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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

Prime Minister to attend ASEAN Summits

YANGON, 7 Dec— At the invitation of His Excellency Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar and delegation will attend the 11th ASEAN Summit, Summit of 2nd Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam, ASEAN+3 Summit, Summits of ASEAN Heads of State/Government and Heads of State/Government of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, ASEAN-India Summit, ASEAN-Russia Summit and 1st East Asia Summit to be held in Malaysia, in the near future.—MNA



Members of the panel of chairmen. — MNA

Proposals submitted by delegate groups assessed

Plenary session of National Convention continues in Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby

YANGON, 6 Dec — With the six objectives of the National Convention of the State— (a) non-disintegration of the Union (b) non-disintegration of the national solidarity (c) perpetuity of sovereignty (d) flourishing of a genuine multiparty democracy system (e) further burgeoning of the noblest and worthiest of worldly values such as justice, liberty

and equality; and (f) the Tatmadaw to be able to participate in the national political leadership role of the future State, the plenary session of the National Convention was held from 17 February to 31 March for 2005 and was temporarily adjourned. The plenary session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in

Hmawby Township this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary 1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, Chairman of the NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe (See page 8)



NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, chairmen of Work Committee and Management Committee and members, and delegates at the National Convention. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Work together for success of National Convention with patriotism and Union Spirit

The plenary meeting of the National Convention was resumed at the Nyaunhnabin Camp in Hmawby Township in Yangon Division on 5 December and 1074 out of 1080 delegates to the Convention, that is, 99.44 per cent, attended the meeting. Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Country Lt-Gen Thein Sein graced the plenary meeting and delivered an opening address.

In his address, the NCCC Chairman said that the National Convention is being held for the emergence of a constitution which will be the lifeblood of the entire people and will safeguard their interests, that it will go down in history and that the delegates are required to work together for the success of the National Convention with patriotism and Union Spirit and without any kind of isms.

The holding of the National Convention is an attempt aimed at establishing a genuine, discipline-flourishing democracy the people have longed for. It is the very first and most important stage of the seven-point policy programme being implemented for the future and the long-term interests of the nation. At this National Convention, the delegates from all walks of life are taking part in the discussions in unison to be able to draft the constitution, a sine qua non for transition to democracy. At this plenary meeting of the National Convention, proposals and suggestions discussed by the eight delegate groups at the previous plenary meetings will be presented and explained by the panel of chairmen for the approval of the delegates and then detailed basic principles will be laid down.

In its bid to establish a durable democracy, the government is giving top priority to peace and stability, economic development and human resources development. At the same time, it is holding the National Convention for the emergence of a constitution that will safeguard the interests of the entire national people. A genuine, discipline-flourishing democracy will be established with genuine goodwill of the government and enthusiastic participation of the people.

We would like to call on the delegates to the National Convention to work together for the success of the National Convention with patriotism and Union Spirit and without any kind of isms and for the emergence of a constitution essential to the establishment of a democracy.



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

Indian goodwill delegation visits NDC

YANGON, 6 Dec — Indian goodwill delegation led by Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff Lt-Gen RN Kapur today visited the National Defence College (NDC) here where Commandant of the NDC Maj-Gen Moe Hein and officers welcomed them.



Indian goodwill delegation visits National Defence College. —MNA

At the briefing hall of the NDC, Maj-Gen Moe Hain briefed them on the history and academic matters of NDC.

Next, Deputy Director-General of the International Organizations and Economic Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Hla Myint, Police Lt-Col Kyaw Win Thein of Myanmar Police

Force and Deputy Director of the Planning Department of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development Daw Than Than Win also briefed on foreign affairs of

Myanmar, matters related to transnational crimes and economic development of Myanmar.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Moe Hein and Lt-Gen RN Kapur exchanged

gifts and the delegation visited the NDC.

The commandant of NDC hosted a lunch in honour of the goodwill delegation at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel.

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Sports Minister, athletes arrive back from XXIII SEA Games



Gold Medalist Zaw Win Htut of Archery Team and Coach U Kyaw Oo seen at the airport.—NLM

YANGON, 6 Dec— Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and athletes who participated in the XXIII South East Asian Games held in Manila, the Philippines, arrived back here this morning.

Sportsmen and women of the track & field team, the women soccer team, the archery team, the body building team, the shooting team and the chess team and officials altogether 125 arrived back this morning.

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, members of Myanmar Olympic Committee, officials of the Ministry of Sports, officials of Myanmar Women Sports Federation and Myanmar Sports Federation and relatives.

A total of 97 athletes and officials arrived back yesterday evening. —MNA

Li-Col K Lar Mar (Retd) and Daw Tin Tin Ohn of Room No 26, Building-26, U Wisara Housing, presents K 100,000 to Joint Treasurer of Hinzigon Home for the Aged U Maung Maung Gyi recently. — H

Construction Minister inspects Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon)

YANGON, 6 Dec — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, accompanied by officials of Public Works, yesterday inspected Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) project in Mandalay Division.

The minister gave instructions on timely completion of the bridge, work site safety and thrifty use of construction materials.

The minister also inspected the installation of iron beams at the bridge.—MNA

UMFCCI officials leave for KL

YANGON, 6 Dec— General Secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing and Central Executive U Tun Aung yesterday morning left here for Malaysia to participate in the conference of ASEAN social organizations to be held in Kuala Lumpur, on 6-9 December.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Joint-Secretary-1 of UMFCCI Dr Maung Maung lay and Joint-Secretary-2 U Tun Aung and officials.— MNA



UMFCCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and Central Executive U Tun Aung seen at the airport before their departure for KL. — UMFCCI



South Korean protesters stage an anti-government rally against extension of South Korea troop's deployment in Iraq, near the National Assembly in Seoul on 6 Dec, 2005.— INTERNET



Nazarbayev wins Kazakh presidential election

ASTANA, 5 Dec— Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev won a landslide victory in Sunday's presidential election, with almost 85 per cent of the vote, an exit poll showed.

The exit poll conducted by Eurasian rating agency in the Central Asian country gave Nazarbayev 84.55 per cent of the vote, with only 9.58 per cent voting for his closest rival, opposition leader Zharmakhan Tuyakbai.

Another challenger, former labour minister Alikhan Baimenov, came third with 3.46 per cent of the vote. Baimenov was followed by Communist candidate Yerasyil Abilkasymov with 1.43 per cent and environmentalist Mels

Yelesuzov with 0.98 per cent. The presidential poll closed at 1400 GMT in the east, including the capital Astana and main city Almaty, and 1500 GMT in the west, which includes the Caspian Sea oil hub of Atyrau.— MNA/Xinhua

Storm "Epsilon" again regains hurricane strength

MIAMI, 5 Dec — Tropical Storm Epsilon strengthened into a hurricane for the second time in two days on Sunday, perplexing US hurricane researchers who had expected it to steadily weaken over cool Atlantic waters.

Hurricane Epsilon had maximum sustained winds of 85 mph by 10 a.m. EST (1500 GMT) as it churned eastward at 12 mph around 725 miles west-southwest of the Azores, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

The 14th hurricane of a record-breaking 2005 Atlantic hurricane season had earlier weakened back into a tropical storm, with winds below the 74-mph threshold that categorizes a tropical storm as a hurricane.

"There are no clear reasons and I'm not going to make one up to explain

the recent strengthening of Epsilon," hurricane forecaster Lixian Avila said in a bulletin on the Miami-based hurricane centre's website. "I am just describing the facts."

The storm posed no threat to land and was expected to loop back to the southwest after a couple of days and dissipate.—MNA/Reuters

Many Iraqi voters want Americans to go home

BAGHDAD, 5 Dec — Anti-Western feeling is running high ahead of Iraq's election this month and many voters think sending US troops home should be the priority of the next government, an informal survey by Reuters indicated.

Campaigning for the 15 December parliamentary election has not focused much on the US-led occupation, but one finding of a survey of dozens of voters by Reuters was the desire for foreign troops to leave the country.

In the campaign, it has

been some Sunni Arab minority parties who, in common with rebel groups from the once-dominant Sunni community, have made foreign troop withdrawal a prime demand.

Other politicians, however, know they need US soldiers to stop the

Sunni-led insurgency tipping Iraq into civil war, but many of their constituents think the troops make matters worse. "The occupation forces should withdraw so that we can feel secure. Every day I feel panic when I go to college due to blasts and random shootings," said Israa Mohammad, a 22-year-old student interviewed on the campus of Baghdad University.

That view was reflected in the survey of voters in Baghdad, Kirkuk, Basra, Hilla and

Najaf in which more people chose the withdrawal of foreign troops as the priority for next year than chose a more general wish for security.

Animosity towards US, British and other coalition soldiers, whom many Iraqis have come to see as contributing to rather than halting violence, underscores Washington's failure to win the hearts and minds of Iraqis 30 months after invading.

It also chimes with growing unpopularity over the war back in the United States.

"When Iraq was occupied by US forces, they promised to spread democracy. But what had happened is the opposite; democracy produced slaughter, killing and kidnapping," said Mohammed Sulabi, who was also interviewed in Baghdad.

MNA/Reuters

Iran rejects US participation in nuclear talks

TEHERAN, 5 Dec — Iran said on Sunday that the US involvement in the nuclear talks between Iran and the European Union (EU) would complicate the issue.

"We believe that the US involvement in the negotiations would just make things more complicated," Foreign Ministry spokesman

Hamid-Reza Asefi told a weekly news briefing.

Asefi made the comments in response to a recent suggestion made by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei that Washington be invited to participate in the nuclear talks. Asefi said the negotiations between Iran and the EU should not become a bargaining game, stressing that Iran was just engaged in nuclear talks to secure its right to get access to peaceful nuclear technology.

Iran and the EU agreed to resume nuclear negotiations later this month after the IAEA decision on 24 November to postpone the referral of Iran's nuclear file to the United Nations Security Council in order to provide extra time for Iran and the EU to seek a peaceful solution to the issue.

The nuclear negotiations, which started after Iran suspended all activities related to uranium enrichment in November 2004, have been stranded since Teheran

defiantly resumed uranium conversion activities in early August.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi detainee dies at US military hospital

BAGHDAD, 5 Dec — A 67-year-old Iraqi male security detainee died in a US military hospital in Iraq on Friday, the US military said in a statement on Saturday.

"The death was pronounced by the attending physician at the 344th Corps Support Hospital on Friday," the statement said without any elaboration.

The body will be transferred to the family after an autopsy, the statement added. — MNA/Xinhua

Elected Parliament member killed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 Dec — An elected member of Wolesi Jirga (Lower House) was killed on Sunday morning when his faction fought a rival group in the eastern Afghan Province of Laghman, an official said.

"Commander Asmatullah Mohabbat and three of his soldiers were killed in the provincial capital Mehtarlan this morning in a clash for internal affairs, one other person was injured," Interior Ministry spokesperson Mohammad Yusuf Stanizi told Xinhua. Asmatullah Mohabbat has been under the custody of US in Afghanistan for some time. — MNA/Xinhua

Gunmen kidnap French contractor in western Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 6 Dec — Unknown gunmen kidnapped a French contractor in western Baghdad Monday morning, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

"Armed men surprised a KIA truck carrying Brend Blanch, a French engineer working in a drinking water project in eastern Baghdad, and dragged him to their Toyota car and fled the scene without shooting," the source said. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi soldier questions a man in Saadah, Iraq, eight miles from Syria, on 3 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

Chinese Premier leaves for visits to Europe, Asia

BEIJING, 5 Dec— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao left here on Sunday for official visits to France, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Portugal and Malaysia.

Premier Wen will also attend the ninth summit between China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), the ninth ASEAN plus China, Japan and the South Korea Summit and the First East Asian Summit in Kuala Lumpur.

Wen was invited by French Prime Minister Dominique Galouzeau de Villepin, Slovakian Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda, Czech Prime Minister Jiri Paroubek, Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Socrates, and Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi. —MNA/Xinhua

UAE wants gradual pullout of US forces from Iraq

DUBAI, 5 Dec — The United Arab Emirates on Saturday called for the gradual withdrawal of US-led forces from Iraq and said Iraqis should govern themselves.

The state news agency WAM quoted UAE Defence Minister and Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed as saying at a conference in Dubai:

"What is needed in the case of Iraq is to resort to the language of dialogue and understanding away from the display of power and threats to use force and violence."

Sheikh Mohammed also said Arab leaders should not blame their failure to implement reforms on foreign intervention in

Iraq or lack of means, saying this was fuelling discontent and extremism.

He said signs of change and reform were beginning to appear in many Arab states, calling them "a chance for liberation from disappointment, frustration, and despair".

His comments follow the UAE's decision last week to allow limited elections to the country's consultative council for the first time.

Arab leaders blame

rising militancy on the US-led occupation of Iraq and the Israeli-Arab conflict.

MNA/Reuters

Six people wounded in clashes in Syria

DAMASCUS, 5 Dec— Six people including two militants were injured in fierce clashes between Syrian security forces and "a terrorist group" in the northern Syrian city of Aleppo on Sunday, the official SANA news agency reported.

Fierce clashes erupted as the security forces rounded up a terror group which attempted to carry out terror acts in Aleppo, about



Britain's Virgin Group chief Richard Branson smiles while hanging suspended inside the Virgin Mega store in New York's Times Square, on 30 Nov, 2005.

INTERNET

350 kilometres north of the Syrian capital Damascus, according to the report.

Six people including two terrorists were wounded in the exchange of fire, SANA added.

Earlier, the pan-Arab al-Jazeera television reported that Syrian security forces clashed with several gunmen in Aleppo and that the gunmen blew up their car after being encircled by the security forces.

Al-Jazeera said three militants were believed in the car when it was exploded.

Syrian security forces have clashed several times with militants and arrested dozens of them in recent months amid an intensified security campaign around the country.

MNA/Xinhua

Roadside bomb hits US-Iraqi patrol in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 5 Dec — A roadside bomb went off when a US-Iraqi patrol passed by an area in southern Baghdad on Sunday, damaging a US vehicle, an Interior Ministry source said.

"An improvised explosive device exploded near a US-Iraqi patrol in Jurf al-Nadaf area, damaging a US vehicle," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. US troops immediately cordoned off the scene, and Iraqi police in the area said they saw three US soldiers lying on the ground, the source said. — MNA/Xinhua

Gunmen kill police officer in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 5 Dec— Gunmen shot dead a high-ranking police officer in western Baghdad on Sunday, a police source said.

"Unknown armed men gunned down Lieutenant Colonel Abdul Razzaq Abdul al-Latif, of the police's criminal department, in al-Adil District at about 8:20 am (0520 GMT)," Captain Ahmed Abdullah told Xinhua. The victim was driving his car to work when the ambush took place, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Two wounded by car bomb near Iraqi chief judge's house

BAGHDAD, 5 Dec— A car bomb detonated near the house of Iraqi chief judge Medhet al-Mohmod in western Baghdad on Sunday, wounding two people, an Interior Minister source told Xinhua.

"The explosion occurred at around 4:20 pm (1320 GMT) when the judge was not home," the source said. "The house of one of his neighbours was destroyed. Two female neighbours were wounded and taken to hospital," he added, without providing other details. Police said security barriers around the judge's house prevented the suicide driver from reaching the house, which was the primary target. — MNA/Xinhua

Blasts injure three in Venezuela

CARACAS, 5 Dec— Three people were wounded in small explosions ahead of Sunday's parliamentary elections, the Attorney General's Office said.

One homemade explosive went off near a government office on Friday afternoon, injuring two people, said Aryeli Vera, spokeswoman for the Attorney General's Office.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi police man secures the site of a roadside bomb that missed a police patrol and wounded three civilians, a police official said, at central Tahrir Square in Baghdad, on 4 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

US reportedly told Germany of CIA imprisonment mistake

WASHINGTON, 5 Dec— The United States admitted to German officials last year that the CIA had mistakenly imprisoned one of its citizens for five months but asked the German Government to remain quiet, according to a US media report on Sunday.

Daniel Coats, then the US Ambassador to Germany, told German Interior Minister Otto Schily in May 2004 that Khaled el-Masri had been wrongfully held but would soon be released, the Washington Post reported. He was later freed from a prison in Afghanistan.

The newspaper cited interviews with current and former intelligence and diplomatic officials. CIA officials told Reuters they had no comment.

The account comes as US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice prepared to visit Berlin and other European capitals amid allegations that the United States has committed abuses on the continent while

fighting terrorism.

A German prosecutor is probing el-Masri's case but German officials who knew of his ordeal have remained silent, the Post said.

El-Masri, a German national who was arrested in Macedonia on 31 December, 2003, has said he was handed to US officials and flown to a secret prison in Afghanistan, where he was held in appalling conditions and interrogated as a terrorism suspect.

He has said he was returned to Europe five months later when the CIA realized they had the wrong man.

MNA/Reuters

China's eco growth contributes to world peace

LONDON, 5 Dec — China's economic growth will present a chance for the world and contribute to world peace, said Chinese Finance Minister Jin Renqing here on Saturday.

Jin made the remarks when briefing the participants on China's 11th five-year plan and the country's peaceful development concept at an economic policy dialogue here.

Jin and his counterparts from India, Brazil, South Africa attended the dialogue with G-7 finance ministers.

The Chinese Finance Minister said the economic policy dialogue between the developed and developing countries is very important.

Though very short in terms of time, the meeting is very successful as the finance ministers exchanged their views on world economy affairs, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai PM to stress on regional cooperation at 11th ASEAN summit

BANGKOK, 5 Dec — Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra plans to reiterate regional cooperation in Asia Bond as an approach to strengthen the ASEAN Community at the forthcoming summit of leaders of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), reported the Thai News Agency Saturday.

The Prime Minister will also raise regional cooperation in the energy sector and bird flu prevention and control at the 11th ASEAN Summit, as well as other related summits and the first East Asia Summit (EAS), to be held in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur from 11-14 December.

Thaksin said he hopes the regional summits would become strategic forums for ASEAN leaders and their counterparts from dialogue partners, including China, Japan, South Korea, India, Australia, New Zealand and Russia, to exchange views and discuss regional issues and situations freely to reach a regional stance.

These will coincide with the theme of this year's ASEAN summit on "One Vision, One Identity, One Community,"

aimed to eventually achieve the establishment of the strong ASEAN Community. The Thai leader will also attend the

Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) Summit to be held concurrently.

MNA/Xinhua

Hun Sen encourages disabled people to be brave, self confident

PHNOM PENH, 5 Dec — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Saturday encouraged the disabled people to be brave and self confident to overcome challenges.

He made the remarks in his supporting message to the celebration of the 23rd International Day of Disabled Persons held at the Hun Sen Park.

Disabled people "should be brave and self confident, study hard and attain skills by using your abilities and potential to overcome challenges on the basis of your right to full and equal participation in all activities in society", Hun Sen said.

He also urged the government ministries and institutions to accelerate the adoption of disability law to protect the

rights of persons with disabilities and to prepare necessary legislation and regulations to support the integration of disabled people into the communities. More than 500 people, including many disabled, attended the event. Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni also

sent his supporting message to the celebration. To celebrate the event, the Cambodian Disabled People's Organization also organized marathon of people with disabilities from Siem Reap Province leading to Phnom Penh Prefecture.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore launches programme to help families of disabled

SINGAPORE, 5 Dec — Singapore Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports Vivian Balakrishnan announced Saturday that a Family Support Group Programme is being launched to help families of children with disabilities.

"The objective of the programme is to help parents of children with disabilities to support each other, share their experiences, and acquire skills," Balakrishnan said at the Disability Awareness Public Education Carnival held at the International Day for Persons with Disabilities.

Three local organizations including the Rainbow Centre, Asian Women's Welfare Association and the Down Syndrome Association will get resources from the government while some 300 families are expected to benefit from the programme, according to the minister. — MNA/Xinhua

Indian PM leaves for Moscow defence, energy talks

NEW DELHI, 5 Dec — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh left here Sunday on a four-day official visit to Moscow, Indo-Asian News Service reported.

Singh is expected to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin, talking about defence and energy cooperation during his visit for the annual India-Russia summit.

The two sides are likely to sign several agreements including those on intellectual property rights for defence hardware and development of a satellite-based communication system, said the Indian Ministry of External Affairs earlier this week.

The ministry source said Singh has no plan to talk about arms purchase from Russia during the visit but added that India is negotiating with Russia for buying medium-range transport aircraft and Tu-22 bombers and



India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh passes by Russian honour guards after his arrival in Moscow, on 4 Dec, 2005. — INTERNET

developing a fifth generation fighter jet.

The ministry source also noted that the energy cooperation will be one of the focuses of bilateral talks. India's state-run oil

giant ONGC-Videsh has had 20-per-cent stake of the Sakhalin-I oil and gas project in Russia and India is looking to bid for other exploration blocks in Siberia. — MNA/Xinhua

Five US soldiers injured in chopper emergency landings in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 Dec — Two US CH-47 Chinook helicopters made emergency landings on Sunday in separate locations in southern Afghanistan resulting in the injury of five US soldiers and one Afghan National Army soldier, US military said in a Press release.

"In the first incident, an emergency landing at a Forward Operating Base south of Tarin Kowt of Uruzgan Province occurred with one Afghan National Army soldier injured and evacuated to a nearby US military treatment facility. He is listed in stable condition," it said.

"The second incident, in which five US soldiers were injured, occurred north of Kandahar and resulted in severe damage

to the aircraft. The injured were evacuated to a nearby US medical facility for treatment, and all are reported in stable condition. None of the injuries were reported as serious," it added. Afghan and US forces are conducting recovery operations.

Both aircrafts were involved in combat operations against enemy forces in southern Afghanistan.

MNA/Xinhua

Two people killed in bomb blast in central Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 5 Dec — An explosive charge went off in a busy area in central Baghdad on Sunday, killing two people and wounding 11 others, a police source said.

"A bomb planted under a car parked near Tahrir Square detonated, killing two people and wounding 11 others," Captain Ahmed Abdullah of Baghdad police told Xinhua.

The blast destroyed the car and damaged several nearby shops in the busy commercial Bab al-Sharji District, he said. — MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier takes a snapshot of anti-American graffiti painted on a concrete block in the Sunni Al-Dura neighbourhood, southwest of Baghdad, on 1 Dec, 2005. — INTERNET

According to forthcoming State Constitution...

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of Government to the President in addition to the duties of the Head of State

—constitutions of some countries in which the President has to assume only the Head of State duties, and the Prime Minister has to undertake Head of Government duties.

The Work Committee also studied the powers and functions entrusted to the President in the 1947 Constitution of the Union of Myanmar and those vested in the Council of State in the 1974 Constitution of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

According to the already laid down basic principles, the President will have to undertake the duties of both the Head of State and the Head of Union Government. Thus, a wide range of necessary powers and functions should be entrusted to the President to enable him to carry out the executive duties speedily and effectively.

Now, I will present a collection of detailed basic principles concerning the duties and functions of the President in connection with the executive sector based on the studies of the Work Committee as follows:

1. The President shall be responsible to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The Vice-Presidents shall be responsible to the President and also to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through the President.
2. To be able to discharge the duties assigned in accord with the Constitution or any of the law, the National Defence and Security Council led by the President shall be formed with the following persons:
 1. President
 2. Vice-President
 3. Vice-President
 4. Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw
 5. Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw
 6. Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
 7. Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
 8. Minister for Defence
 9. Minister for Foreign Affairs
 10. Minister for Home Affairs
 11. Minister for Border Affairs
3. The President shall have
 - (a) the right of pardon
 - (b) the right of amnesty in accord with the recommendation of the National Defence and Security Council.
4. The President shall
 - (a) confer honours and awards
 - (b) revoke titles, honours and awards.
5. The President shall establish or sever diplomatic relations with foreign nations with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. But in the cases which need immediate action, the President shall coordinate with the National Defence and Security Council to sever diplomatic relations with foreign nation, and he shall seek the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw concerning the action taken by him.
6. The President of the State, in accord with law,
 - (a) shall appoint and recall the diplomats of the country;
 - (b) shall agree on the appointment of foreign diplomats and send information on the recall
 - (c) shall accept the letters of accreditation presented by foreign diplomats."
7. The President of the State, in accord with law, shall appoint and dismiss heads of bodies of public services.
8. The President of the State, in accord with law,
 - (a) shall enter into, ratify or annul international, regional or bilateral treaties, or withdraw from such treaties with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 - (b) shall enter into, ratify or annul international, regional or bilateral treaties which do not require the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, or withdraw from such treaties.
9. The President of the State shall have the right to occasionally deliver an address or a message to the meeting of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, or to the meeting of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw, or to the whole country on any matter regarding the policies and conditions of the State.
10. The President of the State shall communicate with

the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to summon an emergency or special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if necessary.

11. (a) Except State budget matters, the President shall have the right to issue an ordinance on administrative matters that need immediate action during intervals between sessions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 - (b) If the President has not withdrawn the ordinance issued under sub-para (a), he shall submit the ordinance for approval to the nearest session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw within 60 days after the promulgation of the ordinance. If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has not any schedule to hold a session within 60 days, the President shall call a special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval.
 - (c) The ordinance shall cease to have effect from the date on which it is disapproved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 - (d) The ordinance issued by the President will be in force with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw till the required date.
 - (e) Even such an ordinance is revoked within 60 days after its promulgation, it shall be submitted to the nearest meeting of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 - (f) If such an ordinance contains matters which the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has no right to make decision according to the Constitution, the ordinance ceases to have effect.
 12. The President shall
 - (a) in coordination with the National Defence and Security Council, formed within the framework of the Constitution, take suitable military action in the face of aggression against the State;
 - (b) submit the action so taken to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval if it is in session or call an emergency meeting to present the matter for approval if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not in session.
 - (c) declare war or make peace only with the assent of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 13. The President shall sign the laws passed and enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after taking action according to the provisions of the Constitution. Such signed laws shall be promulgated in the gazette.
 14. The President shall not be responsible for answering to any Hluttaw or to any Court for the exercise or performance of the duties and functions vested in him by the Constitution or any of the existing laws or for any of his actions in the exercise and performance of these powers and functions. But the exemption should not concern the stipulations contained in the constitution in connection with the impeachment made against him.
- In connection with the clarifications, National Unity Party, one of the seven political parties and one of the delegate groups to the National Convention discussed that according to the forthcoming State Constitution in the Union of Myanmar, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is the highest organization.
- The fact that The President and the Vice-President shall be responsible to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was proper. The President may make a prompt decision on security and defence of the State. In such situation, the decisions should not be made by individual person. Decision through consultation will be exact and right. Therefore the NUP found the formation of National Defence and Security Council led by the President to be proper. In the nations of the world or Myanmar, the Head of State usually grants pardon or amnesty or reduces prison terms. Moreover, amnesty is granted to insurgents to return to the legal fold. The delegate group said the proposals are found to be proper.
- Conferring honour and awards to those who do their best performance for the interest of the State helps the citizen to discharge duties for the good of the nation. The titles and awards should be revoked if there was an inappropriate way of life among those who received titles. The delegates found the right to honour and awards the people to be proper. The fact that the President shall coordinate with the National Security Council in connection with diplomatic affairs and immediate actions and he shall seek the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw concerning the actions taken by him was suitable.
- According to the international procedures, the President shall appoint and recall the diplomats of the

country and agree on the appointment of foreign diplomats and send information on the recall. The President of the State, in accord with law, shall appoint and dismiss heads of bodies of public services. The NUP found these points to be suitable.

Various countries in the world sign agreements with other nations or those in the regions or member nations of the UN for the good of the respective countries. In some countries the President shall sign or annul agreements with international communities or withdraw from the agreements only with the approval of the respective legislative body. In some countries the President shall carry out these tasks in his own will. As such, the fact that the President shall have rights to do so was proper.

The President of the State shall have the right to occasionally deliver an address or a message to the meeting of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, or to the meeting of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw, or to the whole country on any matter regarding the policies and conditions of the State. According to the descriptions, it is proper for the President to have rights to inform the citizens of the matters that they should know.

According to the future constitution, there will be a lot of matters to be undertaken with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. If there were some matters to be undertaken immediately when the Pyithu Hluttaw is not in session, there may be some difficulties.

In such situation, the President shall communicate with the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to summon an emergency or special session of the Pyithu Hluttaw. By doing so, some difficulties can be overcome. The delegates of the NUP found that it was proper. The President shall have the right to issue an ordinance on administrative matters that need immediate action during intervals between sessions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The ordinance does not cover the State budget matters. The President shall submit the ordinance for approval of the session of the Pyithu Hluttaw within 60 days. If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has not any schedule to hold a session within 60 days, he President shall call a special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval. The ordinance shall cease to have effect from the date on which it is disapproved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

They discussed points on taking suitable military action in the face of aggression against the State in coordination with the National Defence and Security Council, formed within the framework of the Constitution and submission of the action so taken to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval if it is in session or call an emergency meeting to present the matter for approval if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not in session, and it is appropriate to consider the points.

Learning constitutions of global nations, it is found that governments of some nations are to declare war or make peace only with the assent of parliament or Hluttaw. In the 1974 constitution of the Union of Myanmar also, declaration of war and making peace shall have to be carried out with decision of Pyithu Hluttaw. It can be reviewed that as words of declaring war and making peace are very wide and delicate, it is not appropriate to give power to only the President of the State to do so. Therefore, the above-mentioned facts are appropriate to adopt.

The President shall sign the laws passed and enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after taking action according to the provisions of the Constitution. Such signed laws shall be promulgated in the gazette. As it should be the duty of the president of the State, there is no more suggestions to give regarding the matter.

The President shall not be responsible for answering to any Hluttaw or to any Court for the exercise or performance of the duties and functions vested in him by the Constitution or any of the existing laws or for any of his actions in the exercise and performance of these powers and functions.

But the exemption should not concern the stipulations contained in the constitution in connection with the impeachment made against him. The above-mentioned detailed basic principle shows that the President shall not be responsible for answering to any Hluttaw or to any Court for the exercise or performance of the duties and functions vested in him by the existing laws.

However, if necessary, the exemption should not concern with stipulations contained in the constitution in connection with the impeachment made against him. Therefore, these points are appropriate.—MNA

Livestock breeding sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of livestock breeding in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Constant emergence of veterinary surgeons

The government has laid down and is implementing economic objectives—development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well and proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system — for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

In accord with those objectives priority is being given to development of the fish and meat sector that is closely related to the agricultural sector. For development of the fish and meat sector, skills and technology of international class are required.

The State is making constant

efforts for the emergence of technicians in the fish and meat sector. These technicians including veterinary surgeons are now fully engaged in animal health care services, livestock breeding, prevention and control of animal infectious diseases that could spread to man.

The Institute of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science has drawn effective curricula on veterinary science and is teaching them to the students in a short time. It also sends scholars abroad for further studies.

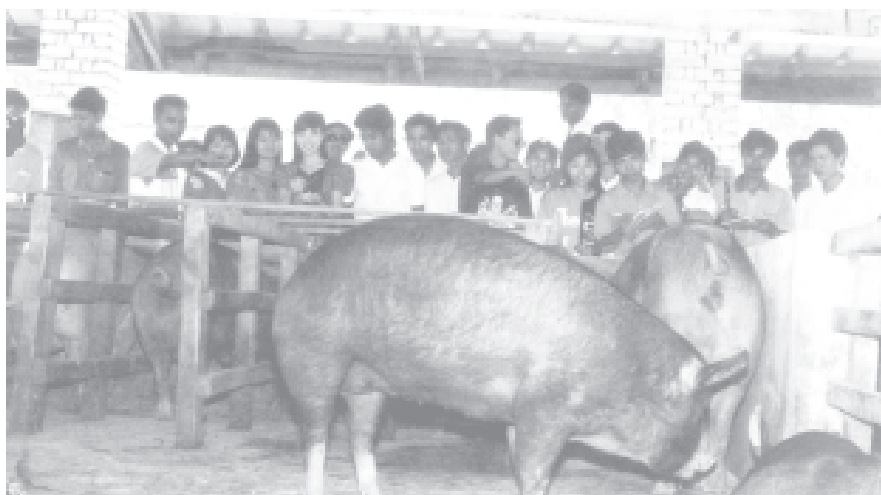
Nowadays, well-qualified veterinarians and researchers capable of enhancing the standard of fish and meat

Number of trainees studying for post-graduate degree

Sr	Training	1988	2005	progress
1	PhD (external)	-	12	12
	- PhD in Fishery	-	4	4
	- PhD in meat production	-	8	8
2	Masters Degree	-	38	38
	- Masters Degree in fishery	-	4	4
	- Masters Degree in meat production	-	34	34
	- internal	-	24	24
	- external	-	10	10

Number of graduates and post-graduates

Sr	degree	1988	2005	progress
1	BVS	812	3,511	2,699
2	MVS	31	97	66
3	post-graduate			
	-internal	-	45	45
	-external	-	21	21
4	PhD (external)	-	10	10



The State is making constant efforts for the emergence of technicians in the fish and meat sector. Photo shows final year students of the Institute of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science make a study tour of a pig farm.

sector as well as animal husbandry and veterinary science are keeping abreast of those of the world.

In recognition of the qualification of Myanmar scholars, Asian Veterinary Universities' Association presented the awards on Asian veterinary science to two Myanmar veterinarians.

In the time of the Tatmadaw government, relentless efforts are being made for development of the fish and meat sector. The table shows the number of post-graduate students and graduates.

US says no bird flu risk from properly cooked poultry, eggs

GENEVA, 6 Dec—Chicken and other poultry are safe to eat if cooked properly, but no birds from flocks with bird flu should enter the food chain, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

The two UN agencies made the remarks in a joint statement, released to national food safety authorities, to clarify food safety concerns surrounding bird flu. In areas where there have

been no bird flu outbreaks in poultry, there is no risk that consumers will be exposed to the virus via the handling or consumption of poultry or poultry products, the statement said.

"Cooking of poultry (e.g. chicken, ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea-fowl) at or above 70 degrees Celsius throughout the product, so that absolutely no meat remains raw and red, is a safe measure to kill the H5N1 virus in areas with outbreaks in poultry," said

the two UN agencies. This ensures that any traces of the virus, had the bird been infected and accidentally entered the food chain, are killed, they said.

To date, there is no epidemiological evidence that people have become infected after eating contaminated poultry meat that has been properly cooked, said the agencies. Eggs from areas with outbreaks in poultry should not be consumed raw or partially cooked, the statement advised.

MNA/Xinhua

Anan appoints new commander for UNMIL in Liberia

UNITED NATIONS, 6 Dec — A high-ranking Nigerian Army officer will be the next force commander of the United Nations peacekeeping

mission in Liberia (UNMIL), UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan announced Monday. The appointment of Lieutenant-General

Chikadibia Obiakor replacing Lieutenant-General Joseph Owonibi, also of Nigeria, will become effective on January 1, 2006, a UN spokesman told reporters.

Lieutenant General Obiakor has a long and distinguished career with the Nigerian Army, beginning in 1973, according to the spokesman. Obiakor served as chief coordinator of the Economic Community of West African States' Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) for the Liberian elections in 1997.—MNA/Xinhua

Cold in US Northeast, Midwest lifts oil prices

NEW YORK, 6 Dec — Oil prices pushed higher and briefly topped 60 dollars a barrel Monday as a cold wave in the US Midwest and Northeast helped keep up the rally in energy prices.

The January crude contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose as high as 60.80 dollars a barrel before closing at 59.91 dollars, up 59 cents on the day. The contract has advanced more than 8 per cent since hitting a five-month low of 55.40 dollars last week.—MNA/Xinhua

Proposals submitted by delegate groups assessed...

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and members, Chairman of the NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, Chairmen of Sub-committees and officials, delegates of Kokang Democracy and

Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine States,



NCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein signs in the attendance book at the National Convention. —MNA

Unity Party, National Unity Party, Union Kayin League, Union Pa-O National Organization, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives-elect, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan State (South), Shan State (North), Shan State (East), Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine States, Shan (South), Shan (North), Shan (East) States, Sagaing,

Shan (South), Shan (North), Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of State service personnel from the SPDC Office, the President's Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and ministries, other invited delegates, delegates of 17 armed groups who exchanged arms for peace and Dean of Military Attache' Cambodian Military Attache' to Myanmar Col Ngi

Vannhim, Military Attaches' of Korea, Malaysia, Japan, Thailand, Russia, Indonesia, Laos, China, Vietnam and mediemen from the Ministry of Information.

Before the plenary session of National Convention, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, Chairman of the NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, Chairman of the NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, Chairmen of Sub-committees and officials, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, delegates of in-



NCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets military attaches. — MNA

Sein and members, Chairman of the NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, Chairman of the NCC Management Committee Auditor-General

During the session, Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin of Delegate Group of the State Service Personnel presided over the meeting together with U Ba Han of NCCWC, U

Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia and Dr Daw Ma Nan Tu Ja from Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons while Director (Meeting) U Than Aung of NCCWC Office



NC delegates sign in the attendance book. —MNA



NC delegates sign in the attendance book. —MNA

tellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel, and other invited delegates signed the attendance registers at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall for NC delegates.

Next, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary 1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein

Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members cordially greeted Dean of Military Attache' Cambodian Military Attache' to Myanmar Col Ngi Vannhim, Military Attache' of Korea, Malaysia, Japan, Thailand, Russia, Indonesia, Laos, China and Vietnam who were observing the plenary session of the National Convention.

Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam from Delegate Group of Political Parties, U Law Hsin Kwan from Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, U Du Wa Zoat Doung from Delegate Group of National Races, U Kyi Tin from Delegate Group of Peasants, U Bo Thein from Delegate Group of Workers, Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha) from Delegate

acted as master of ceremonies and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi, co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman as 1,070 out of 1,080 delegates were present, accounting for 99.44 per cent.

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NC delegates attending the plenary meeting of the National Convention.

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NC delegates attending the plenary meeting of the National Convention.

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Proposals submitted by delegate groups assessed...

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Next, alternate chairperson Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin started to assess the proposals submitted by delegates groups to the National Convention regarding detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing and distribution of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

(The review made by Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin is reported separately.)

Afterwards, the plenary session went into recess at 9.30 am.

After that, the plenary session continued at 9.50 am.

Similarly, member of alternate chairmen Dr Ma Nan Tu Ja reviewed



The Plenary Meeting of the National Convention in progress at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township.—MNA

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NC delegates attending the Plenary Meeting of the National Convention.

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NC delegates attending the National Convention at Nyaungnnapin Camp.

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USDA holds press conference

YANGON, 6 Dec — Press Conference on activities of Union Solidarity and Development Association took place this morning at Headquarters of the association here.

Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo clarified the objectives, constitution and policy of the association and participation in implementing the development tasks of the State, public welfare and rural areas development tasks.

He also clarified points on the education, health

and social welfare activities being carried out by the association and future plans.

He replied to the queries raised by the journalists.

The conference was attended by Joint Secretary-General of USDA U Zaw Min, Central Executive Committee Member U Thein Swe and officials, Director (News) of the News and Periodicals Enterprise U Win Tin, patron and members of Myanmar Correspondents Club and journalists.

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USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo makes clarification on USDA's functions at the press conference.

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by U Ba Han will be reported tomorrow.)

Afterwards, member of alternate chairmen U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam assessed the proposals submitted by delegates groups to the National Convention regarding detailed basic princi-

(The review made by U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam will be reported tomorrow.)

After that, the plenary session was adjourned at 10.50 am.

The plenary session continues tomorrow.

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Director (Meeting) U Than Aung and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi emcee at the Plenary Meeting.—MNA

Press Conference on tasks of MWF, MMCWA held

Yangon, 6 Dec — Press Conference on tasks of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held this afternoon at the office of the MWF here.

Vice President of MWF Daw Khin Lay Myint, Deputy Head of the international relations department of the federation Dr Daw Myint Kyi and Secretariat Member of the federation Daw Htoo Raw clarified tasks of the federation focusing on improvement of living standard of women and prevention of violence against women. Secretary of MMCWA Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha also clarified on tasks of the association.

Joint Secretary-



Vice-President of MWF Daw Khin Lay Myint clarifies the tasks of the federation. —MNA

General of MWF Daw Khin Htar May, Daw Htoo Raw and Leader of the Health Group of the federation Dr Daw Khin Than Oo answered the queries raised by journalists.

The press con-

ference was also attended by officials of MWF, Secretary of MMCWA Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha and officials, patron and chairman of Myanmar Correspondents Club and journalists.

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National Economic Council...

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The delegate group of Lahu National Development Party discussed that the 14 points regarding the duties and functions of the President of the State are appropriate and reasonable, and they should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The delegate group of Union Kayin League discussed that the 14 points regarding the duties and functions of the President of the State clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The delegate group of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party discussed that in the State constitution laid down, the Head of State is the President of State, and the Executive Head of State is the President of State.

According to the basic principles laid down, in the Union of Myanmar the President of State is to serve as the Head of State and the Head of the Union Government. The necessary duties and functions should be vested extensively in the President of the State so that he can carry out administrative tasks swiftly and effectively. Only then, will he be able to carry out national development tasks swiftly and effectively in the interest of the State and the people.

As he is the Executive Head of State, he will have to engage in political, economic and security affairs on a daily basis. There may arise some security and defence matters for him to be addressed in time. In this regard, it would be proper and better to make decision collectively rather than individually.

Therefore, detailed basic principles should be laid down for forming of the National Defence and Security Council led by the President of State so that he serves the duties assigned according to the State constitution or a certain law.

The delegate group of representatives-elect discussed that the attitude of the National Unity Party and Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization was discussed and presented by delegates of Political Parties. Independent delegate Dr Mu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency of Chin State, Independent delegate U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency of Shan State and Independent delegate U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency of Shan State (North) supported the clarifications regarding the duties and functions of the President of State made by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee.

Independent delegates U Tin Win of Constituency-2 of Kyaiklatt Township, U Thein Kyi of Constituency-1 of Taungdwingyi Township,

U Hla Soe of Constituency-2 of Taungdwingyi Township, U Mya Hlaing of Constituency-2 of Twantay Township, U Kyi Win of Constituency-1 of Mingaladon Township and U Tin Tun Maung of Constituency-2 of Mingaladon Township included in the delegate group discussed that 14 points clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee as regards the duties and functions of the President should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Their other suggestions are: Sub-section (3) and Sub-section (4) of Section (3) are included in the duties and functions of the Union Government. According to Sub-section (3) The President of the State shall have the right to promulgate the necessary laws for matters to be addressed by the Union Government, for sharing those matters with ministers of the Union Government, and for sharing those matters with the person responsible for addressing them according to a certain law except matters prescribed by the State constitution to be addressed on his own initiative.

Sub-section (4) of Section (3) are included in the duties and functions of the Union Government. According to Sub-section (3) The President of the State shall have the right to promulgate the necessary laws for matters to be addressed by the Union Government, for sharing those matters with ministers of the Union Government, and for sharing those matters with the person responsible for addressing them according to a certain law except matters prescribed by the State constitution to be addressed on his own initiative.

Sub-section (4) says, the President of the State shall share his duties and responsibilities region-wise or governmental department-wise without harming the general terms of the above-provisions.

World AIDS Day observed in Bago Division (West)

YANGON, 6 Dec — A ceremony to mark the World AIDS Day took place on 1st December at the City Hall in Pyay, Bago Division (West), with an opening address by Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min.

At the ceremony,

officials of Bago Division (West) Health Department gave talks on AIDS and the venereal disease. After the ceremony, Brig-Gen Hla Min and officials presented prizes to winners of contests to mark World AIDS Day.

On 30 November, a traditional costume contest, organized by Bago Division (West) Women's Affairs

Organization and Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare, took place at the same venue in Pyay.

After the contest, Patron of Bago Division (West) Women's Affairs Organization Daw Naing Naing Maw awarded the winners.

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New anti-malarial injection marketed

YANGON, 6 Dec — A marketing promotion of E Mal (a-b Arteether), an anti-malarial injection, produced by Themis Medicare Co Ltd, took place on 4 December evening at Traders Hotel here. At the marketing ceremony organized by the Golden Hawks Int'l Ltd, Prof U Saw Naing

explained the purpose of the ceremony.

Afterwards, Dr Saw Lwin briefed on infection of malaria in Myanmar and Prof Col Ye Thwe on various treatments for the disease. Mr Kishor Shah of Themis Medicare Co Ltd briefed on evidence of the effective treatment of the new injection for the killer

disease.

The new anti-malarial injection is the first of its kind in Myanmar.

After the ceremony, the lucky draw programme took place and officials of the Golden Hawks Int'l Ltd presented three return tickets to Bangkok and other gifts to winners.

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The above two sections are concerned with the duties and functions of the President of the State and so, the above two shall be added to the duties and functions of the President of the State as Section (15) and Section (16).

The delegate group of national races discussed that 14 points clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee as regards the duties and functions of the President should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The delegate group of peasants discussed that in observing the clarifications on the duties and functions of the President made by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee, they found that there are 14 duties and functions vested in the President with regard to duties and functions of the President. Each of the 14

points has been studied and discussed, and it is proper and reasonable that the clarifications have been in conformity with practical life, the President deserves to accept those duties and functions as he is the Head of State, and rights to make decisions for important matters have not been granted to the President only. The President has to discuss and coordinate the matters of importance with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Therefore, 14 points clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee as regards the duties and functions of the President should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The delegate group of workers discussed that they made a thorough study of the clarifications on the duties and functions of the President made by Chairman of NCC Work Com-

mittee U Aung Toe, and they supported them to be laid down as detailed basic principles regarding the duties and functions of the President. The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia discussed that 14 points clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee as the duties and functions of the President should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The delegate group of State service personnel discussed that 14 points clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee as the duties and functions of the President should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Other invited delegates group supported the 14 points which should be laid down as detailed basic principles concerning the duties and functions vested in the President.— MNA

Facts about thitseint (bellaric myrobalan)

Ni Koon (GAD)

There have probably been some doubts about the consumption of thitseint oil (bellaric myrobalan) and cultivation of thitseint trees. Doubt can harm the friendship and trust between friends. It can also destroy the work and ambition one has set.

The Head of State gave guidance that people should grow thitseint trees, a kind of oil crop, extensively in the country to meet the public edible oil requirement and to generate surplus. I would like to present detailed facts on knowledge about thitseint to those concerned from various organizations who are undertaking the

thriving well. So I was delighted that we could open the way to cultivation of thitseint.

Amount of oil produced from thitseint

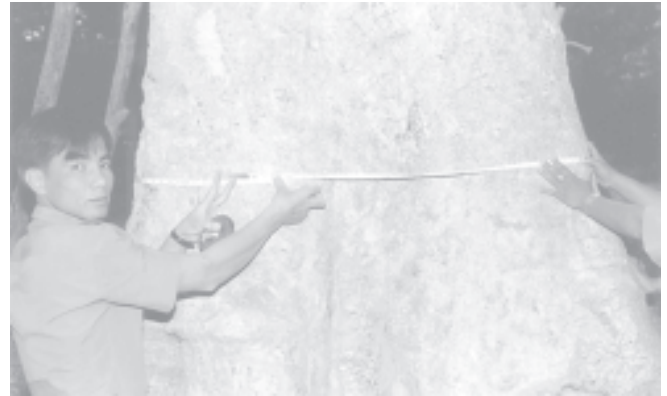
According to local people, three baskets of thitseint nuts can produce one viss of oil. As 'seeing is believing' we made arrangements to have three baskets of thitseint crushed at the plum crusher at Myingyan Brokerage on 21-8-2001 in the presence of township level officials and those of social organizations, restaurant owners and chefs totalling about 30. One basket of thitseint fruits produced one pyi or one sixteenth of a basket of thitseint cores. Then,

tasted food prepared with thitseint oil and appreciated the taste.

Rate of fruit-bearing of a thitseint tree

According to farmer U Paw Than of Kyunmagyi village in Seikphyu township, his thitseint tree yielded fruits of five cart-loads a year. A cart could carry 12 baskets of thitseint fruits. Similarly, other farmers who owned thitseint trees said a thitseint tree could yield 30 to 60 baskets of fruits a year depending on soil condition.

On the morning of 28-2-2002 we visited a monastery in Htanchaung village by Seikphyu-Saw road where there was a thitseint tree. We went



Officials measure the trunk of Thitseint tree of a farmer at Hgnatpya Village.

tree. I went to Hngetpyawa Village. U Tun Kywe from the village said that he was 76 and the Thitseint tree had been in existence since the village was established. He thought ancient pagodas nearby that had collapsed indicated that the village was 500 years old. Therefore the tree is many years old. When he was young, his family relied on Thitseint oil, he said. Now the tree is old and it bears over 10 baskets of nuts a year. Personnel from forest department measured the circumference of the tree and it is 12.5 feet. All agreed that the tree was at least 200 years old.

The colour of Thitseint oil

Like groundnut oil, Thitseint oil is yellow. At my office, I put Thitseint oil in five bottles and groundnut oil in another five bottles. Some people who came to the office could not distinguish which one was Thitseint or groundnut among the ten bottles. The colour of Thitseint and groundnut is almost the same.

Elements and food in Thitseint

In the article of the Union of Myanmar Applied Research Journal ingredients of crops and animal oil are described as follows:

- (a) palmitic acid 35.0%
- (b) stearic acid 9.77%
- (c) oleic acid 24.0%
- (d) linoleic acid 31.0%
- (c) iodine value 96.0%

Preparing thitseint to thrive

Thitseint tree bears plenty of fruits depending on the good soil. People these days can make trees bear fruits anytime of the year. I don't think it will be difficult to make Thitseint bear fruits every year. Some farmers have ability to do so although their methods are not scientific. Farmer U Hla Aung of Kyundaw Village said he had difficulty to place the cattle in his house compound. Finally he kept the cows in the enclosure under a Thitseint tree. As a result, the tree bore fruits well every year. The cow dung became fertilizer.

Farmer U Aung Tin of Kanbani Village said he put natural fertilizers 50 feet around the Thitseint tree in March and watered it till the monsoon came. Later, after the preparation of the soil, the tree fruited well every year, he said.

When I inspected the

two trees planted in the monastery compound by Leikchan Sayadaw U Pandita, I found that water was supplied to the trees. After five years, the trees began to fruit. Now they are seven years old. Some wrongly stated that Thitseint includes in the deciduous forest. According to the deciduous forest, leaves fall in winter after the rainy season. Thitseint fruits fall in March after they are ripe. The tree likes water and grows well near creeks and drains and it is ever green.

There are a lot of interesting facts left. According to the practical and sound finding with the aid of photos and video documentary, there will be sufficiency of edible oil for a family for hundreds of years if five Thitseint trees are grown and the surplus can also be sold.

(Translation ST+NY)



Thitseint cores being dried while the sun shines.

cultivation work of thitseint in the long run.

Nurturing a thitseint tree.

Initially, I took interest when I saw thitseint trees, nuts and oil. During a divisional level official's inspection tour, I requested him for the permission of the Forest Department for growing thitseint plants on its nursery. And then I discussed the matter with U Htwe Thein, head of township health department, and we started growing 4,000 saplings of thitseint in May 2004.

When an official of the Ministry of Forestry went on inspection tour there, he gave an instruction on growing 10,000 saplings of thitseint the next year after he had learnt the thitseint plantation was

three pyis of thitseint cores were milled at U Hla Ngwe's oil mill and one pyi produced 35 ticals of oil. Three pyis produced 1.05 viss of oil. It was confirmed that three baskets of thitseint nuts could produce one viss of thitseint oil. When we had three pyis of pea nuts milled at the same mill, it produced 1.15 viss of oil. So we have learnt that rate of thitseint oil yield is not much different from that of groundnut oil yield.

Difference between taste of thitseint oil and that of groundnut oil

Doctors, engineers and departmental officials, members of social organizations, restaurant owners and chefs were also invited to the occasion to recognize different tastes of thitseint oil and groundnut oil. All

there on a truck and asked permission from the Sayadaw to pluck fruits from the tree that was about 30 years old. We could not see the fruits clearly as they were covered with leaves. That was why we wondered whether we could gather 20-30 baskets of fruits or not. However, to our surprise, we could collect 49 baskets of thitseint fruits. Besides, there was still about one basket of fruits left in the tree. So we could say the tree yielded 50 baskets of thitseint fruits. We were no longer doubtful that a thitseint tree could yield 50 to 60 baskets of fruits a year.

Life span of Thitseint

Sayadaw U Sirinda who himself grew the tree in Htanchaung Village said that it was only 30 years. As I would like to know the life span of the



A lady shows a bunch of Thitseint.

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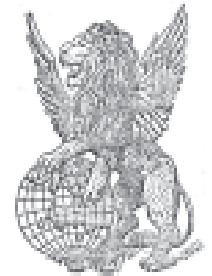
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MARRIED Su Letya (Final Year - Eco) Su Collection Gems and Jewellery, Gems Museum eldest daughter of U Letya Aung (Director of Forest Department, Ministry of Forestry) and Daw Theingi Tun Shwe, Yangon, Myanmar was married to Myat Thet Win B.A. (Art History) Japan Society for the Promotion of Science son of U Hla Win and Daw Nila Nyunt Win (Washington, D.C. USA) on Sunday, the 4th of December 2005 at the Grand Ball Room, Sedona Hotel. Parents from both sides

Syrian grain silo blast kills 1, injures 20 DAMASCUS, 5 Dec— It gave no further details but said four of the injured were in critical condition. The television showed footage of the destroyed building and bridge connecting the silo to other facilities. The governor of the port city of Lattakia told the official Syrian Arab News Agency that the cause of the blast was not known and an Interior Ministry official said technical experts were examining the site but gave no further details. An industry source said the blast could be the result of a "dust explosion. This can happen in any grains silo". He said dust from grains mixed with oxygen is combustible. Syria is a major regional exporter of wheat with an export plan of 600,000 tons in 2006. MNA/Reuters

Police says teenage girl helped in deadly Rio bus blaze

RIO DE JANEIRO (Brazil), 5 Dec— A 13-year-old girl has confessed to taking part in a brutal attack by a drug gang on a Rio de Janeiro bus in which five passengers were burned to death, police said on Sunday. The bus torching last Tuesday shocked Rio residents, who are generally hardened to the violence that makes the city one of the most dangerous in the world. A woman and her one-year-old daughter were among those killed, and 13 people were injured, several seriously. One day after the attack, four men said to have taken part in it were found murdered vigilante-style. Police said the girl, whose name was not made public, was an illiterate orphan who worked for a drug-dealing gang in the Morro da Fe shantytown run by a gangster called Lorde. She said in her statement that she and Lorde's girlfriend Brenda flagged down the public bus. When it stopped, the gangsters got on and poured gasoline over the interior. They then set it ablaze and blocked people from getting off. She said the attack was ordered by Lorde, who runs the trafficking trade in Morro do Fe. Civil police chief Alvaro Lins said the testimony proved that the killing of the passengers was deliberate. MNA/Reuters

Haitian journalist released after ransom paid

HAVANA, 5 Dec— A Haitian journalist and his father were released on Saturday by a group of gunmen in the country after kidnappers settled for a lower-than-expected amount of ransom, according to reports from Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti. Joseph Guylor Delva, who heads the Haitian association SOS Journalists, who persuaded the kidnappers to lower the ransom from 80,000 US dollars to 4,500 dollars. Fellow journalists had pooled money for the ransom. On the same day, an American missionary was released amid a wave of abductions in Haiti ahead of next month's national elections. The country has seen a surge in violent clashes and kidnappings since former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in an armed revolt in February 2004. More than 1,000 people have been kid-napped for ransom in the country since March, police say. More than 7,000 UN peacekeepers and international police are currently stationed in Haiti to help keep public order, as delayed elections to replace the interim government are now slated for January. MNA/Xinhua

G-7 unveils \$1b vaccine plan for poor nations

LONDON, 5 Dec— Group of Seven Finance Ministers kicked off a project on Saturday to subsidize production of new vaccines to stem the spread of fatal illnesses throughout the world's poorest nations. Italian Economy Minister Giulio Tremonti, whose officials had drawn up the proposals, said the project had won approval at the G-7 meeting in London. "We have had full approval for our plan on vaccines," he told a news conference. A pilot project for the scheme is expected to cost the G-7 wealthy nations about 1 billion US dollars and is aimed ultimately at financing the development of vaccinations to combat the scourge of HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. The first step, though, is to draw up a pilot project on how to finance research into new vaccines. This will be presented to another G-7 meeting in Washington next April. Initially, this pilot will focus on vaccines for other diseases such as gastroenteritis, the sexually transmitted disease human papillomavirus, or pneumococcus which can trigger pneumonia and meningitis. The pilot product will opt to work on one of these diseases. That decision would be made at the end of the pilot project. MNA/Reuters

2 killed, 2 injured in suicide bombing in Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 Dec— A suicide bombing Sunday afternoon killed two including the attacker, and injured two others in Afghanistan's southern province of Kandahar, a local official said. "This afternoon when a Coalition convoy was heading to the west of Kandahar City, a suicide attacker exploded the bomb in his body near the convoy. The attacker and one passerby were killed on the spot, two other persons were injured," Abdul Hakim, local police officer told Xinhua. "There is no casualty on Coalition side, and an investigation is still going on," he added. Taleban militants this year have intensified their attacks against Afghan and foreign troops. After the collapse of the former Taleban regime in late 2001, about 20,000-strong US-led Coalition troops stationed in Afghanistan for further cleanup operations. MNA/Xinhua

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China's archaeologists find site of 1,300-year-old palace's gate

BEIJING, 5 Dec— Chinese archaeologists have found the grand gate of the 1,300-year-old Daming Palace, the largest imperial architectural complex of the Tang Dynasty (618-907), in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province.

Archaeologists have recently discovered that the Danfeng Gate, or Vermillion Phoenix Gate, of the Daming Palace, had five doorways, which means it was the largest-scale imperial palace gate in the Chinese history, said Chinese Archaeologist An Jiayao here on Friday. An, a researcher with the Institute of

Archaeology under the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said the gates of ancient Chinese palaces usually had one or three doorways. Palace gate with five doorways was very rare.

The famous Tian'anmen in Beijing, a gate outside the palace of the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) dynas-

ties, also has five doorways. But archaeologists do not classify it as a palace gate, according to An.

Historical documents show that the Danfeng Gate, the southern gate of the Daming Palace, was built in 662 AD, and was the main gate for Tang emperors to exit and enter the palace.

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Workers take measures to protect large sand sculptures in Sanya City, south China's Hainan Province on 5 Dec, 2005. More than 100 artists from home and abroad gathered here to make their sand sculptures for the first Phoenix Island International Sand Sculpture Festival that falls on 18 Dec, 2005. — INTERNET

CPC delegation leaves for visits to India, Philippines

BEIJING, 5 Dec— A Communist Party of China (CPC) delegation led by Wang Yunkun, a member of the CPC National Committee and secretary of CPC Jilin Provincial

Committee, left here on Sunday for friendly, goodwill visits to India and the Philippines.

The delegation was invited by the Nationalist Congress Party of India and

Jose De Venecia, speaker of the house of representatives of the Philippines and chairman of Philippine Christian-Muslim Democrats.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain targets teenage smokers

LONDON, 6 Dec— Britain's health department is planning to raise the legal age for buying tobacco from 16 to 18.

Such a move would put cigarettes on the same legal footing as alcohol, British media reported on Sunday. Health Secretary Patricia Hewitt is considering the move as a means of cutting the number of teenage smokers, which is believed to be around a quarter of 16-to 17-year-olds in the country, the *Independent* on Sunday reported.

The tobacco industry earns an estimated 35 million pounds (some 63 million US dollars) a year in profit from teenage

smokers in Britain.

"It's something that we're considering," said a Health Department spokesman. Raising the legal age to 18 would also bring Britain into line with the United States and

other European Union countries. It could also help quell the criticism the government has run into over its refusal to introduce a blanket ban on smoking in public place

MNA/Xinhua

Collapse of swimming pool kills eight in Russia

Moscow, 6 Dec— At least eight people were killed and more than ten others were injured as the roof of a swimming pool collapsed on Sunday in Chusovoi in the Urals region of Russia, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

But the *ITAR-TASS* news agency quoted a source in the Perm department of the Federal Security Service as saying that the death toll in the swimming pool accident was four.

The source said the majority of victims were

children and teenagers.

Two of the victims were children, and the death toll might increase as the effort to clear the debris continues, the headquarters of the rescue effort told *Interfax*.

The accident occurred at 2:30 pm local time (1130 GMT), and about 30 people were in the swimming pool at the moment, said deputy regional prosecutor Alexander Belykh.

Eleven people have been sent to the hospital, while rescuers keep looking for survivors, Belykh said. The swimming pool belonging to the Chusovoi metallurgical plant was built in the early 1990s. About 70 per cent of the swimming pool (100 square metres) is now damaged, said the *ITAR-TASS*.

MNA/Xinhua

UN study says more of Third World fit for wind power

MONTREAL, 5 Dec— Windmills have far bigger than expected potential for generating electricity in the Third World, according to new UN wind maps of countries from China to Nicaragua.

"Our studies show about 13 per cent of the land area has potential for development," Tom Hamlin of the UN Environment Programme told *Reuters* on the fringes of a UN climate conference.

Previously, he said, maybe just 1 per cent of

developing nations was judged sufficiently windy, discouraging governments and investors from considering the nonpolluting source as an alternative to burning oil, coal or natural gas. The new maps, part of a 9.3-million-US-dollar study, use data from satellites, balloons and other sources to model winds in 19 developing nations.

In the past, wind

potential was based on data from meteorological stations that were often built in Third World countries too close to trees or buildings which braked winds.

Or winds were typically gauged at airports — not built in the windiest locations. "It's very consistent," Hamlin said.

"The weather data was not reliable and generally low."

MNA/Reuters

Iran military plane carrying 90 crashes in Tehran

TEHRAN, 6 Dec— A military C-130 aircraft carrying 80 passengers and 10 crew crashed into a residential area in southern Tehran on Tuesday, police and Red Crescent officials said.

The plane crashed while trying to make an emergency landing at Tehran's main international Mehrabad airport.

"It is awful down here. I am suffocating," Red Crescent official Shahram Alamdari told *Reuters* by telephone from the scene, before hanging up.

There was no immediate word on casualties.

In Iran's last major military air disaster, an Iranian Ilyushin-76 troop carrier crashed in the southeast of the country on 19 Feb 2003, killing all 276 Revolutionary Guard soldiers and crew aboard.

MNA/Reuters



A worker makes final preparations for the opening of the Minus Five Ice Bar at Sydney's Circular Quay on 6 Dec, 2005. The bar, which opens to the public on Tuesday night, is kept at a constant temperature of minus five degrees Celsius (23 degrees Fahrenheit) and is decorated with ice sculptures made from glacial ice from Canada. — INTERNET

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Argentina's Boca Juniors players attend a practice session at the University stadium in Mexico City, on 5 Dec, 2005. Boca Juniors will face Mexico's Pumas in their Copa Sudamericana first leg soccer final in Mexico City on Wednesday. —INTERNET

Sacchi to leave Real Madrid at end of year

MADRID, 6 Dec — Real Madrid have announced that Arrigo Sacchi will quit his role as Real Madrid's director of football at the end of the year for personal reasons just a day after the club sacked coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo.

Real said on Monday that the 59-year-old former Italy and AC Milan coach told them of his decision two weeks before the team's 3-0 defeat by arch rivals Barcelona on 19 November.

"Sacchi said he was very happy at Real Madrid and that is why he wanted to complete a year in his post," the club said on their Web site.

"But family considerations persuaded him to make this decision."

The news of Sacchi's resignation follows hot on the heels of the dismissal of Brazilian coach Luxemburgo, who was appointed on the advice of the Italian.

Sacchi was appointed to his post on December 21 last year in a move that was designed to revive the ailing fortunes of the club and, in the words of Real president Florentino Perez, "make the club more professional".

MNA/Reuters

Gascoigne leaves Kettering amid drink claims

LONDON, 6 Dec — Ex-England midfielder Paul Gascoigne has parted company with minor league club Kettering Town amid drink claims 39 days after being named as manager.

In a statement on Kettering's website on Monday, owner Imraan Ladak said: "Following discussions this weekend, it has been decided that Paul Gascoigne is unable to carry out his duties as manager of Kettering Town Football Club."

Gascoigne, one of the most gifted and controversial soccer players of his generation, took up his first job in football management on 27 October.

Kettering play in the Conference North League, two divisions below the Football League. They lost 3-1 at home to Barrow on Saturday but lie sixth in the table. Under Gascoigne they won two matches, drew two and lost two. The 38-year-old former Newcastle United, Tottenham Hotspur and Lazio player won 57 England caps but in recent years found himself increasingly on the front pages of newspapers for his drinking exploits and private life. — MNA/Reuters

Solskjaer back for Manchester United

MANCHESTER (England), 6 Dec — Manchester United striker Ole Gunnar Solskjaer made his comeback from a long-term knee injury in a reserve-team game on Monday night.

The Norway international, out of action since the 2004 FA Cup final, played the first half of the 2-0 defeat at the hands of Liverpool's reserves.

Solskjaer, 32, said: "It's a great feeling to be playing again after such a long time. The plan was to play for 45 minutes but I could have gone on for longer."

"It has been frustrating but I knew I could get back to playing at this level." — MNA/Reuters

New Real boss appeals to players and fans for support

MADRID, 6 Dec — Newly appointed Real Madrid coach Juan Ramon Lopez Caro says that he will only be able to succeed if he is given full backing by the club's leading players and its fans.

"The team needs the support of everyone and we all have to row in the same direction," Lopez Caro told the club's website on Monday.

"It is at difficult times like this that people have to show their professionalism. The fans have a fundamental part to play at the club and their support has to be the foundation of everything."

"But the real protagonists are the players and it is they who have to get us out of this situation."

Lopez Caro was appointed as coach on a caretaker basis after the club sacked Vanderlei Luxemburgo on Sunday following the side's lacklustre 1-0 victory at home to Getafe.

Fans called for the Brazilian to be axed at the end of the game and jeered the players for their poor performance, prompting goal scorer Ronaldo to complain about their attitude.

"The fans need to be with us, but it is

more like playing away from home at the moment," said the Brazilian.

Lopez Caro, who led Real's reserve team to promotion to the second division last season and has been at the club for four years, is the sixth coach to take charge of the first team since June 2003.

"It hadn't entered my head that I might coach the first team, but it is an exciting challenge, full of responsibility and a job that has a very high profile," he said. "All I can promise is hard work and enthusiasm. It is the great players that are in the club who have to have confidence in their ability."

"I'm certain that if we all work together we can take this club back to where it belongs and that means being the best in the world."

Lopez Caro's first task will be to lead the team in their final Champions League group match against Olympiakos on Tuesday. — MNA/Reuters

Birmingham slump to another defeat

LONDON, 6 Dec — Birmingham City slumped to another Premier League defeat on Monday, beaten 2-1 at home by West Ham United.

Marlon Harewood and Bobby Zamora earned West Ham the points that have their side ninth in the 20-strong division on 22 points. Birmingham are 19th with just nine points.

Birmingham, still to win at home in

the league this season, took the lead on 11 minutes when Emile Heskey rounded Roy Carroll and rolled the ball into the back of the net.

But Zamora's excellent solo effort and a fine goal by Harewood just before halftime swung the match.

Champions Chelsea top the league with 40 points.

MNA/Reuters

Corinthians claim title despite injunction

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 Dec — Corinthians claimed the Brazilian championship in chaotic circumstances on Sunday, despite losing their final game 3-2 at Goias and a court injunction declaring the competition sub judice.

The Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) proclaimed them 2005 champions on its official website and the team completed a lap of honour while thousands of Corinthians fans in Sao Paulo celebrated.

"The (CBF) president Ricardo Teixeira has not been officially informed of the injunction," a CBF spokesman told the Estado news agency, adding the trophy would be presented at a ceremony on Monday as planned.

However, Internacional, who finished second after losing 1-0 to Coritiba, said they were the legitimate champions and also completed a lap of honour after their match, while around 2,000 fans gathered in their home city of Porto Alegre to celebrate.

Corinthians finished with 81 points from 42 games, three more than Internacional, in a competition marred by a match-fixing scandal involving referee Edison

Pereira de Carvalho.

Carvalho, who officiated at 11 matches during the competition, was banned for life after admitting he had taken

money from a gambling ring to swing results.

In October, the Brazilian Sporting Tribunal (STJD) ordered the 11 games be replayed amid

protests from Internacional, who argued that most of the fixtures refereed by Carvalho were unaffected by the scandal.

MNA/Reuters

Bayern's Deisler banned for three matches

BERLIN, 6 Dec — Bayern Munich's German international Sebastian Deisler was banned for three matches on Monday for a retaliatory kick that earned him a red card in a weekend match against VfB Stuttgart, the German Football Association said.

Deisler was sent off in the 42nd minute of the scoreless draw after lashing out at Swiss international Ludovic Magnin.

"It was a dumb mistake," Deisler said after the match. "I'm sorry for my team mates." Neither Bayern, four points clear at the top of the Bundesliga, nor the player will contest the ban. — MNA/Reuters



England's Vikram Solanki practises in the nets during England's cricket training in Lahore, Pakistan, on 6 Dec, 2005. England will play Pakistan in a five match one-day international series which begins in Lahore on 10 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

Experts say adaptation to climate change also a must

OTTAWA, 6 Dec — It is also a must for countries to adapt to the new realities resulting from climate change while curbing it by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, environmental experts said on Sunday.

The Adaptation Day at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (UNCCC) highlighted the science behind adaptation techniques and how communities around the world, particularly in developing countries, are adapting to and coping with changes in their

climate, a Press release said.

The 10-day forum, hosted by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), has entered its seventh day of negotiations on Sunday in downtown Montreal.

It aims to provide an opportunity for participants from developing countries to share information and knowledge and learn from each other on how to cope with and respond to changes in climate, said Dr Saleemul

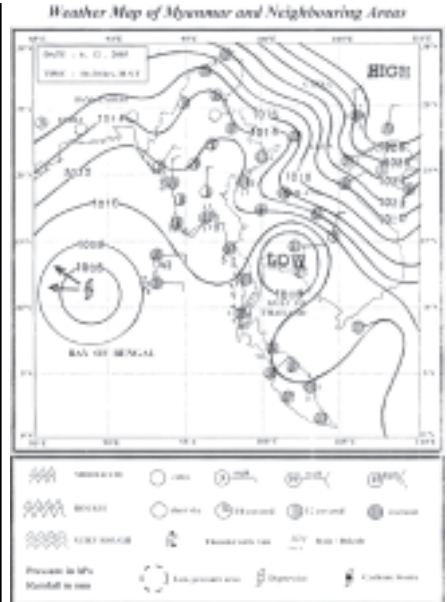
Huq, director of IIED's Climate Change programme. "Adaptation has remained the poor cousin of mitigation, which is more often the focus of government policies," said John Drexhage, director of IISD's Climate Change and Energy programme.

"Negotiating target is a more clear-cut path than the many actions that are required to address adaptation, which is largely about the ways in which we can protect human settlements and ecosystems from the impacts of climate change," he said.


According to Dr Saleemul Huq, the people most immediately and significantly affected by climate change — those in developing countries — are the lowest emitters of greenhouse gases.

"A local NGO in Kenya has developed what is called 'sand dams' which store water in sand behind dams which prevents evaporation and the water can then be used during droughts and the dry season through wells," explained Jeroen Aerts of the Institute for Environmental Studies at Freie University in Berlin.

MNA/Xinhua



Myanmar Cricket Federation President Academy U Nyunt Win and Vice-President U Maung Maung welcome back Vice-President of MCF U Kyaw Kyaw, Joint-Secretary U Kyaw Min and technical officer U Mya Thwin after attending ACC Level (1) Coaches Course in Maldives at Yangon International Port. -H



Wednesday, 7 December
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>6. မြို့မြို့ကြိုက်ကြိုက် ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအတတ်</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:15 am</p> <p>8. မြို့ချောင်းတံတား</p>	<p>8:25 am</p> <p>9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>10. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>11. Let's Go</p> <p>4:00 am</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညှာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Songs of national races</p> <p>4:55 pm</p> <p>5. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>6. Classical song</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>7. Strong and healthy Myanmar</p> <p>5:25 pm</p> <p>8. ရုက္ခဗေဒသင်တန်းအစီအစဉ်</p>	<p>5:35 pm</p> <p>9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:40 pm</p> <p>10. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာပွဲ</p> <p>6:15 pm</p> <p>11. သုတေသနလေ့လာရေးပွဲ</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>12. Evening news</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>13. Weather report</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>14. ကြားဖြင့်သံတူပြိုင်ပွဲစာပေသဘာ</p> <p>7:20 pm</p> <p>15. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>7:35 pm</p> <p>16. ဝတ်စုံပွဲ</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>17. News</p> <p>18. International news</p> <p>19. Weather report</p> <p>20. "မေတ္တာရွှေစာင်းအမွေတောင်း" (ယဉ်ကျေးမှုဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ တင်ဆက်သည်)</p> <p>21. The next day's programme</p>
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Tune in today

<p>8:30 am Brief news</p> <p>8:35 am Music: -Best friend -(Toy Box)</p> <p>8:40 am Perspectives</p> <p>8:45 am Music: -Stay the same -(JoeyMcintyre)</p> <p>8:50 am National news & Slogan</p> <p>9:00 am Music: -Show me love -(Robyn)</p> <p>9:05 am International news</p> <p>9:10 am Music: -Get real -(Atomic Kitten)</p> <p>1:30 pm News/Slogan</p> <p>1:40 pm Lunch time music -Stay with me- (Steps) -Love is blind (ATC) -To be with you- (Mr Big)</p> <p>9:00 pm Variations on a tune -Love me tender</p> <p>9:15 pm Article/Music</p> <p>9:25 pm Music at your request -Stuck on you (Lionel Riche) -Forever (West Life) -Stoney (Lobo)</p> <p>9:45 pm News / Slogan</p> <p>10:00 pm PEL</p>
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WEATHER

Thursday, 6 December, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been widespread in Kayin and Mon States, Yangon Division, scattered in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Southern Shan, Rakhine, Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Eastern Shan, Kayah States, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (2.36) inches, Coco Island (1.97) inches, Mawlamyine (1.65) inches, Hpa-an (1.30) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (0.71) inch and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (0.47) inch.

Maximum temperature on 5-12-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 6-12-2005 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 6-12-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 5-12-2005 was (4.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 6-12-2005 were (0.71 inch) at Mingaladon, (0.47 inch) at Kaba-Aye and (0.23 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (103.31) inches at Mingaladon, (102.24) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.69) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (03:10) hours MST on 6-12-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Southeast Bay has further intensified into a depression and centred at about (620) miles Southeast of Chennai, India. It is forecast to move West (or) Northwest direction. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in Southeast Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-12-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Shan, Southern Rakhine, Mon, Kayin States, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-12-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-12-2005: Partly cloudy.

"Storm News"
(Issued at (10:30) hrs MST on 6-12-2005)

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According to forthcoming State Constitution Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is the highest organization President and the Vice-President shall be responsible to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is proper

YANGON, 6 Dec — *The following is the clarification made by Alternate Chairman Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin on reviews of the proposal papers submitted by the National Convention delegate groups for laying down detailed basic principles for sharing of executive and judicial powers to be included in the State Constitution at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township today.*

She extended greetings to Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission and members, the Chairman of Work Committee and members, the Chairman of Management Committee and members and all the delegates.

At the National Convention held from 17 February to 31 March the delegates of the group-wise meeting submitted the proposal papers on laying down detailed basic prin-

ciples for sharing of executive and judicial powers to be included in the State Constitution.

There are altogether 17 papers from various groups— seven from delegates of political parties, four from delegates of representatives-elect, one from delegates of national races, one from delegates of peasants, one from delegates of workers, one from delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, one from delegates of State service personnel, one from delegates of other invited delegates.

The National Convention delegate group and some of the delegates reported on the papers and I will present the collections of the panel of chairmen on the proposal papers and suggestions.

At the National Convention Plenary Meeting held on 7 March 2005, Chairman of the National Convention Convening

Commission said: “The previous plenary sessions of the National Convention have laid down the basic principles and detailed basic principles “the Head of State is the President of the Union”, “the Executive Head of State is the President of the State” and “the President shall exercise powers and functions vested in him by the Constitution and other laws”.

In accord with the basic principles and detailed basic principles, administrative duties and rights as the Head of State and the Executive Head of State should be entrusted to the President. In doing so, the division of the powers and functions to be vested in the President should be as follows:

- executive powers and functions he shall exercise on his own initiative
- executive powers and

functions he shall exercise on his own initiative and shall seek the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw — executive powers and functions he shall exercise only with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

I would like to explain that the executive powers and functions the President shall exercise on his own initiative involve the matters to be performed in coordination with the Pyidaungsu Government, the respective institutions formed in accord with the Constitution, and the advisers in addition to those exercised on his own initiative.

The National Convention Convening Work Committee has studied the powers and functions invested in the President in accord with the constitutions of the respective world nations. In doing so, the Committee has



Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin.—MNA

found the following points:
— constitutions of some

nations which entrust the duties of the Head
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More review of proposals by alternate chairmen will be published in dailies to be issued on 8 Dec

YANGON, 6 Dec — Clarifications made by members of Alternate Panel of Chairmen U Ba Han and U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam at the plenary session of the National Convention will be published in newspapers to be issued on 8 December. — MNA

National Economic Council should be formed with members comprising economy-related ministers led by the President of the State

YANGON, 6 Dec — *The following is the clarification made by member of Alternate Panel of Chairmen Dr Ma Nan Tu Ja on review of the proposal papers submitted by the delegate groups on laying down detailed basic principles for sharing of executive and judicial powers to be included in the drawing of the State constitution at the second day session of the National Convention held at the Nyaungnapin Camp, Hmawby Township today.*

The Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee stated that as the President is the Head of State, he shall have to perform political, executive, economic and security duties every day. In a country its economy is a fundamental sector that can decide everything.

Therefore, the President needs an organization that can help the State economically. This is why like the formation of National Defence and Security Council, National Economic Council should be formed with members comprising economy-related ministers led by the President of the State.

National Unity Party made suggestions regarding the facts mentioned below.

It was stated that if any of the provisions that cannot be decided by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw are included in an enacted law mentioned in sub-section-(f), these provisions shall be revoked. According to this, the provision does not concern the Region or State Hluttaws shall.

Therefore, amendments should be made to describe that if any of the provisions that cannot be decided by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Region and State Hluttaws are included in an enacted law mentioned in accord with the constitution, these provisions shall be revoked.

Union PaO National Organization also suggested that points in duties and functions of the President (point Nos. 1 to 14) included in the executive chapter should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The delegate group of Mro (or) Khami National

Solidarity Organization discussed that the Chairman of NCC Work Committee had already explained the duties and functions of the President of the State regarding delivering speeches at the Hluttaw or to the people, the convening of the Hluttaw, issuing ordinances, the role of the President in the administrative affairs and said that the clarifications of the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee were very appropriate



Dr Ma Nan Tu Ja.—MNA

INSIDE

There are a lot of interesting facts left. According to the practical and sound finding with the aid of photos and video documentary, there will be sufficiency of edible oil for a family for hundreds of years if five Thiseint trees are grown and the surplus can also be sold.