, according to an Associated Press count.

The attack in Fallujah came a day after President Bush outlined his strategy for victory in Iraq, and at a time when there are growing calls for an exit plan for US troops.—INTERNET



US Army soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division inspect the site of a car bomb in Samarra, Iraq, on 2 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

the country’s long-standing stance on migration, he said.

Mexico opposed walls along any borders, anywhere in the world, including the ones in Gaza, said the Foreign Secretary.

Bush said earlier this week that the United States planned to strengthen its border control by building more walls to prevent illegal migrants and potential terrorists from entering his country.

The United States has already built a metal wall between Mexican border city of Tijuana and San Diego in California.

Each year, more than one million undocumented migrants slip across the rivers and deserts on the 3,200-kilometre US-Mexico border in search of work in the United States. About 400 die each year in soaring temperatures without food or water.

MNA/Xinhua



Mounted President Bodyguards (PBG) march during a ceremony for the presentation of Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner by President APJ Abdul Kalam in New Delhi, India, on 2 Dec, 2005.

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## Free drugs used in Cuba to fight AIDS

HAVANA, 2 Dec — Cuba, with 2,784 AIDS patients discovered since 1986, currently treats 1,900 cases with free generic anti-virus drugs that cost the state 350 US dollars per person a year, according to a sanatorium director.

“The manufacture of generic drugs brought an extraordinary turnaround in the lives of people who live with HIV, giving them a better quality life, clinically and psychologically,” said Rigoberto Lopez, director of the Los Cocos sanatorium on the

outskirts of Havana. Cuba is one of the countries with the lowest HIV infection rate in the world, with less than 0.1 per cent of its sexually active population infected, which is six times less than the United States and an exception in the Caribbean

region, the second most-affected region in the world following sub-Saharan Africa. In the fight against AIDS, Cuba’s biotech industry produces six antiretroviral drugs, which are ZDV, DDI, D4T, 3TC, DDC and IDV.

Free access to locally made antiretroviral drugs has kept AIDS cases and deaths very low, according to UNAIDS. After having discovered its first AIDS case in 1986 among soldiers returning from Angola and Mozambique, Cuba shut HIV patients away in a sanatorium, a move that drew international criticism.

Cuba stopped the controversial policy of quarantining in 1993 and allowed people with HIV to stay at home after instructing them how to take care of themselves and not spread the virus.

Mandatory HIV testing is still required in Cuba for pregnant women, blood donors, Army recruits, prison inmates and adults with sexually transmitted diseases.

MNA/Xinhua

## Aussie drug trafficker executed in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 2 Dec — Nguyen Tuong Van, an Australian drug trafficker who had been sentenced to death by a Singapore court in March last year, was hanged Friday morning at Changi Prison in the city state, according to a statement by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Nguyen, 25, was arrested in December 2002 at Changi Airport and charged with smuggling 396 grammes of pure heroin from Cambodia to Australia via Singapore. “The Misuse of Drugs Act provides that the death penalty is mandatory if the amount of diamorphine or pure heroin imported exceeds 15 grammes,” the statement said.— MNA/Xinhua

## Bomb explodes at Spanish business, no injuries

MADRID, 2 Dec — A bomb exploded at the headquarters of transport company Azkar in the Basque country, northern Spain in the early hours of Thursday, causing damage but no injuries, police said.

Police blamed Basque separatist guerillas ETA for the explosion which damaged the wall and offices in the complex, and shattered glass in neighbouring houses. “At the moment all the indications are it was an ETA bomb,” a police spokesman said. ETA, classed as a terrorist group by Spain, the European Union and the United States, has killed nearly 850 people since 1968 in a bombing and shooting campaign for an independent Basque state in northern Spain and southwest France.

The group has carried out a series of small-scale bombings in recent months, though no-one has been killed in an ETA attack in more than two years. Spain’s Government fuelled speculation of a breakthrough in the long-running Basque conflict in May with an unprecedented offer to talk to ETA if it stopped violence.— MNA/Reuters

## US military plants paid propaganda in Iraqi media

WASHINGTON, 2 Dec — The US military is waging a multimillion-dollar campaign to plant paid propaganda in the Iraqi news media for political gains, *The New York Times* reported Thursday.

The military also paid “friendly” Iraqi journalists monthly stipends, according to the report.

One such example is an article appeared this week in the Iraqi Press which was scornful of

outsiders’ “pessimism about the country’s future”.

However, Pentagon

documents showed it is far from being the heart-felt opinion of an Iraqi writer, it was actually prepared by the US military.

The article was one of several in a “storyboard”, the US military’s term for a list of articles, that was delivered Tuesday to a Washington-based public relations firm named the Lincoln Group paid by the Pentagon.

The firm’s job is to translate the articles into Arabic and submit them to Iraqi newspapers or advertising agencies without revealing the Pentagon’s role. Documents showed that the intended target of the article mentioned above was a leading Iraqi newspaper named *Azzaman*.

In addition to paying Iraqi newspapers to print US military propaganda, Lincoln has also paid a dozen Iraqi reporters each several hundred dollars a month.— MNA/Xinhua

## Venezuela accuses US of links with election boycott

CARACAS, 2 Dec — Venezuela accused the US Government on Wednesday of trying to destabilize the country by supporting

an opposition boycott of the congressional elections scheduled for Sunday.

“We’re headed to-

ward an electoral strike of a subversive character. We have sufficient intelligence and enough information suggesting that behind the card of not participating there are aims of destabilizing the country,” Vice-President Jose Vicente Rangel said.

“Behind it all, the US Embassy has been very active, extremely active,” said Rangel who accused the US Embassy here of links with moves by several opposition parties to pull out of Sunday’s elections.

He said the United States has been repeatedly trying to interfere in Venezuela’s affairs and sabotage President Hugo Chavez’s government.

MNA/Xinhua

## 2,127 US soldiers killed in Iraq

As of Friday, 2 Dec— 2005, at least 2,127 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,668 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The *AP* count is two higher than the Defence Department’s tally, last updated at 10 am EST Friday.

The British military has reported 98 deaths; Italy, 27; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Denmark, El Salvador, Es-

tonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,988 US military members have died, according to *AP*’s count. That includes at least 1,559 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.—Internet

## Gunmen wound adviser to Iraq Interior Minister

BAGHDAD, 2 Dec— Gunmen wounded an adviser to Iraq’s Defence Minister and killed one of his bodyguards on Thursday in an attack on his convoy in Baghdad, police said.

Police sources said the adviser, Saad al-Obeidi, and two of his other guards were wounded. He is a former adviser to the Interior Minister. Sunni-led guerillas are waging a campaign of suicide bombings and shootings in a bid to topple the US-backed Iraqi Government.— MNA/Reuters



Iraqi police secure a street in the city of Baquba, northeast of Baghdad recently.— INTERNET



## China to further improve Sino-German ties with Germany's new cabinet

BEIJING, 2 Dec — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here on Thursday via a phone conversation with Germany's new Chancellor Angela Merkel that China will make joint efforts with Germany to further boost relations between the two countries.

Wen spoke highly of the remarkable achievement made by the two sides in bilateral relations and their good coordination and cooperation in international affairs. Wen pointed out that Chinese President Hu Jintao's recent state visit to Germany has made substantial results and further promoted bilateral relations.

He congratulated Merkel on her appointment as German chancellor and exchanged views with the new German Chancellor on issues concerning China-Germany friendly and cooperative relationship.

Wen reiterated that

China will continue to value the Sino-German ties as it did in the past, expressing the hope that the two sides will maintain high-level official exchanges, strengthen political dialogue and consultation, and push forward bilateral cooperation in the fields of economic and trade,

science and technology, education, culture and environmental protection.

The partnership of global responsibility between China and Germany will score new achievements through concerted efforts by the two countries, Wen said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Blast at court complex wounds 25 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 2 Dec — About 25 people, including two police officers, were wounded in Bangladesh on Thursday in a blast near a court building, police and witnesses said.

Police and local reporters covering the strike said the explosion occurred at a police

checkpoint near the building in Gazipur, 20 miles north of the capital Dhaka.

The court complex was the same place where six people died and 50 were wounded in a suicide bombing on Tuesday.

Three other people, including two police officers, were also killed the same day by a would-be suicide bomber outside a court building in Chittagong port city.

MNA/Reuters

## US soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 Dec — A US soldier died of wounds received by small arms fire in north of Baghdad, the US military said on Thursday.

"A Task Force Baghdad soldier died as a result of a gunshot wound north of Baghdad on 30 November," the military said in a brief statement.

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

Over 2,100 US soldiers have been killed since the start of the US-led war on Iraq in March 2003. — MNA/Xinhua

## US Marine dies of wounds in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 Dec — A US Marine died of wounds sustained in gunshot during combat actions in the volatile Iraqi city of Fallujah, the US military said in a statement on Thursday.

"A Marine assigned to Regimental Combat Team 8, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), died of wounds received from small arms fire while conducting combat operations against the enemy in Fallujah, on 30 November," the statement said. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi policeman views a burnt vehicle following an attack on an advisor to the interior minister in Baghdad on 1 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

## British security firm to investigate Iraq video clips

LONDON, 2 Dec— A British security firm operating in Iraq has launched an investigation to find out if any of its employees were involved in video clips which appear to show Iraqi civilians being shot at.

Aegis, which won a 293-million-US-dollar contract from the US Government last year to operate in Iraq, said in a statement its inquiry would "investigate whether the footage has any connection with the company". The video clips have been posted on the Internet in recent days. One of them is still visible on a company web site [www.aegisiraq.co.uk](http://www.aegisiraq.co.uk) while others have been shown by

British television broadcasters.

The clips appear to show civilian cars being shot at on roads in Iraq. One shows two cars veering off a road after being shot at from somewhere near the camera and another shows an unmarked car smashing into another. Gunshots can be heard on the clips.

"Should any incident recorded on the video footage have involved

Aegis personnel, this... will be subject to scrutiny (by the company)," Aegis said.

Aegis is contracted to provide a range of services to the US Government including the protection of civilians and soldiers travelling in Iraq. It says its rules of engagement "allow for a structured escalation of force to include opening fire on civilian vehicles under certain circumstances". — MNA/Reuters



A man changes the digits of a currency exchange display on Moscow's casino mile Novy Arbat, on 28 Nov, 2005.— INTERNET

## 30 years on, US bombs still killing in Laos

VIENTIANE, 2 Dec — Three decades after the final act of the Vietnam War, Laos, the conflict's secret and illegal theatre, remains littered with millions of unexploded US bombs, which kill or maim at least 200 people a year.

In all, an estimated two million tons of munitions were dropped on Laos, a landlocked jungle-clad country of five million people which still has the dubious honour of being the most bombed country per capita in the world.

Of that two million tons, around 30 per cent did not detonate, say Lao bomb disposal experts responsible for cleaning up the horrific harvest of unexploded ordnance, or UXO as it is called.

"It will take a very long time, many, many years to clear all the UXO from Laos," Bounpone Sayasenh, UXO Lao director, said on Thursday, eve of the 30th anniversary of the Communist revolution which was arguably the final act of the Vietnam War.

Even the destructive heat and humidity of the Lao jungle, where North Vietnam ferried men and material along the Ho Chi Minh trail during the "American War", as it is known locally, has failed to breakdown the ordnance.

"In maybe 50 or 100 years, it will still be active

because with some kinds of UXO, the shell disappears but the explosive is still active," said Bounpone, who has seen three members of staff killed in accidents over the last nine years.

The munitions come in all shapes and sizes, ranging from mortars to phosphorous rockets to 3,000-pound bombs dropped from high in the sky by B-52s.

MNA/Reuters

## 2,584 Singaporeans infected with HIV

SINGAPORE, 2 Dec — A total of 2,584 Singaporeans were found to be infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) as of October this year, Channel NewsAsia reported on Thursday.

Of the total, which included 25 children and 299 women, 198 were found in the first 10 months of this year and heterosexual transmission accounted for two thirds of the new cases.

As about 61 per cent of the HIV-positive women are married, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as the Association of Women for Action and Research (AWARE) hope to provide married women with more education on protecting themselves from the virus.

Stressing the importance of warning married as well as single women of the dangers of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), AWARE encourages single women to carry condoms with them if necessary. — MNA/Xinhua

# National Convention, building three branches of power

Chingya (Maubin)

A lake complete with five kinds of lotus flowers needs to have a proper embankment to store water so that the flowers could be in full bloom. In the same way, a democracy system will be perpetual only when it is endowed with Our Three Main National Causes. It is natural that lotus flowers will not be able to blossom in the flames and hot ashes. Likewise, only when there is prevalence of law and order will a discipline-flourishing democratic nation emerge, said Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein in his speech at the National Convention held on 17 February 2005.

In accordance with the seven-point Road Map, the National Convention, the first and crucial step of the future political programme, is being held phase by phase. The National Convention held from 17 May to 9 July 2004 and the National Convention held from 17 February to 31 March 2005 discussed and approved the three branches of State power that are crucial for a future State, and the National Convention to be reconvened on 5 December 2005 will continue discussing matters on the remaining sectors of the State constitution.

The three branches are legislature, judiciary and executive. They are interdependent and capable of building a peaceful society. At the National Convention, matters on the three branches of State power that are like the embankment of a lake according to Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein were discussed and progress has been made to a certain extent in this regard.

Man cannot live alone in a society. He has to live in a society by establishing a family or a tribe or a village or a town or a district or a state. He did so, realizing that living in a community is safer than living alone or else he could face internal and external dangers. To guard against internal and external dangers to a community man has adopted a system and practised legislature, judiciary and executive. Whatever system is practised, the three branches should be a firm pillar.

Myanmar has been in existence for years countable by the thousand. The long existence of Myanmar is not due to any particular system. In Europe, democracy system formulated and practised by Greeks and Romans, monarchy system, and autocracy and communism have evolved with

the passage of time. However, Myanmar has existed for years countable by the thousand under the monarchy system.

It is due to the effect that the three branches of State power—legislature, judiciary and executive—were in conformity with Myanmar way of life. In exercise of the legislature, ancient Myanmar kings usually followed the teachings of the Buddha, kingly duties and morals and social obligations.

The emergence of Hluttaw in Myanmar is different from the emergence of Parliament in France and Britain. In France, the King held discussions on national affairs with ministers and priests. This had led to the emergence of Parliament. However, French people revolted against the monarchy and as a result, the French revolution occurred. In Britain also, there emerged Parliament following the power struggle between the King and the ministers.

In Myanmar, in the time of Htilo Minlo King a royal hall was established adjacent to the Palace Hall and justice was administered at the hall. It was called Hluttaw which emerged in a peaceful way in Myanmar.

In the Union system, a group of states or countries join together. The Union nations share their power according to the constitution. The state governments in the Union usually entrust defence and foreign affairs to the central government.

The United Kingdom comprises England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Queen Elizabeth II is the Head of State and there are two houses and the UK practises parliamentary system. In the parliament there are 650 members— 516 from England, 36 from Wales, 71 from Scotland and 12 from Northern Ireland. Legislative power vests in the central.

At the National Convention held on 17 May 2004, detailed basic principles on formation of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the National Hluttaw, Region and State Hluttaws in future Myanmar were laid down. It was discussed that legislation should be made by the majority of the national races in those Hluttaws.

At the National Convention held on 17 February 2005, the delegates from eight groups unanimously approved 18 proposal papers in connection with legislative sector after thorough discussions. Group-wise discussions on other sectors of judiciary and executive were also made.

In *History of Myanmar* compiled by Major Ba Shin, it stated that in ancient Myanmar, the national races reached the level of establishing the city states.

They lived under the administration of the king and their governors. The factors that influenced the way of live of people became the administrative system. That period lasted for 800 to 900 years, it added.

There were only nine departments that carried out their functions through the Hluttaw under the ancient Myanmar kings. Foreign Affairs Department was introduced under King Bagyidaw (1819-1837) and therefore there were ten departments.

According to the ancient verses, ten people led a hundred people. It showed that basic democratic system was practised in ancient Myanmar. The volume II of *The paper on administration of Myanmar kings* compiled by Bagan Wunhtauk U Tin stated the election of the people who had been accepted by all.

Thagyi or headman was elected and there were two assistants— Asiyin and Akaing under him. If there was a case in the village, Thagyi or the headman made a decision after consultation with his assistants. Akaing was responsible for accounts and records and Asiyin responsible for criminal cases. Ten persons who were in-charge of ten houses each controlled 100 households.

After the second Anglo-Myanmar War, in the anti-imperialist struggle the headmen fought against the British troops. After the annexation of Myanmar by the imperialists, the basic Myanmar administration system remained unchanged. They began to destroy the patriotism of the headmen by offering ranks, power, silver sword and double barrec guns.

In connection with Myanmar people who abide by the law, British diplomat Col Symes who arrived in Myanmar at the end of 18th century praised *Tangaung*, Myanmar police and said they were more systematic than those in European countries.

There were six levels in administration of justice— from the office of township or village judge to, the mayor, four-judge court, the prince, the queen, the king and then the Sayadaws. According to 1167 Bhaya Kyaw Htin Order, alien officers were appointed and they made decision on affairs of Pathi faith. It showed that there was freedom of religion in Myanmar in those days.

Myanmar women together with men equally participated in executive and judiciary sectors up to 1247 ME. (page 171-193 of *The paper on administration of Myanmar kings*).

Based on fine democratic traditions of executive and judiciary sectors, the National Convention held on 17 February 2005 laid down detailed basic principles. The executive and judiciary sectors will be discussed and approved at the National Convention to resume on 5 December 2005.

After laying down the seven-point Road Map, the National Convention discussed the three important pillars for the future of Myanmar— three branches of State power— legislative, judiciary and executive sectors. Solutions were sought in the discussions without personal attachment, sectarianism, localism and doubts caused by the instigation of foreigners among the national races.

I would like to call on all to participate in the respective roles for success of the National Convention which is to resume on 5 December.

Translation: TS+NY

**The emergence of Hluttaw in Myanmar is different from the emergence of Parliament in France and Britain. In France, the King held discussions on national affairs with ministers and priests. This had led to the emergence of Parliament. However, French people revolted against the monarchy and as a result, the French revolution occurred. In Britain also, there emerged Parliament following the power struggle between the King and the ministers.**



# Agriculture sector witnesses sustained progress

## Development of agriculture in the time of the Tatmadaw government

### Extended growing of perennials and new items of crops

The agriculture sector not only fulfils the needs of the people but contributes to strengthening of national economic life. Therefore, the government is trying its utmost to extend the production of crops and reach the goal of the agriculture sector.

In Myanmar, growing of major crops which are important for domestic consumption are being extended and at the same time, emphasis is being placed on extended growing of ten major crops, three new items of crops and three perennials in the respective states and divisions.

The three new crops are coffee, tea and pepper and three perennial crops are oil palm, rubber and Thitseint (Belleric Myrobalan). These crops are grown in the most suitable regions of the country.

Arrangements are being made for Taninthayi Division to become an oil pot of the State. In this regard, oil palm zones have been established in the division to extend sown acreage and increase the growing of the crop. To be able to fulfil the demand in edible oil consumption of ever increasing population, plans are being made to put 700,000 acres of land under oil palm to produce 500,000 tons of oil palm oil. The private sector also contributes to extended growing of oil palm and oil mills are also being built. Moreover, Thitseint (Belleric Myrobalan) are grown in various regions of the country to fulfil the needs in domestic consumption.

Plans are being made to extend growing of tea on .27 million acres of land. Pepper can thrive well in any part of the country and thus it is grown on a commercial scale as it can penetrate international markets.

Myanma coffee is famous in foreign markets and the crop is one of



Oil palm nursery seen in Kawthoung Township, Taninthayi Division.



Thriving tea plantations seen in Haka Township, Chin State.

the items which can earn foreign exchange. Therefore, fallow and virgin land has been reclaimed in the most suitable regions where coffee can thrive well.

The table shows extended growing of three perennial crops and three new items of crop for raising the socio-economic life of the people in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

### Extended growing of three perennial crops

Sr	Subject	1988	2005	Progress
1	Oil palm sown acreage (1=100,000)	-	4.5	4.5
2	Rubber sown acreage (thousand)	333	474	141
3	Thitseint (Belleric Myrobalan)	-	various regions	various regions

### Extended growing of three new items of crops

Sr	Subject	1988	2005	Progress
1	Tea sown acreage (1=100,000)	0.82	2	1.18
2	Coffee sown acreage (1=100,000)	0.74	1.48	0.74
3	Pepper sown acreage (1=100,000)	0.02	0.34	0.32

### Cash donated to fire victims of Hline Township

YANGON, 3 Dec — The ceremony to donate cash to fire victims from Ward 13 of Hline Township was held at No 1 Transit Centre in Hline Township this afternoon.

It was attended by Commandant of No 1 Transit Centre Lt-Col Tin Kyaing, officials of the

Union Solidarity and Development Association, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Myanmar Red Cross Society and wellwishers.

Commandant Lt-Col Tin Kyaing accepted K 330,000 donated by Daw Aye Aye Myint and family; K 300,000 each

by six wellwishers; and other wellwishers.

Later, he spoke words of thanks. — MNA



Commandant Lt-Col Tin Kyaing accepts cash donation for fire victims of ward 13 in Hline Township from a wellwisher. — MNA

### NC delegates arrive at Nyaungnapin Camp

YANGON, 3 Dec — National Convention delegates of Shan State

(South), Mandalay Division, Sagaing Division, Yangon Division, Rakhine State, Magway Division, Bago Division (East), Bago Division (West), Kayin State, Mon State and Ayeyawady Division arrived at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning to attend the National Convention.

Similarly, delegates of Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions, this morning, arrived at Yangon Railways Station where officials of Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee welcomed and transported by car to Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township where National Convention will be reconvened.—MNA



## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife see off Chief of Army Staff of PRB and party...

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Before departure, Chief of Army Staff of PRB Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc and party cordially greeted Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife at the airport and

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented documentary photo album and video tapes of goodwill visit tour to the Chief of Army Staff of PRB as souvenirs.

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*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents documentary photo album and video tapes to Chief of Army Staff of People's Republic of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc.— MNA*

*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San cordially meet with Chief of Army Staff of People's Republic of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc and wife at the airport. — MNA*

## Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein...

(from page 16)

Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein on their inspection tours at Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar), transfer of technologies related to the findings in the research works on dysentery and diabetes diseases from the department to the Ministry of Industry-1, collection of rare herbal plants from States and Divisions and

setting up of herbal plantations, affairs of service personnel and management matters. The Commander gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the Secretary-1 instructed them to implement the tasks concerning the guidance given by the Head of State, to constantly carry out the tasks to meet the success, to conduct research work on six main diseases such as malaria, TB, hypertension, diabetes, cholera and dysentery with the use of potent traditional medicines, to produce and distribute medicines



in cooperation with private entrepreneurs, and to keep potency and side effects of traditional

medicines and medicines imported at the market under surveillance, and inform the public of these facts on time.

The Secretary-1 and party oversaw extended cultivation of herbal plants at the herbal plantation of Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar).

At PyinOoLwin Pharmaceutical Factory (Project) of Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries, the Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 and party inspected units and sections of the factory and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Next, they in-

spected buildings of the factory, quality control unit and the laboratories, supply of power and water and greening tasks around the factory. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun, Managing Director U Myint Oo of MPI, Factory Manager U Tin Soe and officials conducted them round the project site.

PyinOoLwin Pharmaceutical Factory (Project) is located on 363.65 acres of land at the mile post No 35 on Mandalay-PyinOoLwin Road in PyinOoLwin Township. The construction tasks started in October 2003.

The project will

produce tablets and capsules for the first phase, and vaccine, mixture, lotion and medicine powder for the second phase. At present, the factory has been installed with the machinery that can manufacture 1,050 million tablets and capsules yearly for the first step, and another machine that can produce 500 million tablets and capsules yearly.

For the second phase, construction of the buildings for the factory and installation of machines are being performed. The plan is under way to produce medicines in December 2006.

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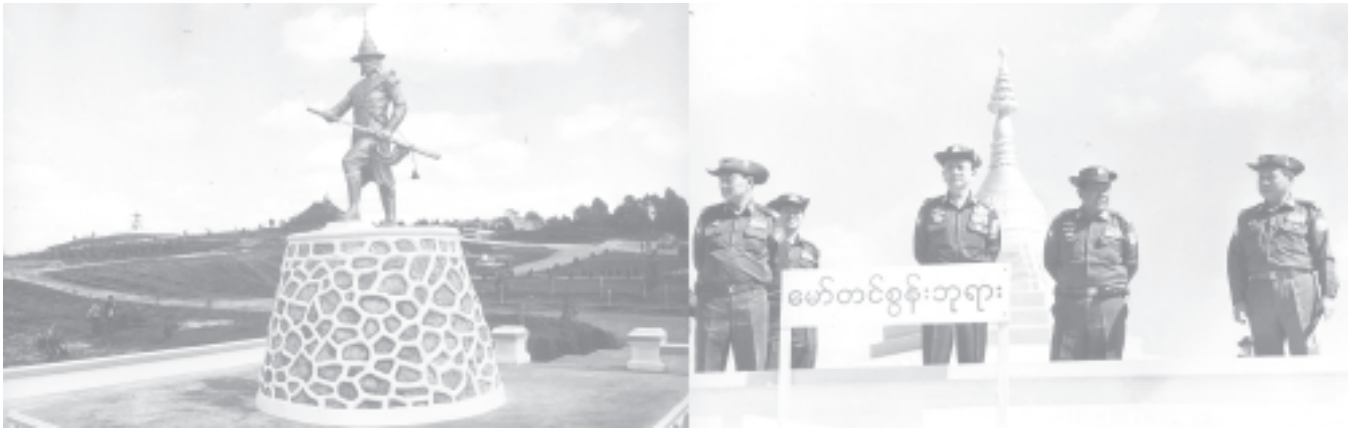


*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects PyinOoLwin Pharmaceutical Factory. — MNA*



*PyinOoLwin District Hospital (200-bed). — MNA*





**Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein...**

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The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to the site of construction of the extended building at PyinOoLwin District Hospital (200-bed). They viewed completion of the four reinforced concrete buildings, two two-storey reinforced concrete quarters for doctors, and two two-storey reinforced concrete quarters for nurses. Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Acting Medical Superintendent Dr Nang

*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects progress of National Landmarks Garden near National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin. — MNA*

The Secretary-1 said that as the National Landmarks Garden is being built with a view to enabling visitors to have the opportunities to observe replicas of natural views and significant buildings from states and divisions, it is necessary to grow species of trees and flowery plants from states and divisions in the garden. Next, they viewed the scale model of the garden. They oversaw progress of construction tasks by car.

The Ministry of Forestry is implementing the

Myanan Sankyaw Golden palace, the moat, the walls and Mount Popa of Mandalay Division, Kyeikhtiyoe Pagoda of Mon State, Shitthaung Stupa of Rakhine State, Shwedagon Pagoda and City Hall of Yangon Division, Inlay Lake, PhaungdawU Pagoda, Gokhtaik Viaduct of Shan State, Chaungtha Beach and Mawtinsun Pagoda of Ayeyawady Division —started in September 2005. Furthermore, construction of the briefing hall, the circular road, power and water supply tasks and functions of communications are being



*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein hears reports on construction of National Landmarks Garden by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung. — MNA*

Nyunt Nyunt Aye and officials conducted them round the construction site.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party inspected construction of staff quarters of Township Development Affairs Department. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Tun and officials briefed them on matters related to the construction tasks.

They went to the project site for construction of National Landmarks Garden being implemented by the Ministry of Forestry near National Kandawgyi Gardens. Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung explained the aims of building the National Landmarks Garden, its location, function of the project, progress of tasks and future plans, construction of the sub-power station, and installation of telephones. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

National Landmarks Garden on the 54.50 acres of area near National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin with the aim of enabling visitors at home and abroad to take relaxation and observe replicas of natural views and significant buildings in line with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe.

For the first phase, construction of the replicas of national views and significant buildings from States and Divisions — Mount Khakaborazi of Kachin State, Taunggye Zedi of Kayah State, Zwegabin Hill of Kayin State, Reed Lake and Natma Hill of Chin State, Kaungmudaw Pagoda and Sagaing Hill of Sagaing Division, Bayintnaung Cape of Taninthayi Division, Kanbawzathadi Palace of Bago Division, oil field of Magway Division,

implemented.

For the second phase, the plan is under way to build duplicates of other significant landmarks from States and Divisions. The construction tasks for the first phase are located on 50.9263 acres, and the replicas of other significant landmarks from States and Divisions will be put on the remaining 3.5737 acres of land.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party viewed the natural bird garden at the National Kandawgyi Gardens. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and National Kandawgyi Gardens Administrative Committee Chairman U Aung Chit conducted them round the gardens. After hearing the reports, the Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions.

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*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits Natural Birds Garden at National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin. — MNA*

## It is important for the citizens to be equipped with knowledge of good education and Union Spirit in order to produce human resources and ensure a strong economy

YANGON, 3 Dec — Special Refresher Course No 8 for faculty members concluded at the Nawarat Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division, yesterday morning. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein addressed the occasion and awarded the outstanding trainees.



*Minister Dr Chan Nyein addresses the conclusion of the Special Refresher Course No 8 for faculty members. — MNA*

It was also attended by ministers, deputy ministers, the deputy attorney-general, members of CSSTB, officials of SPDC Office, heads of departments, rector of CICS (Phaunggyi), departmental heads and faculty members.

Addressing the closing ceremony on behalf of the MEC Chairman, Minister Dr Chan Nyein said now is the time when the State is striving its utmost with the strength of national forces by laying down political, economic and social objectives to enable the country to stand tall among the international community with her own dignity and sovereignty. In doing so, it is important for the citizens to be equipped with knowledge of good education and Union Spirit in order to produce human resources and ensure a strong economy. Only then can the nation protect and strengthen its national

interest. With the very advancing science and technology today, every nation needs to strive for the development of their countries through the education sector.

The Minister continued that the government is implementing national education promotion programmes step by step for the emergence of a constant learning society and educational infrastructures and to enable its citizens to cope with global challenges. With the concept that education can only develop the nation and produce strong national forces, the government is trying its utmost to improve the entire national education.

For educational opportunities, universities and colleges are being opened in every region; curriculum of international standards being developed; masters degree courses and doctorate courses being

conducted; and laboratories, workshops, libraries and research centres being established in the country in cooperation with the international educational organizations for the improvement of Myanmar's education level.

Education promotion plan has been implemented with the aim of developing the State and the people.

Taking advantage of a good education, faculty members are to carry out research on respective fields, to innovate to ensure success in agriculture, livestock breeding and environmental conservation sectors and to make efforts for progress of society.

In conclusion, the Minister called for active and enthusiastic participation in the realization of the seven-point Road Map for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation so that the nation

will be able to keep abreast of the international community.

Later, the prize presenting ceremony continued and Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein awarded prizes to the outstanding trainees Demonstrator U Aung Aye Latt of Mawlamyine University and Demonstrator Daw Khine Khine Thet Iwin of Hpa-an University, and the consolation prizes to the winners. Afterwards, the Minister presented the prizes and completion certificates to the trainees through leaders and second leaders. Next, the trainees donated cash totaling K 397,500 for Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, the renovation and extension of Koenawin Zedi located at CICS (Phaunggyi), the renovation and maintenance of the ancient pagodas in Bagan, the Union Solidarity and Development Association,

honouring the National Convention, BEHS (Phaunggyi), post-primary school and pre-primary school. The Minister accepted the donation and

presented the certificate of honour. Afterwards, Minister for Dr Chan Nyein cordially greeted the trainees.

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## Matters related to resumption of National Convention held...

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Kyodo News Agency, Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club Patron U Hla Htwe and Chairman U Sao Kam Hpa, correspondents of Tokyo Shimbun, Asahi Shimbun, Sankei Shimbun, Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Yomiuri Shimbun, AFP, TBS, Xinhua, GG and Kyodo news agencies, NHK, TV Asahi, Nippon TV and Fuji TV and reporters of local journals and magazines totalling 36 and heads and journalists of foreign regional news agencies totalling 29.

At the meetings, Chief Justice U Aung Toe extended greetings and explained matters related to the holding of a coordination meeting on convening the National Convention before it was convened in 1993, six objectives of the NC, tasks carried out during the convening of the National Convention

from 1993 to 1996, reasons for the suspension of the NC, tasks carried out during the reconvening of the NC from 17 May to 9 July in 2004, delegates who attended the NC, tasks carried out at the NC convened from 17 February to 31 March and arrangements to be made at the NC to be resumed on 5 December.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, U Thauga Nyunt and Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint answered the queries raised by U Khin Maung Myint of NHK, U Aung Shwe Oo of Nippon TV and U Hla Htwe of Antara News Agency.

They also replied to the queries put by heads and journalists of foreign regional news agencies at 2 pm. After the meetings, Chief Justice U Aung Toe and commission members cordially greeted those present. — MNA

### Internal Strength free from viruses

- \* In all nations, across the world  
For the citizens, to enjoy equally  
Human rights, and  
For all countries, without exception  
To exercise democratic rights fully  
Help will be given, for good ambience  
Will give support, to raise chest high  
To keep chin up, that's the voice  
That valiantly comes out of  
The top big power
- \* Small nations, get carried away  
In his wind, to think this already strong  
Nation nurtured, feelings of goodwill  
And his nature was fully good  
And wait in great expectations
- \* After what he's said, consistently wait  
In hope of help, materializing  
What he gives to those awaiting thus  
Is just plain instructions  
"Know all of you here  
What we firstly give you  
Are instructions, to follow  
The Progressive, modern democracy  
Used in our land, is the West's style  
Take all aspects, like true copy-cat  
And don't say, whether or not  
It clicks with your country," he says
- \* Well, to be dependent boastfully  
What a difference there is,  
Between all he says, the instructions  
to follow  
And the things that have to be done  
He gets into sanctions and pressure  
Without goodwill, duly unfair  
If attention is paid, to instructions  
No matter how big, the external strength  
"Tis not to be, depended on  
A good example, is shown here.
- \* Dependable and reliable, our nation's  
Strength, only the strength within  
Is free from viruses, ever clear  
This is the true strength.

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## International Day of Disabled Persons observed

YANGON, 3 Dec — The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is implementing the plans on rehabilitation of disabled persons to have the opportunities to take part in the nation-building tasks in building a peaceful modern, and developed new nation, Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, said today at the ceremony to mark the International Day of Disabled Persons at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road, here.

Maj-Gen Sein Htwa asserted that the

ordinary children at the schools. In addition, disabled children are under training of computer course, so they are able to catch up development of knowledge on communication technology without losing sight in progress in the world.

He invited social organizations to join hands with the Government to undertake rehabilitation of the disabled persons.

Next, UN Coordinator Mr Charles Petrie read out the message sent by the Secretary-General of the UN.

Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presented prizes

of Myanmar Sports Federation for the Disabled.

Officials of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Deputy Minister for SWRR Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and UN Coordinator Mr Charles Petrie gave away prizes to outstanding disabled persons.

Director-General U Sit Myaing of Social Welfare Department presented certificates of honour to Film Director Daw Yoe Yoe, song



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa speaks at the ceremony to mark the International Day of Disabled Persons.—MNA

Government establishes the school for the blind, the school for the deaf, the school for the disabled adult, and the school for the disabled children, performs the conducting of the vocational training courses and creates jobs for them.

At present, he said that disabled children have the opportunities to learn education similar to the

to seven disabled persons — Headmistress Daw Khin May Hsint (Retd) of Mary Chapman's School for the Dump, Daw Tin Htay Yi of the Ministry of SWRR, Ma Nanda Nwe Oo of Higher Education Department, Ma Su Pon Chit of No 3 Department of Basic Education, Ma Zin May Zin Aung of No 1 DBE and Ko Aung Gyi and Maung Min Thet Paing

composer Taygabayar Min Yu and vocalist Pwint Sabei for their performance in broadcasting the song to mark the International Day of Disabled Persons. Wellwishers presented cash awards to the disabled persons. After the ceremony, disabled students performed entertainment to those present. — MNA

## Myanmar, Thailand sign MoU on tech coop



Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Ms Khunying Sudarat Keyuraphan of Thailand sign MoU. MNA

YANGON, 3 Dec — The Thai delegation led by Thai Minister for Agriculture and Co-operatives Ms Khunying Sudarat Keyuraphan left here by air for Thailand this morning. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, departmental heads, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and embassy staff.

On 2 December, the ceremony to sign MoU on technology cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Agricultural and Irrigation on Thiri Mingalar Avenue on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road. It was attended by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Agriculture and Co-operatives Ms Khunying Sudarat Keyuraphan and officials concerned.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Thai Minister Ms Khunying Sudarat Keyuraphan made addresses at the MoU signing ceremony. Next, the two ministers signed the MoU and exchanged the notes. Permanent Secretary of Ministry in Agriculture and Co-operatives Mr Banphot Hongthong and Director-General U Tin Htut Oo of Agricultural Planning Department signed the notes on cultivation tasks through contract system.

Thai farmer Mr Kaew Saejan and Managing Director U Ye Htut of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise signed the notes on cultivation of sugarcane. The Thai Minister and party visited The Vegetables and Fruit Development Research Centre in Hlegu Township at noon. The Thai Minister and party arrived here by air yesterday morning. — MNA

## Myanmar delegation to attend business meeting

YANGON, 2 Dec — Myanmar delegation led by General Secretary U Aye Lwin of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs' Association left here to attend the Business Matching and 4th Council Meeting of ASEAN Forest Product Industry Council (AFPIC), to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam and Vientiane in Lao People's Democratic Republic, from 6 to 10 December. They were seen off at the airport by President of MTEA U Aung Lwin and officials. — MNA



Myanmar delegation seen at the airport before departure for Vietnam and LPDR.—MNA



UN Coordinator Mr Charles Petrie reads out the message sent by the Secretary-General of the UN.—MNA

## Myanmar Archery Team secures one gold

YANGON, 3 Dec — Maung Zaw Win Htike of Myanmar Archery

Team secured gold medal against Malaysian athlete W Mohokalmisam Bin

Wam AB Aziz with 105-99 points in the Men's Archery (Recurve) knockout of XXIII SEA games held

in the Philippines today.

Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint awarded the prize of gold medal. Malaysia and the Philippines carried off silver and bronze in the event and the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Myanmar, Vietnam and Indonesia took part in it with 4-member teams. Myanmar secured gold against the 28 teams. MNA



Gold medalist Zaw Win Htike in the Men's Archery (Recurve) knockout of XXIII SEA games.—NLM

### XXIII SEA Games Medal Standing

COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOTAL
PHILIPPINES	75	55	62	192
THAILAND	50	57	80	187
VIETNAM	49	48	58	155
MALAYSIA	44	36	38	118
INDONESIA	30	46	53	129
SINGAPORE	30	23	33	86
MYANMAR	13	24	38	75
LAOS	1	3	5	9
BRUNEI	0	2	2	4
CAMBODIA	0	0	4	4
EAST TIMOR	0	0	0	0

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Storm leaves 30,000 homeless in Honduras

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Dec—More than 30,000 people in Honduras have been left homeless by Tropical Storm Gamma, which killed 34 people there earlier this month and flooded low-lying areas, the United Nations said on Thursday.

Some 90,000 people were affected by the November 18-20 storm, which also damaged banana farms supplying firms like Chiquita Brands International Inc., said the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

The world body has deployed five teams to Honduras to conduct damage assessments in collaboration with local officials, the UN office said.

The World Food Programme has distributed nearly 200,000 family rations there and is planning to provide 1,750 tons of food for the next three months, it said.

MNA/Reuters

Landmine blast kills one in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 2 Dec—Landmine explosion killed one person and wounded another in eastern Turkey on Thursday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The report said that two people stepped on the landmine planted by unidentified persons in rural area of Caldiran Town of Van Province and the wounded was rushed to a hospital for medical treatment.

An investigation into the explosion is under way. — MNA/Xinhua

China asks UN to inspect toxic river spill

BEIJING, 2 Dec— China has invited experts from the United Nations to assess the chemical spill on the Songhua River that has threatened the health of millions of people in the country's northeast.

The team of four will come from several UN agencies, including the World Health Organization and UN Development Programme, and will probably begin testing water along the river in the next few days, said Roy Wadia, a WHO spokesman in Beijing.

The international experts will assess the continued presence and effects of pollutants that poured into the Songhua River on November 13, when a chemical plant in Jilin Province exploded and poured 100 tons of benzene-based chemicals into the river.

"They will provide technical expertise in the areas of water contamination, chemical contamination, and the

public health implications of such an incident," Wadia said on Wednesday.

Harbin, the capital of Heilongjiang Province, turned off the taps of more than three million urban residents for five days until Sunday while waiting for the chemical slick to pass. Harbin opened the taps on Sunday but has told residents not to drink the water yet.

It was unclear why China sought UN involvement to assess the aftermath of the spill. Officials from the State Environmental Protection Administration, which invited the team, were unavailable for comment on Wednesday.

But China has faced international criticism for

its initial handling of the spill, which officials kept from public attention, and it has apologized to Russia, where the chemicals will wash downstream along the Heilong River in two weeks. Russia calls the river the Amur.

On Wednesday, Health Minister Gao Qiang told reporters the chemical spill was a "major problem" and the government was organizing a team of Chinese officials to monitor pollution along the Songhua River.

The team will include Russian experts, the official Xinhua news agency reported. China will also provide Russia with testing equipment, the China Daily reported. MNA/Reuters

China targets "fast, stable" growth for more efficient eco expansion

BEIJING, 2 Dec—China said Thursday its macro-economic policies will be continued, aiming to maintain the fast, stable growth for more efficient economic expansion in the new year, with more efforts to help the rural people.

The Chinese leadership put forward the major tasks for the economic work next year at a key three-day meeting. President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao made important speeches on the country's development at the closed-door meeting.

Fast growth is imperative for increasing national strength and effectively relieving contradictions in economic and social development, said a statement issued at the meeting.

It said the key lies in increasing domestic demand, sticking to prudent fiscal and monetary policies and continuing to tighten and ameliorate macro-regulation, largely referring to the government efforts to rein in

excessive investment in such overheated sectors as steel, cement and aluminum, and most recently, copper.

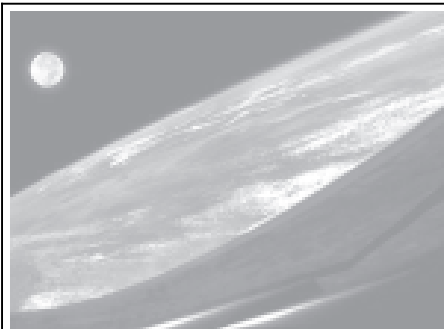
"New socialist countryside" was highlighted at the meeting as a new concept and "common action" of the whole Party and nation. The statement said it features growing production, better livelihood, cultural development, clean villages and democratic management of village affairs.

It said measures should be boosted to raise the farmers' income, calling for speeding up the construction of roads and telecom facilities among other infrastructure, and increasing investment in rural education, culture and public health. The development of eastern,

central and western areas should be more balanced.

Another emphasis of economic work is placed on sharpening the competitive edge of domestic enterprises. The statement said it is urgent

to accelerate industrial restructuring by using advanced technology to upgrade traditional industries and eliminate out-of-date productive forces. MNA/Xinhua



An astronauts' photograph show opened in the National Museum of China in the centre of Beijing, east of the Tian'anmen Square on 2 Dec, 2005. Pictures taken from space by astronauts of China's two manned space missions are on display.

INTERNET

Mexico arrests eight agents in filmed drug execution

MEXICO CITY, 2 Dec— Mexico said on Thursday it had arrested 10 people, including eight federal agents, in the kidnapping of four suspected drug gang hitmen and the filmed execution of at least one of them.

The case has thrown the spotlight on the often cosy relations between Mexican authorities and organized crime. Drug gangs routinely bribe police, officials and judges

to protect them or carry out their dirty work.

Four men, beaten and bruised, were shown on a homemade DVD confessing to being members of the infamous Gulf Cartel of drug traffickers. One of them was then shot in the head. Excerpts of the video, taken several months ago, were published for the first time on the Dallas Morning News' web site on Thursday.

Jose Luis Santiago Vasconcelos, the head of Mexico's organized crime unit, said the government had arrested eight federal

agents and two civilians in the case, charging them with kidnapping and organized crime.

Three other agents have also been charged but they are on the run.

Vasconcelos said the agents were in the pay of a rival drugs gang led by Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, who is battling the Gulf Cartel for control of lucrative smuggling operations along the US-Mexico border. "You know that criminal organizations often co-opt (government) elements, above all police," he told reporters. —MNA/Reuters

China pledges help to Russia in dealing with river pollution

BEIJING, 2 Dec— China has decided to provide Russia with testing instruments and activated carbon to deal with the chemical pollution slick in Songhua River which is moving towards the Russian border.

To help Russia's far eastern area deal with the impact brought by the pollution, China informed Russia on Tuesday that it will send water quality testing equipments and

activated carbon filters to Russia's border city of Khabarovsk, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang.

"The materials are now being transported to Russia's far east region," Qin told Xinhua on Thursday.

The water pollution on Songhua River was caused by an explosion at a petrochemical plant on November 13 in northeastern China's Jilin Province. It released poisonous substances benzene and nitrobenzene into the Songhua River, resulting in the 80-kilometre-long pollution slick. Officials in Khabarovsk expressed thanks for China's timely assistance, saying the help demonstrates the efficiency of the Chinese Government and the Chinese people's friendship, said Qin.

The move also shows China matches its actions with words and China is sincere and determined to help Russia, said Qin.

Qin stressed China will continue to enhance cooperation and communication with Russia and try best to eliminate the impact of the pollution as much as possible. MNA/Xinhua



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Scientists say bats may be carriers of Ebola virus

LONDON, 2 Dec— Three species of bats that are eaten by people in Central Africa may be carriers of the Ebola virus that has killed hundreds of humans and great apes, scientists said on Wednesday.

Although the bats do not show any evidence of infection, the International Centre for Medical Research in Franceville, Gabon discovered genetic evidence or an immune response in the animals, captured during outbreaks between 2001 and 2003.

“We find evidence of asymptomatic infection by Ebola virus in three species of fruit bat, indicating that these animals may be acting as a reservoir for this deadly virus,” Eric Leroy and his colleagues said in a report in the science journal Nature. Ebola haemorrhagic fever, which was first identified in 1976, is one of the most virulent viral diseases, according to the World Health Orga-

nization. It damages blood vessels and can cause extensive bleeding, diarrhoea and shock. The virus killed more than 240 people in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1995.

Several outbreaks,

which resulted in 254 deaths, occurred between 2001 and 2005 in Gabon and the Republic of Congo. The virus is transmitted by infected body fluids and kills up to 90 per cent of victims, depending on the

strain. There is no cure for Ebola. Leroy and his team captured and tested more than 1,000 animals in Ebola-infected areas of Africa to find possible reservoirs of infection.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese environmentalists awarded top govt prize

BEIJING, 2 Dec— The opening ceremony of the China Environmental Protection Festival 2005 was held here on Wednesday.

Five Chinese environmentalists were awarded the top governmental prize in environmental protection.

Tian Guirong, a farmer from central China’s Henan Province who collected used batteries at her own expense was

among the winners, dubbed as the Green China Annual Figures.

At the awarding ceremony, celebrities like TV hostess Yang Lan, Taiwan singer Jeff Chang and R&B composer David Taoreceived certificates of “Chinese Environment Ambassador” from the State Environmental Protection Administration.

At the opening of the festival, Hong Kong and Taiwanese singers such as Jackie Chan, David Tao and Jeff Chang, together with Mainland celebrities staged a grand performance to promote environmental protection

awareness in the country.

World renowned Chinese tenor Dai Yuqiang sang “Green China”, the theme song for the festival, with two other tenors.

MNA/Xinhua



A boy cries after torrential rains triggered flash floods recently in Thailand’s southern Yala Province.

INTERNET

Denmark shipping giant orders three vessels from China

BEIJING, 2 Dec — Denmark’s oldest shipping company—Norden signed a purchase agreement here Wednesday with China’s leading shipbuilder—CSSC for three new vessels worthy 105 million US dollars.

The agreement, signed between Danish Norden A-S and China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC), involves two 38,500DWT Product Oil Tankers and one 53,500DWT bulk cargo ship. The three vessels will be built by CSSC’s Guangzhou branch—the Guangzhou Shipyard International Company Ltd. and the Shanghai-Chengxi Shipbuilding Corp.

This is Norden’s

second deal with CSSC. In 2003, Norden ordered six 38,500DWT Product Oil Tankers from the Guangzhou Shipyard International Company Ltd. with one to be delivered this month.

CSSC currently accounts for about one-third of China’s annual shipbuilding output of around six million dead weight tons. Around half of CSSC’s orders come from offshore buyers.

MNA/Xinhua

S Korea starts terrestrial mobile TV service

SEOUL, 2 Dec— South Korea started terrestrial mobile TV service for the first time in the world on Thursday, opening an era of portable entertainment.

South Korea’s four major local broadcasting companies, MBC, SBS, KBS and YTN, and two smaller start-ups — U1 Media and Korea DMB — started providing Digital Multimedia Broadcasting (DMB) service from Thursday

afternoon, according to a news release of South Korean Ministry of Information and Communication (MOIC).

Currently, the DMB service is available only in Seoul and its vicinity areas, according to the

news release.

The ministry plans to expand the service to the whole nation in sometime the next year. DMB allows customers to view real-time digital television programmes on portable devices such as mobile phones.

South Korean handset makers have already rolled out diverse cell phones enabling users to view mobile TV programmes. Two major conglomerates, Samsung Electronics Co and LG Electronics Co, are dominating the DMB handset market.

MNA/Xinhua

Poland, Lithuania mull cooperation in building nuclear power plant

WARSAW, 2 Dec— Poland and Lithuania have been mulling over cooperating in building a modernized nuclear powerplant in Lithuania to replace the old one that the European Union (EU) deems unsafe, Poland’s leading newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza reported Thursday.

Lithuania has been seeking international help to build a new nuclear power plant before it fully shut down the Ignalina nuclear power plant, whose two reactors are of

the same design as Ukraine’s Chernobyl, which caused the world’s worst nuclear accident in 1986.

Under the EU pressure, Lithuania, one of the world’s most nuclear dependent countries, has pledged to decommission by 2009th Ignalina power plant, the supplier of some 80 per cent of the country’s electricity.

However, building a modernized nuclear power plant in line with all the standards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) may cost 7.5 billion euros (8.8 billion US dollars), which Lithuania cannot afford alone.

Poland and Lithuania have been negotiating on a joint investment, and

final agreement will be reached next year, said the report.— MNA/Xinhua

Amitabh Bachchan stable after surgery

NEW DELHI, 2 Dec— Indian movie icon Amitabh Bachchan was recovering after surgery in a Mumbai hospital on Thursday as hundreds of fans prayed for the superstar.

Doctors declined to divulge details about the surgery, but media reports said he was treated for inflammation of the intestine on Wednesday after he had complained of stomach pain.

“He has undergone surgery. He is okay. I cannot disclose anything else at this stage,” Jayant Barve, a doctor at Lilavati Hospital, said by telephone from Mumbai, formerly known as Bombay.

Hundreds of fans

crowded around the gates of the hospital and a stream of filmstars, industrialists and a yoga guru went to see Bachchan, once called the “angry young man” of Indian cinema for the roles he played.

Bachchan, 63, has acted in more than 150 films and through the 1970s and 1980s churned out one hit after another, playing rebels, smugglers, vigilantes and other anti-establishment figures.

MNA/Reuters



Apple computers are seen on the opening day of Paris Apple Expo, recently. Fox Filmed Entertainment is open to a deal with Apple Computer’s iTunes music and video service, its co-chairman said on 1 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

# SPORTS

## Neville succeeds Keane as Man Utd skipper

LONDON, 3 Dec— Gary Neville has been appointed to succeed Roy Keane as the new club captain of Manchester United, manager Alex Ferguson confirmed on Friday.

Ferguson had drawn up a short-list of three, including Ryan Giggs and Ruud van Nistelrooy, who skipped United in the aftermath of Keane's departure.

However, with Neville recovered from the groin injury which had ruled him out for most of this season, Ferguson has handed

him the captain's armband.

The United boss explained why Giggs, the one man who has been at Old Trafford longer than Neville, had been overlooked. "Given the service Gary has given this club, it is the right decision," said Ferguson.

"Ryan was under consideration, but you cannot

expect someone of his age to be running up and down the touchline every game.

"He will still play a lot of matches for us, but we want to try and keep the freshness in his legs, so he will not play every week."

Neville has been at Old Trafford for 12 years and is approaching 500 appearances for the club.

The right-back injured his groin in the Champions League qualifier against Debreceni in August, and has only recently started playing again for the Reds. —MNA/Xinhua

## Reichelt wins first World Cup super-G

WASHINGTON, 2 Dec— Austrian Hannes Reichelt won his first World Cup super-G race at Beaver Creek, Colorado, on Thursday, in a time of one minute 17.33 seconds. Reichelt was less affected by the heavy snow and blustery winds, while overall champion Bode Miller did not finish the race.

Canada's Erik Guay was second in 1:17.37 and Austrian Matthias Lanzinger took third in 1:17.49 for his first podium place.

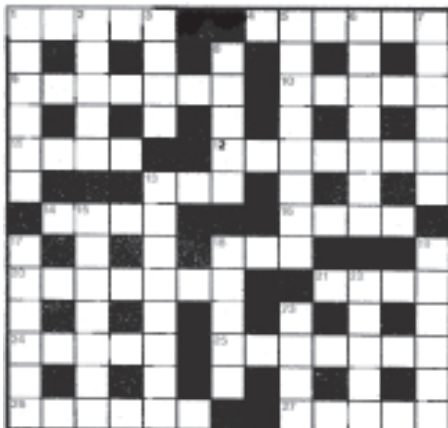
It was only Reichelt's second super-G race since suffering a left knee injury in Italy last March. His previous best finish was second in a super-G in Val Gardena, Italy in December 2002.

Seventeen skiers failed to complete the course.

Norway's Aksel Lind Svindal, who won the first super-G of the season in Lake Louise, Canada last month was fourth with 1:18.00.

In the super-G standings, the Norwegian has 150 points with Reichelt moving into second on 132 and American Daron Rahlves staying third on 105. A men's downhill race is scheduled for Friday. —MNA/Xinhua

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Kind of rich cake
- 4 A Cause
- 9 Unlawful
- 10 Tooth of fork
- 11 Weathercock
- 12 Of little importance
- 13 Tiny
- 14 Design on metal
- 16 Character in "Othello"
- 18 Black lignite
- 20 Efface
- 21 Fit
- 24 Dry
- 25 Powerhouse of USSR
- 26 Staid
- 27 Cloth for drying

### DOWN

- 1 Mourn
- 2 Synthetic fibre
- 3 Roguish
- 5 Plain in language
- 6 Revealing
- 7 Criticise pettily
- 8 Condition
- 13 Gorse-loving bird
- 15 Gradually narrowed
- 17 Entices
- 18 Twitchy
- 19 Dog-house
- 22 Beneath
- 23 Handy

## Thailand to set judging standards in next "SEA" Games

BANGKOK, 3 Dec— Thailand will set the international standards for impartial judging of sporting events in the next SEA Games, which will be hosted by Thailand, according to Thai Government Spokesman Surapong Suebwonglee.

The host country is not necessarily bound to win most gold medals in such sporting events but to pass sound judgments, make the games live up to international standards and promote sportsmanship among the athletes of the ASEAN community, said the spokesman on Friday.

It remains to be seen how the athletes from any given country may perform and win gold medals in the next SEA Games in Thailand, considering the victories which they achieved during the current 23rd SEA Games in the Philippines, Dr. Surapong said.

The government spokesman dismissed allegations that Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's criticism of the questionable outcome of some Games events were mere jealousy and confirmed Thailand will not emphasize the results of the games, be it triumph or defeat, and will

set a precedent in applying international standards for ASEAN sports.

Surapong said referees in the current SEA Games had apparently made poor judgments in both a 5,000-metre run and a taekwondo game, given a replay of the events in which Thai athletes had contested.

Meanwhile, a statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also clarified that Thaksin's remarks were not directed at any particular country or party, least of all the gracious host of the current Games whose generosity and hospitality have proven unrivalled.

"The thrust of the Prime Minister's remarks was intended to underscore his view that in such important international competition as SEA Games, the spirit of participation among all athletes is more important than the winning of medals," the statement said. —MNA/Xinhua



Vietnam's Huynh Quoc Anh (R) and Malaysia's Sathia Kumaran Subramaniam fight for the ball during their semi-final match at the 23rd Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in Bacolod, Philippines on 2 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

## Bulgarian Levski proceed to next UEFA phase

SOFIA, 2 Dec— Bulgarian Levski FC stunned the prideful French Olympique Marseille 1-0 with a perfect shoot by Hristo Yovov in a UEFA Cup Group F match late Thursday.

After a tiresome and choking first half, Yovov left the amazed goalkeeper Fabien Barthez only the chance to see the ball crossing the goal line in the 54th minute, which brought much joy to more than 16,000 Bulgarian

fans at the Stadium Asparuhov.

The win for Levski against Marseille, together with the victory for Dinamo against CSKA Moscow, led the old Bulgarian champion straight ahead into the 1/16 final of the UEFA Cup.

Levski have won their first clash in the UEFA group stage -- a 1-0 home victory against Dinamo Bucuresti. Then the Sofia side lost 1-2 to CSKA in Moscow.

Levski FC is the second Bulgarian club qualifying for UEFA Cup's next round, together with Litex Lovech, while CSKA Sofia still have to fight against Monaco on December 15 to scramble for a ticket to the next phase.

MNA/Xinhua

## Souness vows he will fight to the end

LONDON, 3 Dec— Graeme Souness claimed on Friday that he will never step down as Newcastle United manager.

Souness is under fire after his side lost 1-0 to an under-strength Wigan side in the Carling Cup, but he vowed not to buckle.

"That can never happen. It is a waste of time even asking me the question about whether I will quit," he said.

"The biggest single reason is that long after football, I have got to be able to look at myself in the mirror when I'm shaving. It won't happen."

Souness was in defiant mood ahead of the crucial game against Aston Villa, with criticism of his reign mounting.

He said: "I understand I personally have been getting a great deal of criticism, but

that's the price on the ticket. I can understand our fans' disappointment, frustration, anger at the way we played at Wigan.

"I would not argue with anyone who said we were poor, we were bad on the night. That can happen to any team. We were just poor, and that can happen.

"It's happened before and it will happen again." Newcastle have not won a major trophy since 1969, but Souness — who described the display at Wigan as "miserable and horrible" — said: "Records are there to be broken and sooner or later someone will do that here and I firmly believe I will do that." —MNA/Xinhua

## Zimbabwe to fund national soccer team

HARARE, 2 Dec— Finance Minister Herbert Murerwa on Thursday allocated 10 billion Zimbabwean dollars (about 166,667 US dollars) for the senior national soccer team's participation at the African Cup of Nations to be held in Egypt next year.

Presenting his 2006 National Budget, Murerwa said the Zimbabwe Football Association (ZIFA) should raise the balance through fundraising programmes. ZIFA had, prior to the budget presentation, made proposals to that effect.

The allocation is the second after 1.4 billion Zimbabwean dollars (about 23,333 US dollars) was availed to the team in the 2004 National budget at the team's maiden appearance in Tunisia. —MNA/Xinhua



Germany's Martina Helein (L) and Marion Rodewald (C) clash with China's Tang Chunling during their fifth round hockey match of the Champions trophy in Canberra, on 3 Dec, 2005. China beat Germany 1-0. —INTERNET



# China set to increase rice production with super rice strains

CHANGSHA, 3 Dec— The yield of rice, a staple food for most Chinese, could double if super strains are planted.

Yuan Longping, China's "father of super rice", said the latest variety is well on track to produce up to 13.5 tons a hectare compared with an average of 6.5 tons per hectare for conventional seeds.

Speaking at the China Rice Summit Forum on Thursday, Yuan said the first two phases of the "national super rice breeding project" yielded 10.5 tons and 12 tons per hectare in pilot farms in

2000 and 2004, respectively.

Earlier, a dozen strains of the super crop — planted in 7.46 million hectares for five years from 1998 — increased output by 6.5 million tons, indicated statistics of the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA).

"We are working towards the goal of yielding 13.5 tons a hectare, and I'm confident it will be reached by 2010," Yuan told the forum held

in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province.

The Chinese people should not only solve food problems for themselves, but also help other developing nations, he said referring to the export of the super rice technologies to some countries.

China started a "super rice" pilot project in 1996 in a bid to improve production and quality of rice, eaten regularly by

more than 60 per cent of its population and accounting for 40 per cent of the country's total grain consumption.

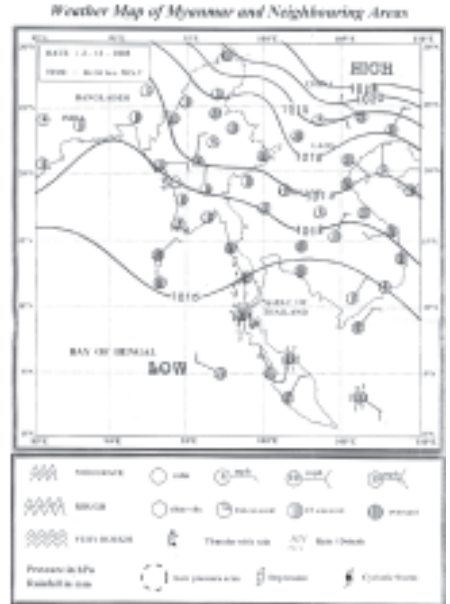
To take full advantage of the strains, the central government has decided to launch a super rice popularization programme this year.

Twenty leading super rice strains will be cultivated in six years from 2005, sown in 8.52 million hectares or 30 per cent of China's total paddy fields, ministry officials said.


Output is projected to increase by 900 kilogrammes per hectare, they said.

Drops in per-hectare yield of rice paddies have partially contributed to China's dwindling rice output — from 198.5 million tons in 1999 to 160.7 million tons in 2003. Last year, it rose to 179 million tons, according to the ministry statistics.

MNA/Xinhua



Earthquake survivor Ruksana Khan, 5, cleans utensils outside her temporary shelter in a Drangyari, about 130 kilometres (81 miles) north of Srinagar, India, on 1 Dec, 2005. — INTERNET



**Sunday, 4 December**  
View on today

<p><b>7:00 am</b> 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b> 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b> 3. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b> 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:50 am</b> 5. အတိ-ပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>7:55 am</b> 6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာ မာလာ</p> <p><b>8:10 am</b> 7. အတိ-ပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:15 am</b> 8. ခိုဏ္ဍရံ ရေထိန်းတံခါး</p>	<p><b>8:25 am</b> 9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> 10. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> 11. Say it in English</p> <p><b>11:00 am</b> 1. Martial song</p> <p><b>11:05 am</b> 2. Musical programme</p> <p><b>11:15 am</b> 3. Roundup of the week's TV international news</p> <p><b>11:25 pm</b> 4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နေပြည်တော်" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)</p> <p><b>1:50 pm</b> 5. Musical programme</p> <p><b>2:20 pm</b> 1. (၂၃) ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဘောလုံး ဖြိုင်ပွဲ (အမျိုးသား) (တတိယ နေရာလှည့်) (အင်ဒိုနီးရှားနှင့် မလေးရှား)</p>	<p><b>4:15 pm</b> 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b> 3. Sing and Enjoy</p> <p><b>5:10 pm</b> 4. Musical programme</p> <p><b>5:20 pm</b> 5. (၂၃) ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဘောလုံး ဖြိုင်ပွဲ (အမျိုးသား) (ပိုလ်လှည့်) (ထိုင်နှင့် ဗီယက်နမ်)</p> <p><b>7:15 pm</b> 6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စိမ်းလှစေတီကန်သယံ" (အပိုင်း-၂၉)</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b> 7. News</p> <p><b>8. International news.</b></p> <p><b>9. Weather report.</b></p> <p><b>10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိပြီဆိုရင်" (အပိုင်း-၂)</b></p> <p><b>11. The next day's programme</b></p>
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**Radio Myanmar**

**Sunday, 4 December**  
Tune in today

**8:30 am** Brief news  
**8:35 am** Music:  
-Snowbird

**8:40 am** Perspectives  
**8:45 am** Music:  
-Under the sun

**8:50 am** National news & Slogan  
**9:00 am** Music:  
-Dance

**9:05 am** International news  
**9:10 am** Cultural images of Myanmar  
**9:20 am** Music:  
-Sweet love

**1:30 pm** News & Slogan  
**1:40 pm** Children's delight  
-Story for children "Excellent choice"  
-Songs for children

**9:00 pm** Weekly news review  
**9:10 pm** Article  
**9:20 pm** Music  
-Innocent eyes  
-That good

**9:45 pm** News / Slogan  
**10.00 pm** PEL

## WEATHER

**Saturday, 3 December, 2005**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (4°C) below normal in Kachin State, (5°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Hakha (2°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthong (1.69) inches.

Maximum temperature on 2-12-2005 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 3-12-2005 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 3-12-2005 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 2-12-2005 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 3-12-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (102.60) inches at Mingaladon, (101.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.46) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from East at (10:20) hours MST on 2-12-2005.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's depression over Southwest Bay had crossed North Tamilnadu Coast near Chennai, India. Weather is cloudy in the Andaman Sea, South Bay and West Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 4-12-2005:** Except for isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Taninthayi Division, weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-12-2005:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-12-2005:** Fair weather.

**Storm News**

(Issued at 10:30 hrs MST on 3-12-2005)

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# Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein on inspection tour of development tasks in PyinOoLwin

YANGON, 3 Dec — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, and the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, left here by Tatmadaw aircraft on 1 December morning and arrived at Anisakhan Airport near PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Division.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin

Zaw, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun, PyinOoLwin Station Commander Brig-

Gen Nyi Tun, senior military officers and departmental officials. The Secretary-1

and party proceeded to Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin.

At the briefing hall, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint reported on implementation of

tasks related to the instructions and guidance given by Head of State (See page 8)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein observes herbal plants at the herbal plantation of Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOo Lwin.—MNA

# Matters related to resumption of National Convention clarified

YANGON, 3 Dec — National Convention Convening Commission explained matters related to resumption of National Convention scheduled to resume on 5 December to journalists and reporters of foreign news agencies and local journals and magazines at 10 am today and to heads and journalists of foreign regional news agencies at 2 pm at the NCCC office on Kyaikkahsan grounds here.



Chief Justice U Aung Toe explains matters related to convening the National Convention to local journalists and journalists of foreign regional news agencies.—MNA



Chief Justice U Aung Toe clarifies matters related to convening the National Convention to heads and journalists of foreign regional news agencies.—MNA

Present on the occasion were NCCC Vice-Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, members Attorney General U Aye Maung and U Thaug Nyunt, Joint-Secretary-1 Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, members of National Convention Convening Work Committee, news and information officials, Guardian U Sein Win of (See page 10)