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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

Taking lessons from the history, all to strive for building modern and developed nation with nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit

Myanmar and International Studies Course No 10 of USDA opens

YANGON, 7 Dec — Myanmar and International Studies Course No 10 of Union Solidarity and Development Association was opened this morning at the Training School of USDA in Hmawby Township with an opening address by Member of the Panel of Patrons of USDA Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Present on the occasion were the secretary-general of USDA, the joint secretary-general,

secretariat members, CEC members and trainees.

In his opening speech, the Prime Minister said trainees will have to study the history of the State, national policy, progress in political, economic and social sectors. Moreover, trainees will have to study activities of USDA in implementing the future policy programme of the State, defence, security and international affairs sector,

and international organizations and their activities.

Realizing the aim and objectives of the State, trainees are to actively participate in development tasks of the State.

The trainees should study hard so as to become human resources on which the State can rely.

The new generation youths play a critical role in building the peaceful, modern and developed

nation.

The USDA laid down the future plans every year and is implementing the development tasks with the use of capabilities and strength of USDA members.

Therefore, the association has been conducting a variety of training courses to turn out the trainees as national forces.

Thanks to the effective courses, after realizing the value of the Union, unity and peace and tranquillity, the trainees become qualified citizens.

Myanmar is rich in natural resources and is full of traditional culture and her citizens endowed with national characteristics. As Myanmar fell into the hands of colonialists, it lost her sovereignty and the image of the nation was tarnished. However,

Myanmar struggled for independence with unity, nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit. Taking lessons from the history, all are to strive for building the modern and developed nation with nationalistic

spirit and Union Spirit. Nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit are basic of the Our Three Main National Causes. It is very important for everyone of the nation where he lives (See page 8)



Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses opening ceremony of Myanmar and International Studies Course No 10 of USDA.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for the brighter future of the nation

In the world today, science and technologies are developing by leaps and bounds and their development has greatly affected almost all fields. Therefore, the government is striving for the emergence of an education system and a constant learning society that can ensure all-round development of the nation and for the development of education infrastructure. At such a time like this, it is very important for those in the education sector to nurture human resources for the progress and prosperity of the nation and the people.

The Special Refresher Course No 5 for the faculty members came to a close at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township on 2 December and the concluding ceremony was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, also Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee. In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that the government was convinced that the national development would be possible only with the uplift of the national education system and the emergence of highly educated human resources and accordingly it had been taking systematic measures for raising the higher education standard.

The government has been building new universities and colleges in all regions across the Union to open opportunities for local youths in order that they can follow their natural bent and specialize in different branches of study. All the requirements are being fulfilled for all-round development of the education system. For instance, at these educational institutions, curricula of international standard have been prescribed, different specialties taught and masters, masters research and doctorate courses conducted. Moreover, laboratories, workshops, libraries and research centres of international standard have been built and infrastructure for information and communication technologies and educational network established.

Faculty members, on their part, are required to make the most of the assistance rendered by the government, find out the needs and strive for the development of regions where their universities and colleges are located, do research in their respective fields and disseminate their knowledge to their students.

Today's youths are the future of the nation and the future of youths is in the hands of teachers. Therefore, we would like to call on the entire mass of teachers to strive for the brighter future of the nation by systematically training and nurturing their students.

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People's Desire

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

World AIDS Day observed

YANGON, 7 Dec — A ceremony to mark the World AIDS Day organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation took place at the meeting hall of MWAFF headquarters on Than-Lwin Road in Bahan Township this morning.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, member of the panel of patrons and the Vice-President of MWAFF, the President and Secretary of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Joint-Secretary, Secretariat members, heads of department, leaders of Working Groups and members of MWAFF, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization and members, officials from the Ministry of Health and UN Agencies, Chairpersons and



Those who attended ceremony to mark World AIDS Day observe documentary photos on prevention activities against HIV/AIDS.—MNA

members of District / Township WAOs, members of social organizations, prize winners and guests attended the ceremony.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and MWAFF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint made the addresses. Min-

ister Dr Kyaw Myint, MWAFF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint and UNICEF Resident Representative Ms Carroll C Long presented prizes to the winners who stood first, second and third in the HIV/AIDS Quiz. Leaders of Working Groups Daw Nilar Thaw

and Dr Daw Sanda Aung presented consolation prizes to the winners.

After the ceremony, the Minister and party viewed round the documentary photos on prevention activities against HIV/AIDS.

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Industry-1 Minister receives Chinese guests

YANGON, 7 Dec — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received

Chairman of Shanghai D&H Industry Co Ltd of the People's Republic of

China Mr Jianyi Du and party at the ministry yesterday evening and

discussed the matters related to the production of three-wheeled cycles.



Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry.

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Minister U Aung
Thaung receives
Chinese guests.

INDUSTRY-1

Myanmar delegation leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 7 Dec — Member of Myanmar Accountancy Council Director-General of Auditor-General's Office U Thein Myint and Myanmar Accountancy Council Member CPA U Myo Myint left here by air this morning to attend the 85th ASEAN Accountancy Council Meeting to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 8 to 10 December.

Director-General U Myo Myint was accompanied by Secretary of Myanmar Account-

ancy Council Director of Auditor-General's Office U Thein Myint and Myanmar Accountancy Council Member CPA U Than Tin.

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Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs' meeting at 1 pm on 10 Dec

YANGON, 7 Dec— The Third Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association will be held at 1 pm on 10 December instead of 9 am the same day at the Ball Room of Summit Parkview Hotel on Ahlon Road in Dagon Township. Members are invited to attend the meeting.

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Merit-sharing ceremony for consecration of Nagayon Pagoda to be held

YANGON, 7 Dec — The merit-sharing ceremony for consecration of Nagayon Pagoda in Maha Dhammaranthi Eindawya Pagoda compound on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township will be held on full

moon day of Nattaw. The remaining works of building Nagayon Pagoda continue and wellwishers are asked to contribute to the works by contacting the telephone number 383794.

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Putin congratulates Nazarbayev on reelection

Moscow, 6 Dec — Russian President Vladimir Putin congratulated his Kazakh counterpart Nursultan Nazarbayev on his reelection as president during a telephone conversation on Monday.

"Putin warmly and cordially congratulated Nazarbayev on his convincing victory in Sunday's presidential elections in Kazakhstan and expressed his best wishes to the multiethnic people of Kazakhstan," the

Kremlin Press service said.

The two heads of state expressed their determination to continue developing and strengthening the neighbourly relations and strategic partnership

between Russia and Kazakhstan, it said.

Nazarbayev, 65, won a landslide reelection for another seven-year term with 91 per cent of the vote in Sunday's election, according to preliminary results from the Kazakh Central Election Commission.

Nazarbayev has been the country's President since 1991.—MNA/Xinhua

CIA prisons in Europe reportedly closed in November

WASHINGTON, 6 Dec— The United States held captured al-Qaeda suspects at secret CIA prisons in Europe until last month when the facilities were shut down after media reports of their existence, ABC News reported on Monday, citing current and former CIA agents.

Eleven al-Qaeda prisoners who were held in Eastern Europe have been transferred and were being relocated "to a CIA site somewhere in North Africa," ABC reported, citing CIA sources.

ABC said the CIA declined comment and an agency spokesman was not available when Reuters tried to contact him.

According to ABC News, eight top al-Qaeda figures and three others were held at one time at a former Soviet air base in Eastern Europe and some were later moved to a second country. ABC said Polish sources had identified a base as the cite of a secret prison location.

US-based Human Rights Watch has said Poland and Romania were the most likely locations for the detention centres, but both countries have

denied it.

The United States has neither confirmed nor denied the existence of the secret prisons, as reported by the Washington Post last month.

Before leaving Washington for Europe on Monday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, defended US treatment of terrorism suspects.

MNA/Reuters

Gunmen kill local election official in Iraq

BAQUBA (Iraq), 6 Dec— Gunmen killed a local official working for the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) in the city of Baquba, north of Baghdad, on Monday, the head of the IECI in the province said.

Amir al-Yahya said three men had just left an event at a hospital aimed at educating people about next week's parliamentary election and were followed by gunmen in a black car and shot.—MNA/Reuters

Singapore launches world's first national standard for hotel security


SINGAPORE, 6 Dec — The Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board of Singapore (Spring Singapore) on Monday launched the world's first national standard for hotel security.

Entitled the "Technical Reference for Security Management System for Hotels", the new set of standard aims to provide guidelines to help hotels plan, design and implement their security system.

An initiative by the Singapore Hotel Asso-

ciation, the technical reference covers such elements as the installation and maintenance of security equipment, the provision of materials and information about security procedures, the training of both security and non-security personnel, as well as

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A Malaysian police officer stands in front of a billboard promoting the 11th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 6 Dec, 2005. Malaysia prepares to host the ASEAN summit in the capital Kuala Lumpur next week.

INTERNET

Nazarbayev says Kazakhstan willing to push forward ties with China

ASTANA, 6 Dec — Kazakhstan has established an unprecedented strategic partnership with China, and is willing to strengthen bilateral cooperation in various fields in accordance with its set policies, newly-re-elected president Nursultan Nazarbayev said Monday.

When answering questions from Xinhua, Nazarbayev said that after its independence from the former Soviet Union in 1991, Kazakhstan has been actively developing ties with China, and the exchanges of high-level visits in recent years have greatly boosted the development of bilateral ties.

He said bilateral trade and economic relationship has moved forward smoothly in recent years, with trade volume reaching about 5 billion US dollars. The two countries' leaders have decided to make joint efforts to raise the volume to 10 billion dollars, he added.

Nazarbayev said Kazakhstan and China, both of which are members of the six-seat regional bloc of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), have also conducted effective cooperation in the field of energy.

He said the section

of the Kazakhstan-China oil pipeline extending from Atasu to Ala Pass will be completed on December 16. About 700 million US dollars have been invested in the nearly 1,000-kilometre long pipeline, which can transport up to 20 million tons of oil annually.

The President said China plays an important role in the SCO, and Kazakhstan would intensify cooperation with China in trade and economy, security and other fields within the bloc's framework.

MNA/Xinhua

UN says deaths, injuries reported from east Africa quake

KINSHASA, 6 Dec — A strong earthquake damaged homes in the town of Kalemie in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo on Monday and local residents reported some people had been killed and injured, a United Nations official said.

"There is quite a lot of damage to these poorly constructed houses. Residents told us that

some people had died and others were injured but we do not have any figures yet," Michel Bonnardiaux, spokesman for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Kinshasa, told Reuters.

He said relief workers were checking the hospitals in the small town of just under 200,000 inhabitants on the shores of Lake Tanganyika, which was reported to be close to the centre of the magnitude 6.8 earthquake that was felt from Congo to Kenya.

MNA/Reuters

US soldier killed in bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 6 Dec — A US soldier was killed when a roadside bomb hit his vehicle in eastern Baghdad, the military said on Monday.

"A Task Force Baghdad soldier was killed when a patrol struck an improvised explosive device in east Baghdad December 4," the military said in a brief statement.

The death has brought to more than 2,120 the number of US military personnel who have died in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media reports.—MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi soldiers secure the roadside bomb explosion area, 10 km (6 miles) east of Baquba, on 5 Dec, 2005. The explosion was aimed at US armoured vehicle, police said.—INTERNET

Chinese Premier, French President meet on relations

PARIS, 6 Dec—Visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao met here Monday with French President Jacques Chirac to exchange views on further promotion of Sino-French cooperation.

The two leaders spoke highly of Sino-French ties and reached consensus on further strengthening of bilateral cooperation.

Wen said cooperation between the two countries has deepened in various sectors. The closeness of bilateral ties is contributing to boosting development of the two economies and world peace and prosperity as well.

Wen said that sustainable and sound development of Sino-French relations is due to the strategic perspective and long-term views of the two sides over bilateral ties, their spirit of independence and tolerance as well as their advocacy of mutual confidence through dialogue.

The development of Sino-French ties have

proved that countries of different social systems are able to coexist in peace and cooperate well, Wen said. Both being permanent members of the UN Security Council, China and France should further strengthen the exchange of high-level dialogue, strengthen coordination and cooperation in international affairs, jointly defend the United Nations' authority and deal with the challenge of traditional and non-traditional security issues.

Wen also said that Sino-French cooperation has vast potential yet to be tapped in all sectors, with the common hope of boosting mutually beneficial cooperation in the interests of the two countries to achieve a win-win situation. Speaking on the same occasion, Chirac said that France and China share common views on major international issues and have very fruitful cooperation within the framework of the United Nations.—MNA/Xinhua

ဝက်ဟူဝွမ်းအား ခေတ်တော်ဗွား



A Thai visitor take a closer look at fish from a dome at Siam Ocean World, billed as Southeast Asia's largest aquarium, in Bangkok, Thailand on 7 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

Vietnam combating trafficking of women and children

HANOI, 6 Dec—The Vietnamese Government has just adopted four

projects on combating trafficking of children and women in the 2005-2010 period, local newspaper *New Hanoi* reported on Monday.

The projects focus on four areas, namely, strengthening propaganda and education on preventing children and women trafficking in the community, intensifying fights against human trafficking, building up legal documents on the issue, and giving stronger support to victims.

The projects will be conducted in two phases,

the first from 2005 to 2007, and the second between 2008 to 2010.

Tens of thousands of Vietnamese women and children have been trafficked abroad, mainly for disadvantaged marriage, child adoption, and labour and sex slavery, over the past decade, according to Vietnam's Ministry of Public Security.

Some 500 local women and children are annually trafficked to some neighbouring countries, especially Cambodia, to work as prostitutes or slaves.—MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian Navy to buy US Harpoon missiles

JAKARTA, 6 Dec—The Indonesian Navy plans to buy *Harpoon* missiles from the United States, following the US decision to lift its military embargo on Indonesia on 22 November, Navy Chief of Staff, Admiral Slamet Soebijanto said.

"*Harpoon* missiles are for warships. The number of the missiles and when it will be bought would still have to be discussed further," Slamet said on the sidelines of a ceremony marking the Navy's founding anniversary in Surabaya, the second largest city in the country, on Monday.

The Indonesian Navy would also discuss Indonesia's need for other military hardware after the US Government lift the military embargo, *Antara* news agency Tuesday quoted the Navy chief as saying.

"These missiles are as powerful as *Exocet MM 38* missiles which could hit targets 80 to 100 kilometres away. We have the launchers, but have not been using them in the last five years," budget and planning assistant to the Navy Chief of Staff, Yussuf Solichien said.—MNA/Xinhua

Ten dead, five injured in separate car wrecks in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 6 Dec—Two separate car crashes have killed 10 people and critically injured five in Battambang and Kompong Cham provinces, local media reported on Monday.

In Battambang's Mong Russei District, a collision on Friday evening involved a tractor, the car of a two-star police general, and a pickup truck carrying two high-ranking Interior Ministry officials and a villager, *The Cambodia Daily* quoted Moek Heng, Battambang provincial traffic police chief as saying.

The pickup truck driven at high speed plowed into the first two vehicles and rolled off the road into a canal. The two officials died instantly, along with a third person in the vehicle, according to Moek Heng.

In Kompong Cham on Friday evening, an overloaded pickup truck went off the road, killing seven passengers, according to local police official Keo Samneang.

MNA/Xinhua

Dhaka to seek int'l help to combat suicide bombers

DHAKA, 6 Dec—The government of Bangladesh is planning to seek international help to fight against suicide bombers as the country has no

expertise in this regard.

The Interpol, US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Scotland Yard might be invited to combat suicide bombers of banned Islamist outfits in the country, *The New Age* Sunday quoted sources in the police department as saying.

This form of terrorism is completely new to Bangladesh and "we seriously lack in expertise to handle such situations", a high police official said.

In fact, there is already an offer from Interpol and the FBI for help, the official said.

The organizations, which visited Bangladesh after a grenade attack on an rally of the main opposition the Awami League in Dhaka on 21 August, 2004, have the required

expertise.

A number of Interpol officials came to Bangladesh after the 21 August grenade attack that killed 22 persons, preceded by Scotland Yard experts who visited the northeastern city of Sylhet when British High Commis-

sioner in Dhaka Anwar Chowdhury was injured in a grenade attack.

Several FBI agents also visited Bangladesh to help the police in the investigation of the incidents. So they have ideas about such incidents, a police source said.—MNA/Xinhua

Amount of antibiotics prescription down sharply in Belgium

BRUSSELS, 6 Dec—The amount of antibiotics prescribed by Belgian doctors fell by a third between 1999 and 2004, local newspaper *Het Laatste Nieuws* reported on Monday.

The decline resulted in stabilizing or a slight fall in the resistance of bacteria to existing antibiotic treatments, the newspaper said, quoting findings by the Belgian Commission for the Co-ordination of the Antibiotics Policy.

Health insurers have also been able to save 46 million euros in recent years, while patients saved 10 million euros. According to the commission, the spectacular fall in the use of antibiotics in Belgium was the largest in Europe. —MNA/Xinhua



US and Iraqi military forces patrol in Baghdad on 6 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

China, Germany to join hands in engineering education

BEIJING, 6 Dec — Chinese and German engineering experts convened here on Monday to discuss future cooperation in engineering education and mutual accreditation.

The Symposium on Perspectives of Sino-German Cooperation in Realm of Engineering Education and Accreditation, co-sponsored by the Chinese Association for Science and Technology (CAST) and the Association of German Engineers, is expected to shape the future accreditation of engineers between China and Germany.

Zhou Guangzhao, CAST President, said at the symposium that Germany has rich experience in training high-quality engineers while China needs a great number of outstanding engineers to help sustain its rapidly-growing economy.

Chinese colleges and universities are now enrolling about 3.7 million students for engineering diplomas. Germany boasts more than five million qualified engineers.

Zhao Qingping, Chinese Vice Minister of Education, said China and Germany will try to cooperate in joint education programmes and establish a uniform appraisal system for such joint programmes.

Engineering experts from prestigious Qinghua

University, Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Shanghai Polytechnic University and German engineering associations and higher-learning institutes are attending the two-day symposium.

MNA/Xinhua



A tourist takes a photograph of the sunset in Laos capital Vientiane on 2 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

Susilo reshuffles Cabinet

JAKARTA, 6 Dec— Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono announced on Monday the much-awaited reshuffle for the economic team with seasoned technocrat Budiono replacing Aburizal Bakrie as the coordinating Minister for the Economy.

The announcement was made at Gedung Negara in Yogyakarta and aired live through TVRI state television station.

Boediono entered the Cabinet as co-ordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, while Aburizal Bakrie was rotated from co-ordinating Minister for

Economic Affairs to co-ordinating Minister for People's Welfare.

Sri Mulyani was rotated from state Minister of National Development Planning to Minister of Finance and Fahmi Idris was rotated from Minister of Manpower and Transmigration to Minister of Industry, while Erman Suparno was named as Minister of Manpower and Transmigration and Paskah Suzetta as state Minister of National Development Planning.

Those fired from the Cabinet by the President were Minister of Finance Yusuf Anwar, Minister of

Industry Andung Niti-mihardjar and Co-ordinating Minister for People's Welfare Alwi Shihab.

Susilo said that Alwi was named as his advisor and special envoy for cooperation with Middle East countries as well as the Organization of Islamic Conference and the Islamic Development Bank.

He added that Minister of Finance Jusuf Anwar is going to be named as ambassador to "an important country".

The new ministers will be sworn in on Wednesday. MNA/Xinhua

Phuket resort upbeat, despite contracting economy in first nine months

BANGKOK, 6 Dec— Despite plunging taxes and tourism revenues, a practical provincial administration remains upbeat about Thailand's southern important tourism province of Phuket's future.

The economy of this world-renowned tourist resort contracted during the first nine months of 2005 due to the extended plunge in tourism, the *Thai News Agency* quoted a figures released Monday by Governor Udomsak Asavarangkura as saying.

In the aftermath of the tsunami, Phuket received only 479,174 visitors, down 52 per cent compared with arrival figures from the same period last year.

MNA/Xinhua

At least five killed in Israeli shopping mall attack

JERUSALEM, 6 Dec— At least five people were killed and 35 wounded on Monday in a suicide bombing attack in a shopping mall in Netanya, north of Tel Aviv, Israel Radio said.

The blast, which occurred at around 11:30 am (0930 GMT), left five people dead, rescue workers said, adding that among the wounded, four were in critical condition and the rest had moderate to light wounds.

The wounded have been taken to nearby hospitals in Netanya and Hadera, they said.

Ami Klein, a lawyer who witnessed the explosion from a nearby courthouse, told the radio that the attacker reached the entrance to the mall but was not able to enter. "The boom shook the entire courthouse," he said.

Islamic Jihad said it had carried out the attack, and the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, an armed wing of the ruling Fatah Movement led by Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, also

claimed responsibility.

Israeli Deputy Public Security Minister Yaakov Edri told the radio that there had been no specific warnings ahead of the attack.

David Baker, an official in the Prime Minister's Office, held the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) responsible for the attack.

MNA/Xinhua

China to gradually open futures market

SHENZHEN, 6 Dec— China is considering the introduction of Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors (QFII) into its futures market in an attempt to boost the sector, said an official at the China International Derivatives Forum concluded on Sunday in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province.

Fan Fuchun, vice-chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC), said that the nation will gradually open the futures market through active study on the idea of introducing QFIIs into commodities futures trading, Monday's China Daily reported.

"China's futures market is facing a historic moment; we will seize this opportunity to push its development through measures such as

improving the legal system and being properly prepared for the introduction of financial futures products," he was quoted by the newspaper as saying.

The government is also mulling over other ways of stimulating the futures market, which has been marginalized in

recent years.

The futures industry, which began in China in 1993, is currently facing problems. It achieved a trading volume of 10,823 billion yuan (1,339 billion US dollars) in the first 10 months of this year, down 13 per cent from the same period of last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Traffic collision kills 24 on Beijing expressway

BEIJING, 6 Dec— At least 24 were killed and nine others injured in a vehicle collision on Sunday evening on an expressway in central-western Beijing, the municipal public security bureau said on Monday.

The accident took place at about 8 pm Sunday when a calcium carbide-loaded truck from the north China's Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region crashed with a Beijing passenger bus due to brake failure at a section of the Badaling Expressway in the Changping District. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi soldier patrols in Karabilah, Iraq, seven miles from Syria, on 6 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

We do not accept lies and gossip

Linn Nay

At a time when we are striving for the emergence of discipline-flourishing democracy by taking all possible measures in administrative, economic, education, health, social, religious and democracy affairs wishing peaceful, secure and prosperous conditions for the people residing in the Union of Myanmar, the western neo-colonialist nations and their allies plus national traitors in exile are inventing all kinds of falsehood with the use of the media. They are doing so with the ill intention of creating chaotic situations in the country worse than that in 1988. They have intensified their media war against Myanmar with the use of gossip made up of bias, lies and exaggerations, in order to create suspicions and cause destruction in the country. They think that they know everything and that nothing is possible without them. It is thus very annoying to learn what they have been up to posing as masters and interfering in our internal affairs.

At the same time, certain conceited axe-handle traitors, devoid of maturity and proper outlook and bent on destroying their own nation, are making contact with personalities of lower or upper houses of certain nations asking the latter to intervene and interfere in the internal affairs of the country and requesting the aliens to impose economic sanctions and not to deal with the country. They would like to do harm to the country and the people since they could not realize their objectives.

Because of such ill intentions and misdeeds and being overwhelmed by the greed, anger and delusion, they are stinking. Yet, they have approached member nations of the United Nations Security Council and begged them to take such and such actions against the country under cover of democracy. Do they really love their country? Do they have sympathy for their relatives? They have been brought up here in the country but they have no consideration to repay the gratitude. They have no pride of being Myanmar nationals. They do not care how low and awkward their position will be so long as they can become the puppet government with strings attached. I would like to warn those modern Azatathat.

I want them to think hard. They should consider if their acts would do good or harm to the country. They have been made to wear dark glasses. There are also strings or constraints imposed on them. They should carefully look back. It is not late yet. As peace prevails in the country all the national races are working in concert for the emergence of discipline-flourishing democracy while the National Convention is in session discarding doubts and suspicions that existed in the past.

In the world today, the people in some countries have experienced bloody conflicts resulting in starvation and all kinds of misery. Despite such tragic events, less sympathy is shown and many have ignored them. The pessimists and the axe-handle traitors pretend not to see them; they keep quiet. When they do not get what they want, they get hostile and would invent stories saying that the leader or the government concerned is bad; and they would set one against the other. When work is well under way to reach the goal following our own chosen path freely, the traitorous elements are opposed to the realization of the goal aspired by the people. This

being so, they long for the neo-colonialist western nation. They become too friendly with the big nation which, in fact, is the neo-colonialist thinking it to be the saviour.

Those greedy and sly tigers, pretending to be saviours, have discarded the international opinion, colluded with its allies and committed evil acts with the use of powerful lethal weapons. They have caused bloody deaths to the public and destruction to buildings, businesses and religious structures. Those lacking the four cardinal values or sublime states of mind would rejoice to see such human sufferings.

Tigers, either those kept as pets or those in the jungles would be the same; they would like to see blood, however much it is. Like manner, the tiger-like neo-colonialists are happy when they see the bloody bodies and tragic scenes. Are we going to let this happen to us? If they long for the stepfather to take care of internal affairs, go around the world and cause trouble to own people, we will become slaves and finally lose our own race. If they go on attempting to seize power in the name of democracy, they will gain nothing but lose the pride and dignity. Are they committing misdeeds because they do not know the evil consequences? Are they willing to see own people in difficulty by colluding with the media, the elements in aboveground and those underground?

The colonialists are bad in every aspect. No country would pay greater attention to anyone except oneself. They wish to see piles of human bones in other countries to serve their interest. Nothing can be expected from them. They are cruel and ruthless by nature. They are devoid of goodwill, loving-kindness and compassion. We experienced the miserable life under the colonialists for over 100 years and there was sufficient evidence throughout history.

In Myanma history, the case of expatriate Myingoon may be cited. Bloody wars, deaths and destruction in the world today should be seen with sympathy. The traitorous axe-handles should not commit such evil acts. If these tragic events are accepted, where is the saviour, where is democracy, where is human right, where is humanitarian spirit, where is freedom, where is freedom from suppression, where is the fulfilment of the people's basic needs? If they continue to level false allegations against Myanmar nothing good can be expected. It will be better to remain unchanged. If we beg the sly and cruel tiger for help, we will become its puppets with no freedom to shape our own destiny or to build democracy. Can we or should we accept such situation? Be thoughtful. Long for or rely on the stepfather neo-colonialist only if it is really worthwhile.

In own country, it would not be worse than that under the influence of the evil tiger under any circumstances. National leaders and martyrs strove to courageously repulse the colonialists and fascists. They drove out all the foreign elements harbouring ill will towards us. History stands witness to the fact that Patriotic Myanmars sacrificed a lot of sweat, blood and human lives standing in front of the national people and winning back the national independence. These should not be forgotten and they are the strength of our people. Martyrs were assassinated on 19 July by the axe-handles who crazed for power. These were tragic events that should not recur.

For the betterment of social, economic and transport conditions of the people, the Tatmadaw government has built thousands of miles of motor roads and railroads, opened airfields wherever necessary and facilitated waterways in the nation. One should see things in the right perspective.

Now national brethren can travel easily to every part of the nation, hilly regions or plains. They can enjoy their basic needs such as food, clothing and housing. According to Buddha's teachings 'one should

abstain from any type of intoxicants', Myanmar people have been crushing the danger of narcotics that can wipe out the entire mankind. All the narcotic drugs seized were incinerated and this was made known to the world. Now is the time when the Tatmadaw is endeavouring to destroy all poppy plantations in all regions of the nation with the strength of the people and members of Myanmar Police Force. It is known to all that the government is undertaking the projects for opium-substitute crops cultivation. Upholding the saying that goes 'action speaks louder than words', the government has launched operations against poppy cultivation in the nation during which a great number of Tatmadaw and MPF members sacrificed their lives. Besides, in cooperation with national race leaders, the government is working day in, day out for the eradication of opium.

Despite the government's efforts, a big power of the west bloc with no sympathy and loving-kindness, blocked assistance to the nation.

Over a period of 17 years, the present government has been able to make peace with 17 national race armed groups and even with those leftists and rightists who put up armed struggle for over 40 years. This had not been achieved by any successive governments in the past. In addition, it can be witnessed that the government is implementing 24 special development region projects across the nation. As a result, realizing the goodwill of the State, all national brethren as well as the 17 national armed groups, which have returned to the legal fold, are working together with the government for the development of respective regions.

Reviewing the tasks the Tatmadaw government is implementing, political, economic, social, education, religious, national races, health and administrative affairs are progressing proportionately. In the political field, the National Convention is now in session, keeping 'Our Three Main National Causes' in the fore by laying down the seven-point Road Map of the State. Delegates from all walks of life are participating in the National Convention to march towards a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. As for the education sector, new generation youth are able to attend schools and institutions and universities opened by the State in their own regions. More housing projects are being implemented throughout the country. Reclamation of land has been extended, and single cropping has transformed to double cropping and mixed cropping on all vacant land. More dams and reservoirs have been built and underground water tapping projects are being undertaken in arid regions.

Health standard of the country is raised and delicate surgical operations can be carried out now. Amateur and professional artistes are taking part in the Myanmar traditional performing arts competitions to uplift the national prestige and integrity. In the transport sector, a great number of facilities such as bridges across rivers, bridges across creeks, roads and bridges and overpasses have been and are being constructed in the nation. At the same time, measures are being taken for total elimination of narcotic drugs. However, the big power that is in a position to influence western media and talking about human rights, human interest, importance of good health and assistance is blocking any form of assistance to our country; I would like to ask why it is doing so. Is it because our country has never bowed as a puppet to this big power?

Myanmar people with diligence are determined to eliminate narcotic drugs and to implement poppy-substitute crops cultivation projects covering all available land without outside assistance.

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Livestock breeding sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of livestock breeding in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Extended livestock breeding and increased meat production

The agriculture and livestock breeding sectors contribute much towards food sufficiency of national people residing in the Union of Myanmar. To fulfil the food requirements, emphasis is being placed on extended production of meat and fish and proper flow of commodities.

With the aim of producing more meat, livestock breeding tasks have been carried out together with the private breeders plus partnership breeding starting from 1994-1995. In doing so, plans have been made to raise at least ten chickens and two pigs per household in rural areas.

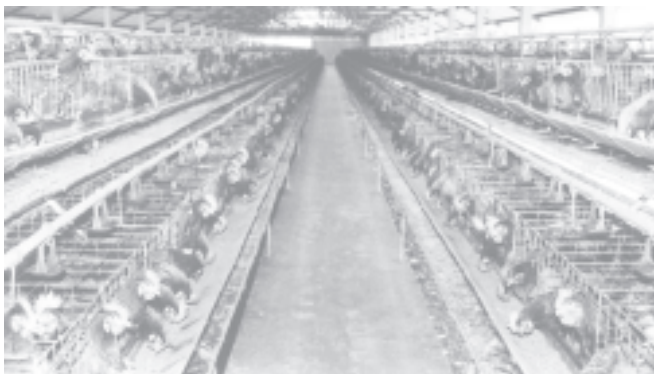
Now, the tasks cover respective states and divisions and local battalions and units are also taking part in it. For the success of these tasks,

quality strain animals have been provided, disease prevention and control carried out, livestock breeding courses opened and the process of artificial insemination applied.

In the time of the Tatmadaw government, livestock breeding is being extended covering all states and divisions including border areas and as a result, socio-economic life of rural people has improved.

As efforts are being made to extend livestock breeding tasks year after year in various regions of the nation, people are now enjoying adequate meat. The table shows extended livestock breeding and increased meat production in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Extended livestock breeding and increased meat production



Livestock breeding tasks are being implemented in various parts of the country including border areas for boosting production of meat: A private poultry farm in Kawthoung District, Taninthayi Division.

Sr	Subject	1988	2005	progress
1	States and divisions where livestock breeding projects implemented	6	14	8
2	Townships where livestock breeding projects implemented	54	273	219
3	State-owned livestock breeding farm	30	55	25
4	Number of livestock (1=100,000)	5.74	10.31	4.57
5	Meat production (viss) (1=100,000)	8.2	10.2	2.0

Coord meeting between NCCWC and panel of chairmen held

YANGON, 7 Dec — The coordination meeting between the National Convention Convening Work Committee and the panel of chairmen of the eight delegate groups of the National Convention was held at the hall of the delegates of State service personnel in Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby Township this afternoon.

Vice-chairman of NCCWC Attorney-General U Aye Maung presided over the meeting together with Joint-secretary-I U Khin Maung Myint as MC. Attorney-General U Aye Maung clarified matters on papers submitted by a group of alternate chairmen today and yesterday and future tasks of NC.

Secretary of NCCWC U Thaug Nyunt then gave a supplementary report.

The panel of chairmen held a discussion and the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Attorney-General U Aye Maung.

It was attended by members of NCCWC, the



panel of chairmen of delegates of political parties, delegates of representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel and other invited delegates. — MNA

Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung addresses the meeting between the Work Committee and members of the Panel of Chairmen of the eight National Convention delegate groups. — MNA

Taking lessons from the...

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to cultivate and possess strong Union Spirit. Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism, so all the nationalities will have to uphold and safeguard.

All trainees are to participate in building and safeguarding the modern and developed nation upholding Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

Regarding the international relations, Myanmar is a nation that respects and practises the five principles of peaceful co-existence in international relations.

Myanmar is also cooperating with UN agencies and international organizations while participating in activities of ASEAN, BIMSTEC, Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) and Gingga-Mekong Cooperation (GMC).

Annual General Meeting-2005 of USDA was held in September, and activities in organizational, economic, social and cultural sectors carried out in a year were presented to the meeting. It is seen that the association is carrying out the tasks for ensuring community peace and tranquillity joining hands with the Tatmadaw Gov-

ernment, the Tatmadaw and the people. The association also put its energies into development tasks, public welfare tasks and environmental conservation activities.

The nine future tasks of the association are as follows:

- The USDA is to work together to safeguard the peace and stability of the State and to build a developed country by upholding Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.
- The USDA is to follow the 12 political, economic and social objectives laid down for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation as the policy of the association.
- The USDA is to organize all national people to actively participate in their re-



Member of the Panel of Patrons of USDA (Central) Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially talks with trainees of Myanmar and International Studies Course No 10.— MNA

spective roles with Union Spirit for the success of State's seven-point Road Map.

- The USDA is to guard against the dangers of internal and external destructive elements through united strength of the people.
- The USDA is to actively participate in

successful implementation of the tasks for ensuring peace and stability of the State, strong national economy and uplift of national education that are basic infrastructures for shaping a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

- The USDA is to participate by doing their bit in successful implementation of the third five-year short-term project being undertaken by the State.
- The USDA is to consolidate the association and mobilize more members from all regions of the country.
- The USDA is to firmly consolidate the association while promoting developments tasks in rural areas through Five Rural Development Tasks.
- The USDA is to follow the guidance of the Patron of the association as a work guideline.

As the nine future work programmes focuses upon the public welfare, people will co-

operate in implementing the programmes.

Since the Government assumed the responsibility of the State, the Government had laid down and is implementing 12 political, economic and social objectives joining hands with the people and the Tatmadaw.

As part of an effort for cent per cent development of the regions in the State, the Government designated 24 special regions and laid down rural areas and border areas development projects. The Government has also been making efforts for development of agriculture as the base and all round development of other sectors of the economy and has achieved fruitful results. At the same time, it is building the necessary infrastructures for the future State. Meanwhile, the Government is implementing the seven-point Road Map in cooperation with USDA, people and the Tatmadaw.

On the other hand, internal and external destructive elements are resorting to destructive acts.

In mass rallies held all over the country, people pledged to maintain the stability and development of the State and to guard against the destructive elements. They also denounced some countries who interfere in internal affairs of the State and pledged to crush destructive elements upholding the four-point People's Desire.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged the trainees to realize the importance of duties they will have to carry out, to study the subjects taught at the course and compare the knowledge gained with their experiences, to serve the interests of the nation and the people loyally and conscientiously, to strive for national unity, peace and stability and to uphold.

Our Three Main National Causes and 12 objectives and to lend themselves to the implementation of seven-point policy programme.

After the opening ceremony, Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially greeted the trainees. — MNA

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NC delegates head for Pyidaungsu Hall to attend the National Convention. — MNA

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Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and commission 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 and officials of Sub-committees, delegates of Kokang Democracy and 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 De-

velopment 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 States, Shan State (South), Shan State (North), Shan State (East), Sagaing,

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Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine States, Shan State (South), Shan State (North), Shan State (East), Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia and delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine States, Shan State (South), Shan State (North), Shan State (East), Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of State service personnel from the SPDC Office,

istries, other invited delegates and delegates of national race groups who exchanged arms for peace.

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, del-

Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties, U Law Hsin Kwan of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, Duwa Zoat Dong of Delegate Group of National Races, U Kyi Tint of Delegate Group of Peasants, U Bo Thein of Delegate Group of Workers, Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha) of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia and Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel.

Director (Meeting) U Than Aung of NCCWC Office acted as master of ceremonies and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi, co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the commencement of the



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

sharing and distribution of power in executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

Afterwards, Member of the Alternate Panel of Chairmen Duwa Zoat Dong presented the proposals submitted by del-

Convention regarding detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing and distribution of power in executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

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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

the President's Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and min-

legates of intellectuals 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.

Dr Manan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons presided over the meeting together with U Ba Han of NCCWC, U Saw

meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman as 1070 out of 1080 delegates were present, accounting for 99.44 per cent.

Next, Member of the Alternate Panel of Chairmen U Law Hsin Kwan presented proposals submitted by delegates groups to the National Convention regarding detailed basic principles to be laid down for

legates groups to the National Convention regarding detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing and distribution of power in executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

Next, Member of the Alternate Panel of Chairmen U Kyi Tint presented the proposals submitted by delegates groups to the National

vention went into recess at 9.50 am.

The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at 10.15 am. Member of the Alternate Panel of Chairmen U Bo Thein presented the proposals submitted by delegates groups to the National Convention regarding detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing and distribution of

legates groups to the National Convention regarding detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing and distribution of power in executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

After that, the plenary session went into recess at 11.15 am.

The plenary session continues on 12 December. — MNA



NC delegates participating in the National Convention. — MNA



An NC delegate signs in the attendance book at the National Convention.—MNA

As administrative functions of the State...

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This being the case, the Union Government should be vested with a variety of executive powers, and the duty and rights relevant to these powers.

I will now sort out the detailed basic principles that should be adopted in connection with the Union government that shall be included in the executive sector of the Constitution.

1. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the executive power of the Union extends to the matters with respect to which the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has power to make laws.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the executive authority of the Union, shall be vested in the President; but nothing in this section shall prevent the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw from conferring duties and functions upon any authoritative body, or any person in authority, or be deemed to transfer to the President of the State any functions vested in any authoritative body concerned, or any other person in authority concerned by existing laws.
3. (a) All executive action taken by the Union Government shall be expressed as done in the name of the President.
(b) Orders and instruments made and executed in the name of the President shall be authenticated in such manner as may be specified in rules to be made by the President. In addition, the validity of an order or instrument which is so authenticated shall not be called in question on the ground that it was not done by the President.
(c) The President shall make rules for the transaction of the business of the Union Government, and for the allocation of the said business among the ministers of the Union Government or to the official responsible under a certain law, except matters conferred on him by this Constitution to act in his own discretion.
(d) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the allocation of business by the President may be region-wise as well as subject-wise.
4. The Union Government uphold and maintain stability, peace, and the prevalence of law and order in the country.
5. The Union Government shall lay down its policies in accord with the stipulations contained in the Constitution. The Union Government shall draw necessary projects in accord with the policies and implement them with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
6. Based on annual budgets of the Union, drawn after coordinating with the Financial Commission, the Union Government shall draft the bill on Union budget, and shall submit it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in line with the stipulations contained in the Constitution for approval.
7. The Union Government shall have the right to use the funds within the allotment of the normal expenditure included in the latest-enacted Union budget law of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw cannot approve the Union Government-submitted bill before the end of fiscal year.
8. The Union Government shall submit the bill concerning the matters the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw can enact into law within the framework of the provisions of the Constitution, and shall submit it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
9. The ministries of the Union Government shall manage, guide and supervise their subordinate government departments and organizations to ensure that the said subordinate bodies are conducting their functions in accord with the stipulations of the Constitution and the existing laws.

10. The Union Government cooperates and coordinates with the region government, the state government, and the self-administered area leading body to enable them to effectively and successfully carry out their tasks.

11. The Union Government, save constitutional disputes and the disputes over the re-delineation of territorial boundary, shall —

(a) cooperate, coordinate and make decisions if necessary on disputes over administration between regions and states; among regions; among states; between regions or states and self-administered areas; and among self-administered areas; and

(b) cooperate, coordinate and solve the disputes over administration between regions or states and Union territories and between self-administered areas and Union territories; and make decisions if necessary.

12. The Union Government, in accordance with law, shall —

(a) constitute Union-related service organizations as necessary, and stipulate the duties and functions for such organizations; and

(b) appoint the required number of staff.

13. The Union Government shall —

(a) implement administrative resolutions passed occasionally by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and submit the measures it has taken to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(b) submit the report on the entire affairs of the State to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on an occasional basis.

National Unity Party among seven political parties of the Delegate Group of Political Parties discussed that the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee invited suggestions related to his clarification on 13 points of detailed basic principles if it should be adopted in connection with the Union Government that shall be included in the executive sector of the Constitution.

Governments of various countries adopt duties and rights concerning executive power to be able to achieve success and to stretch out governments' authorities in implementing the functions of administration.

Daily movements of people in any country are related to administration. As administrative functions of the State are very huge and broad, Union Government needs necessary authorities in practising executive power. Hence, clarification of the Chairman of NCC Work Committee as regards the duties and functions of the Union Government should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Furthermore, they gave a separate suggestion that at No 7 point of the clarification of the NCC Work Committee Chairman, the Union Government shall have the right to use the funds within the framework of the allotment of the normal expenditure included in the latest-enacted Union budget law of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw cannot approve the Union Government-submitted bill before the end of fiscal year. It is very important that of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw should enact the Union budget law in time, and only then should an exception be permitted in a unavoidable situation. Therefore, No 7 point of the clarification should be added as follows:-

The Union Government shall strive to enact its Union budget law before the end of fiscal year. If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw cannot approve the Union Government-submitted bill in time, the Union Government shall have the right to use the funds within the framework the allotment of the normal expenditure included in the latest-enacted Union budget law of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Union Pa-O National Organization discussed that from 1 to 13 points clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee as regards executive power of the Union Government should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization also made discussions that the Chairman of NCC Work Committee made clarification on 13 points

concerning Union Government to be included in the executive sector of the State Constitution, based on findings and reviews. Therefore, these proper and reasonable points should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Lahu National Development Party discussed that a total of 13 points concerning the executive power of the Union Government clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Union Kayin League also submitted its discussions on 13 points concerning the executive power of the Union Government to be included in the executive sector of the State Constitution clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party made discussions. With regard to the executive power of the Union Government, "the executive power of the State is distributed among the Pyidaungsu, regions and states."; and "Self-administrative power shall be distributed to self-administered areas as stipulated by the State Constitution." had been adopted as detailed basic principles. In this regard, the clarification of the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee were very appropriate and reasonable.

Duties and functions of the Union Government were described as adoption of the Government's policies in line with the State Constitution by taking measures on peace and stability and prevalence of law and order of the nation, controlling duties and functions discharged by departments and organizations of the ministries of the Union Government in accord with the State Constitution, performing of management, guidance and supervision, making coordination and setting of disputes on administration between Region and State, among regions, among states, between region or state and self-administered area, and among self-administered areas. Therefore, findings and observation of the NCC Work Committee that related to executive power of the Union Government to be included in the executive sector are proper and reasonable.

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Among the eight delegate groups, the group of representatives-elect submitted four proposal papers. Political parties included in the delegate group of political parties have discussed attitudes of delegates of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization. It is found that respective delegates have also made the same discussion.

Independent representative-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thangtlan township constituency in Chin State, Independent representative-elect U Aung Thein of Ywangan township constituency in Shan State and Independent representative-elect U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan township constituency in Shan State (North) supported the clarification of the chairman of the National Convention Convening Work committee regarding executive power of the Union Government.

U Tin Win of Kyaiklat constituency-2, U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi township constituency-1, U Hla Soe of Minbu township constituency-2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay township constituency-2 and U Tin Maung Tun of Mingaladon township constituency-2 also supported that thirteen points in executive power of the Union Government is appropriate to adopt as a detailed basic principle. Similarly, the delegate group of national races, delegate group of peasants, delegate group of workers, delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia and delegate group of State service personnel seconded the 13-point executive power of the Union Government. In addition, delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia separately suggested that in the Union budget law (draft), an individual fund should be set up for emergency cases.

The group of other invited delegates said they had learnt clarification and reviews of the chairman of the Work Committee regarding the executive power of the Union Government and they supported all points as they are appropriate to be adopted. — MNA

The region or state government is vested with power in accord...

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power, a detailed basic principle—the executive power of the State is distributed among the Union, regions and states — has already been laid down. I have already explained the study of the Work Committee in connection with the matter for the delegates to hold discussions and make suggestions to lay down detailed basic principles regarding the executive power and functions of the Union Government in accord with the already-laid-down detailed basic principle.

Now, I will continue to present the study of the Work Committee on the distribution of the executive power to the region or state governments.

Concerning the formation of the region or state governments, the following detailed basic principles have already been laid down:

“Region government is formed in every Region, and State government is formed in every State.” and

Region or state government is formed with the following persons:

- (a) Chief Minister of region or state
- (b) Ministers of region or state
- (c) Advocate-General of region or state.

As powers and functions have been vested in the Union Government, so also the authority and rights should be delegated to the region or state governments. The Union Government has the right to exercise in the entire Union the executive powers and functions vested in it. Thus, the region and state governments should be delegated with the authority and duty to exercise within their territory.”

“I will now sort out the detailed basic principles that should be adopted in connection with the executive authority vested in the region or state government and the powers and functions relevant to that authority.

1. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the executive power of the region or state government extends to the matters with respect to which the region or state hluttaw has power to make laws. Moreover, in such manner, the executive power of the region or state government also extends to the matters with respect to which the region or state government has been allowed to carry out in accord with any of the Union laws.
2. The region and state governments shall have the responsibility to assist the Union Government in its drive to ensure the stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law.
3. Subject to the policies adopted by the Union Government and Union laws, the region or state governments shall implement the projects in connection with the task to be implemented in the respective regions or states with the approval of the region or state hluttaws.
4. Region or state governments shall submit to the respective hluttaws of the regions and states the budget bill of the regions and states concerned based on the annual budget of the Union Government in accord with the provisions in the Constitution.
5. If the region or state hluttaw cannot pass the bill on the budget of the region or state submitted by the region or state government concerned, the said region or state government shall have the right to use the funds of the current expenditure included in the last-enacted budget law of the region or state hluttaw.
6. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the region or state government shall have the right to submit to the Region or State

hluttaw the necessary Bill relevant to the matters embodied in the Region or State Legislative List.

7. The region or state government shall —
 - (a) manage, guide, supervise and inspect the performance of the region or state ministries and their subordinate government departments and organizations to ensure that they conduct their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, or with those of the existing laws.
 - (b) supervise, inspect, cooperate and coordinate in accordance with law the performance of the civil service organizations discharging duties in their respective regions or states.
8. To implement the tasks under its charge in accordance with the Union Law for State Civil Service, or through coordination in advance with the Union government, the region or state government shall —
 - (a) establish civil service organizations of the region or state as necessary;
 - (b) appoint the required number of civilian staff.
9. The region or state government shall —
 - (a) implement the resolutions occasionally passed by the Region or State Hluttaw concerned, and submit the report on the measures taken to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.
 - (b) submit the report on the entire affairs of its area to the Union government and to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.
10. The region or state government shall implement the tasks occasionally assigned by the Union government.

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 the region or the state government will have to implement the long-term, short-term, annual plans and work programmes on economic, social, education, health, development affairs and transport matters.

The region or the state government is to make efforts for development of the respective regions and the states in cooperation with the Union government. If the region or the state government carries out the tasks separately, considerable success will not be achieved as it should be.

Plans and work programmes can fully be realized through cooperation and coordination among the region or the state government and the Union government. Therefore, the points on the distribution of the executive power to the region or state governments presented by Chairman of the Work Committee are appropriate to be the basic principles.

The NUP also suggested that it is important for the region or the state government to prescribe the budget bill in time. In conformity with the suggestion on authority of the Union government, the point No 5 should be substituted with the following expression.

The region or state hluttaw is to make efforts for passing the bill on the budget of the region or state submitted by the region or state government concerned before the end of fiscal year. Only when the region or state hluttaw cannot pass the bill on the budget in time, the said region or state government shall have the right to use the funds of the current expenditure included in the last-enacted budget law of the region or state hluttaw.

The delegate groups of Union Pa-O National organizations discussed that from points No 1 to 10 of executive power of the region or state government presented by the Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The delegate groups of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization discussed that the ten points in connection with executive power of the region or state government presented by Chairman

of the Work Committee were proper and they should be laid down as the basic principles.

The Lahu National Development Party supported all the points regarding executive power of the region or state organization presented by Chairman of the Work Committee.

Union Kayin League discussed duties and rights in connection with executive power of the region or state government presented by Chairman of the Work Committee. These points should be laid down as the detailed basic principles.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party reported that executive matters that the Union government will take charge of and implement include in the Union Legislative List. And similarly executive matters that the region or state government will take charge and implement include in the State Legislative List.

The KDUP found that the Union government is to lay down policies and guidelines in the interest of the State and the people and the region or state government exercising the rights vested is to implement the tasks successfully.

The region or state government is vested with the power in accord with the policies and guidelines laid down by the Union government in the interest of the State and the people. The clarifications of the Work Committee were suitable.

The Wa National Development Party reported that the region or state government and the self-administered division or the self-administered zone leading bodies are bridges that link the Union government and the entire people.

The Union government shall provide assistance for successful implementation of the tasks such as stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, the rule of law, economic, social and transport sectors and is responsible for that. It is necessary for the region or state government and the self-administered division or the self-administered zone leading bodies to prescribe duties and rights in order to drive administrative machinery in the respective regions with greater momentum for perpetuation of the already-built national solidarity.

The clarifications of the Work Committee regarding duties and rights in connection with executive power of the region or state government were natural and Points 1 to 10 should be laid down as detailed principles.

Representatives-elect group, one of the eight delegate groups, submitted four proposal papers. Political parties discussed the attitudes of delegates of National Unity Party and Myo (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization.

Dr Hmu Thang, independent representative-elect of Thantlang Township constituency of Chin State, independent representative-elect U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township constituency of Shan State, independent representative-elect U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township constituency of Shan State (North) supported the clarifications by the chairman of NCCWC on executive powers of the region or the state government.

U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township constituency-2, U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township constituency-1, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township constituency-2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay Township constituency-2, U Kyi Win and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township constituency- 1 and 2, who are independent representative-elects, supported the discussions on powers of the region or the state government of the chairman of NCCWC were complete and proper.—MNA

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Airbus wins \$10b China deal for 150 planes

PARIS, 6 Dec— Airbus signed a 10-billion-US-dollars deal to supply 150 single-aisle passenger jets to China on Monday, scoring its largest deal with Beijing in what is already a record year for sales for Airbus and US rival Boeing.

The agreement on A320-family jets was signed during a visit to France by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao as Airbus embarks on a six-month study of plans to build its first non-European assembly plant in China due to fast-growing demand.

The A320 family comprises four aircraft capable of seating 107 to 185 passengers and the 150 planes are worth around 9.7 billion US dollars at average list prices.

China also signed an agreement with Airbus's sister company Eurocopter, the world's largest civilian helicopter maker, to co-develop a 6-ton helicopter for the world market.

Both Airbus and Eurocopter are subsidiaries of European aerospace firm EADS, whose shares were up 2.6 per cent at 32.65 euros by 1523 GMT when the main Paris market index was down 0.3 per cent.

"With a total value close to 10 billion US dollars, the order... (is) the largest single order that Airbus has ever received since it entered the Chinese market two decades ago," EADS said. In bilateral agreements

with France, China also signed a 150-million euro (176-million-US-dollar) deal for construction of its high-speed Shitai railway link, and it ordered a satellite from telecoms equipment maker Alcatel Alenia Space.

The deals follow an improvement in political ties as Paris campaigns for the European Union to drop a trade embargo on arms sales to China. Villepin described the ban as an anachronism.

China has emerged as a major battleground between Airbus and Boeing, helping both companies to secure

orders worth a record 100 billion US dollars this year despite a string of airline failures in the United States.

"The Chinese market is growing at 8 to 10 per cent a year, which is the highest rate in the world, and is on course to match the United States in 10 or 20 years," EADS Co-Chief Executive Noel Forgeard said.

Airbus said it had agreed with Wen to look at expanding the assembly lines for its aircraft outside Europe for the first time by building a site in China to build single-aisle jets.

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Zimbabwe arrests cricketers in foreign currency scam

HARARE, 6 Dec — One of the most influential figures in Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC), Babu Meman, two national team players Vusi Sibanda and Waddington Mwayenga, have been arrested as part of investigations by police into the financial affairs of the country's biggest money-spinning sporting discipline.

The three were picked up on Saturday, and at least six more players are expected to be questioned by police this week over transactions in their offshore foreign currency accounts. Meman is a long-serving manager of the national cricket team and a Harare businessman.

Detectives handling the case are also expected to question ZC board chairman Peter Chingoka

and managing director Ozias Bvute on Monday as part of their investigations into the case.

A statement from ZC on Sunday night said Chingoka and Bvute have an appointment on Monday with the police to speak on behalf of the board and not in their personal capacities and related personal transactions.

Sources within the ZC said on Sunday night that

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22 guerillas surrender in eastern Nepal

KATHMANDU, 6 Dec — As many as 22 anti-government guerillas including a zonal commander on Monday surrendered before the Sirah District Administration Office in eastern Nepal, Radio Nepal reported.

Repenting for their involvement in violent activities, the guerillas gave in, along with various arms in Sirah District, some 100 kilometres south of Kathmandu, the state-owned radio said, quoting officials at the Sirah District Administration Office.

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China punishes 892 banking employees for violation of laws

BEIJING, 6 Dec — Altogether 892 employees of China's banking sector were punished for violation of laws in the first three quarter of this year, a rise of 224 on a year-on-year basis, China's banking watchdog said on Monday.

A total of 2,710 persons involved in irregularities were also dealt with in the same period, including 974 from the senior management level with the qualifications of 74 senior managers revoked, said Liu Mingkang, chairman of the China Banking Regulatory Commission.

The commission launched a nationwide crackdown on offenses involving the banking sector under the guidance of the central bank since February this year.

Liu said 894 cases involving banking institutions were discovered in the first three quarters. Among them, 613, or 68.6 per cent were identified by the institutions themselves, which represents an increase of 179, or 7.2 percentage points, from a year earlier.

The number of major

Nepal building mountaineering park

KATHMANDU, 7 Dec— After its completion, the "Mountaineering Memorial Park", a big project carried out by Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA), will be a paramount destination for tourists, NMA said on Tuesday.

The project is being constructed in 96.56 hectare of public land of Kakani Village of Nuwakot District, neighbouring district of Kathmandu, NMA said in a statement. The park will include picnic spots, museum, mountain zone, camping sites, memorial garden, clubhouse and several other sub-projects related to tourism industry, according to NMA.

The NMA has spent more than 71428 US dollars for plantation and fencing the land, which was handed over to the association by the government in 1998, NMA noted.

The site could host several kinds of training and practice facilities for the mountaineers before they go to climb the mountains.

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cases declined on a quarterly basis, he said, adding that the number of cases each involving one million yuan discovered in the third quarter was eight less than in the second quarter, and the losses retrieved was 450 million yuan more.

But he did not give the figure of the major cases.

According to him, 199 cases were found in state-owned commercial banks, policy banks and joint-stock commercial banks in the third quarter, which was 86 less than in the second quarter. The money involved in the cases amounted to 250 million yuan, a fall of 400 million yuan. The commission has been cleaning up the sector to improve corporate governance and prepare it for full competition with overseas counterparts.

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After 82 years, Chinese farmer couple continues its love story

GUILIN (Guangxi), 6 Dec—A peasant farmer couple from south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region has been married for 82 years, longer than the record of 80 years and 14 days set by a British couple, which held the Guinness world record.

The farmer couple could probably claim the new record, but their family members did not say whether they would apply for Guinness recognition.

Zheng Suncai, the husband, turned 101 years old on October 15 this year.

His wife, Wang Xiuying, is now 100 years old. They married on 15 October, 1904, when Zheng was 19 years old.

Zheng and his wife live in the Zhuzizhou Village of Pingle Township in Pingle County, about 100

kilometres from the scenic city of Guilin. They have three sons and three daughters. Their eldest son is 78 years old and their youngest child, a female, is 58 years old. They have a family of more than 70 members spanning five

generations. Zheng Zailian, a 43-year-old grandson of the senior Zheng, said his grandparents wear linen clothes. His grandfather does not smoke but drinks a little bit of rice wine with small alcohol content.

Zheng loves vegetable dishes, and the ginger and sweet potato leaves are his favourites. He said, ginger could drive away cold and sweet potato leaves help digest food. But he never eats vegetables and melons that blossom out during the night, saying they are harmful to health.

The 101-year-old Zheng still has good eyesight and reads books and newspapers everyday. But his wife Wang has poor eyesight and can not walk by herself as her feet were broken in the past. Zheng takes care of his wife's daily life — from washing her face to feeding her. Everyday after getting up, the couple gargles and scrapes their tongue with a spoon before breakfast.

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Indonesia to apply electronic passports in 2007

JAKARTA, 6 Dec—The US, Australia and New Zealand have joined a pilot project of the application of biometric technology-based electronic passports, and Indonesia will apply the new system later in 2007, an immigration official said.

"The technology which could be reached contains identities, distinctive features, finger prints and the faces of the passport holders," Adjat Sudrajat Havid, director general of foreign cooperation at the Ministry of Legal and Human Rights Affairs said in Nusa Dua, Bali, on Monday.

The electronic passports could monitor the traffic of people between states, Antara news agency Tuesday quoted Adjat Sudrajat as saying. The 4th

Meeting of Directors General of the Management of Migratory Flows between Europa and Asia is being held in Bali.

Meanwhile, Director General of Immigration, M Imam Santoso, said that the Indonesian Government has allocated funds for the development of an information management system of immigration across the country and its offices overseas.

In last year's ASEM meeting, representatives agreed to a standard of

electronic passports for countries in Asia and Europe and all these countries must apply the system in October 2005 or in October 2010 at the latest.

There are some 382 points and representative offices across the country which could be reached by the new technology from all over the world. Each of the immigration offices will be equipped with a screening set for those seeking a passport to go abroad.

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Microsoft's Windows XP software products are displayed at a shop in Seoul in this November 8, 2004 file photo. Microsoft Corp said on 7 Dec, 2005 it would appeal a ruling by South Korea's antitrust watchdog that ordered the software firm to unbundle its messaging service from its Windows software.—INTERNET

Singapore to invest in digital media industry

SINGAPORE, 6 Dec—The Economic Development Board (EDB) of Singapore will invest 500 million Singapore dollars (about 300 million US dollars) in the digital media industry over the next five years, a senior official announced here on Monday.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Asia Pacific studio of Electronic Arts, an interactive games developer headquartered in the United States, Singapore Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports Vivian Balakrishnan said that another 500 million Singapore dollars will be allocated for the subsequent five years thereafter.

"EDB's plan is based

on four key thrusts. First, EDB, together with MDA (the Media Development Authority) and IDA (the Infocomm Development Authority) will intensify their engagement of players across the entire digital media spectrum to set up in Singapore," he said. The second thrust, according to the minister, is to attract more international specialty schools to offer programmes on digital arts and animation in the island state.—MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to apply foreign university curricula

HANOI, 6 Dec— Vietnam will apply 10 foreign curricula into nine key universities in the academic year of 2006-2007 on a trial basis, the Tertiary and Post-Graduate Department under the Ministry of Education and Training said on Monday.

The application of advanced curricula of well-known universities in the United States, Britain and Canada is part of Vietnam's 2006-2020 roadmap for renovating its tertiary education, the department

said. It noted that the curricula include biotechnology, information technology, electronics and telecommunications, finance and banking, and plant protection.

The ministry will give

financial assistance of 4.5 billion Vietnamese dong (283,000 US dollars) to the nine tertiary establishments, including the Hanoi University of Technology, the Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology,

and the National Economics University.

Other expenses for the new curricula will be covered by students.

The universities are selecting qualified lecturers, including local people, foreigners and overseas Vietnamese, for the curricula. They should have profound knowledge of their majors, good command of foreign languages and strong capability of using advanced equipment, said the department. Now, Vietnam, with a population of more than 82 million, has some 22.5 million students from pre-school to higher education, or over 27 per cent of its population, who attend 214 universities and colleges, 546 vocational training establishments, 26,359 grade schools, and 10,104 kindergartens.

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Vietnam stops exporting rice this month

HANOI, 6 Dec— Vietnam's Trade Ministry has asked local enterprises to stop signing new rice exporting contracts from now to the year-end to ensure local food supply, local newspaper Vietnam Agriculture reported on Tuesday.

Rice prices in the domestic market will increase sharply this month if rice exporters keep on inking new contracts, the ministry said, noting that Vietnam exported roughly five million tons of rice worth 1.3 billion US dollars in the first 11 months of this year, seeing year-on-year respective surges of 29 per cent and 46 per cent.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has set targets of producing 38-39 million tons of paddy rice and shipping abroad 4-4.2 million tons of rice in 2006. It said local enterprises have recently signed contracts to export 200,000 tons of rice due for next year's delivery to the Philippines, the Middle East and Indonesia.—MNA/Xinhua



A freshwater crocodile and a Jardine River turtle share space in a tank at the National Aquarium in Baltimore's new Animal Planet Australia: Wild Extremes exhibit on 6 Dec, 2005, during a media preview. The exhibit, when it opens to the public Dec 16, will feature 1,800 animals representing 120 species that are native to Australia.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Porto knocked out of Europe in muddy stalemate

BBATISLAVA, 7 Dec— Former European Cup winners Porto were dumped out of Europe on Tuesday when they were held 0-0 by Artmedia Bratislava in their final Champions League Group H game on a filthy night in the Slovakian capital.



Porto's goalkeeper Vitor Baia, right, saves against Lukas Hartig, left, of Artmedia during their UEFA Champions League soccer match between Slovakian team Artmedia Bratislava and Portuguese team FC Porto played in Bratislava, Slovakia, on Tuesday Dec. 6, 2005. Artmedia tied with Porto 1-1.—INTERNET

The Portuguese aristocrats were playing their 100th match in the competition but looked a bedraggled bunch at the final whistle as their hopes of reaching the last 16 were sunk on a night more suited to mud wrestling in the Tehelne Pole stadium.

The few hundred Porto fans huddled together in the cascading rain do not even have the consolation

of a place in the UEFA Cup as a draw was sufficient for Artmedia to retain third place.

In truth, Porto were second best against a side trying to become the first from Slovakia to reach the knockout phase of the competition.

The hosts produced a second-half onslaught and missed a hatful of chances that would have given

them a famous victory. The fact that Rangers only drew 1-1 in Glasgow with group winners Inter Milan to finish second made it all the more frustrating.

Porto's Argentine striker Lisandro Lopez had the ball in the net for the visitors midway through the half, but the linesman's flag had already gone up for offside.

Gradually Artmedia, who claimed a stunning 3-2 victory in Porto earlier in the group after trailing 2-0, realised they had nothing to fear and took control.

In one hectic spell, Branislav Obzera had his shot smothered by Vitor Baia and the Porto keeper was then called into action to save a shot on the turn by Lukas Hartig.

Porto were in disarray and they had another huge let-off after 64 minutes when substitute Blazej Vascak, on for the injured Hartig, latched on to a pass from Jan Kozak.

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Kaka double sends Milan through, Schalke out

MILAN, 7 Dec— Brazilian Kaka scored twice to lift AC Milan to a 3-2 win over Schalke 04 in a dramatic game on Tuesday and to clinch the Italian club's place in the last 16 of the Champions League at the expense of the German team.

The result meant Milan won Group E on 11 points with Dutch side PSV Eindhoven qualifying as second after their 2-0 win over Turkey's Fenerbahce. Schalke ended third and have to settle for a place in the UEFA Cup.

In an enthralling match, Andrea Pirlo put Milan ahead in the 42nd minute with a superb free kick but within two minutes the Germans had pulled level through a Christian Poulsen header.

Milan restored their lead in the 52nd minute when Andriy Shevchenko set up Kaka who fired home a low diagonal shot.

Kaka added his second and Milan's third on the hour but a deflected shot from Brazilian Lincoln in the 66th minute gave Schalke hope.

The game ended in ugly scenes with clashes involving several players on the final whistle after Milan's Gennaro Gattuso confronted Schalke's Danish midfielder Poulsen. With several punches thrown UEFA's disciplinary body may well have some video evidence to look at.

The first chance came in the 24th minute when Schalke's Mladen Krstajic was picked out at the back post but he fired his shot into the side netting.

It was from a Marcelo Bordon foul on Kaka that Milan got the lead through a familiar route -- a superb, curling free-kick from over 25 metres out by Pirlo.

The goal celebrations had barely calmed when Schalke drew level, Lincoln whipping in a free kick from wide on Milan's right and Poulsen, whistled from the outset by the Italian fans, heading home at the far post.

It took just six minutes of the second half for Milan to restore their lead. Shevchenko won possession on the half way line and burst forward past two challenges before slipping the ball outside to Kaka whose shot gave Schalke keeper Frank Rost no chance.

Kaka had an effort disallowed in the 58th minute after Spanish referee Manuel Mejuto Gonzalez spotted an infringement by Inzaghi.

With Schalke pushing men forward in search of an equalizer they increasingly left space for Milan to exploit and it was no surprise when the Italians were able to take advantage.

Inzaghi fired the ball across the area to Shevchenko who miskicked but Kaka was on hand to pick up the loose ball and despatch it into the net to make it 3-1.

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South American club champion Sao Paulo FC's players arrive at a Tokyo hotel, on 7 Dec, 2005. The Sao Paulo FC members flew in to Japan earlier in the morning to compete at the upcoming FIFA Club World Championship, which will take place from December 11-18.—INTERNET

Anderlecht find net at last in 1-0 win at Beits

SEVILLE (Spain), 7 Dec— Anderlecht salvaged some pride from a miserable Champions League campaign when they grabbed their first points and first goal in Group G with a 1-0 win away to Real Betis on Tuesday.

Defender Vincent Kompany spared the Belgian side the embarrassment of becoming only the second team to end a group stage without scoring a goal when he drilled home the winner just a minute before the break.

The victory was not enough to prevent the Belgians from finishing bottom of the standings with just three points from their six games.

Betis, who were already guaranteed a place in the UEFA Cup after finishing third in the group, ended their first ever appearance in Europe's elite club competition with seven points.

Anderlecht went into their final group game clearly determined to end their 12-match losing streak and notch up only their second ever victory away from home in a Champions League group match.

They made a bright start

at the Ruiz Lopera stadium and almost took an early lead when Ukraine striker Oleg Iachtchouk sent a lob just wide of the far post after he had latched on to a magnificent long pass from Kompany.

The Andalucians were given another scare moments later when midfielder Cheik Tiote sliced wide after he was given space on the edge of the area.

Betis did not manage a response until the 18th minute when Oscar Lopez drilled in a low shot at the near post but keeper Daniel Zitka made a sharp save to deny the defender.

The Czech keeper was beaten 10 minutes later when Betis centre back David Rivas fired in a bullet header after a corner, but midfielder Bart Goor scrambled the ball off the line.

It was Anderlecht, however, who broke the dead-

lock a minute before the break when Kompany fired an angled shot under keeper Toni Doblaz after racing down the right side of the area to meet a fabulous pass from midfielder Walter Baseggio.

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Rivaldo goal gives consolation to Olympiakos

ATHENS, 7 Dec— A late goal from Rivaldo provided some consolation for Olympiakos Piraeus when the Greek side completed their Champions League campaign with a 2-1 win over an understrength Real Madrid on Tuesday.

The result made no difference at the business end of Group F because Real had already qualified in second place behind Olympique Lyon and Olympiakos had no chance of taking the UEFA Cup spot from Rosenborg Trondheim. Lyon ended on 16 points, six ahead of Real and 12 clear of Rosenborg and Olympiakos.

Caretaker coach Juan Ramon Lopez Caro took charge of Real for the first time since the sacking of Vanderlei Luxemburgo on Sunday and Real took a seventh-minute lead through Sergio Ramos, 19, who climbed high to head home a Thomas Gravesen free kick.

MNA/Reuters

Smartball will not be used at World Cup

LEIPZIG (Germany), 7 Dec— FIFA has ruled out using "smartball" technology at the 2006 World Cup in Germany, saying the system needs more testing to prove its reliability.

"We consider the technology is not yet ready," FIFA general secretary Urs Linsi said on Monday.

The ball, developed by Adidas with Germany's Cairos AG and the German Fraunhofer Institute, is designed to rule out mistakes on goal-line decisions and was tested at the World Under-17 Championship in Peru.

It had been due for further live testing at the World Club Championship in Japan this month but FIFA said on Monday it would not be used at the tournament.

"The logical consequence of this is that we will not use in Germany in 2006," Linsi said.

Thomas van Schaik, Adidas spokesman, said: "We knew of this decision in advance of course, so we are not surprised, nor are we disappointed.—MNA/Reuters



The graduates of 33rd Intake of DSA and graduates donate K 100,000 to Hninzigone Home for the Aged through Treasurer U Aung Than for three-storey hospital for the Aged recently.—H

Iran plans to build second N-Plant

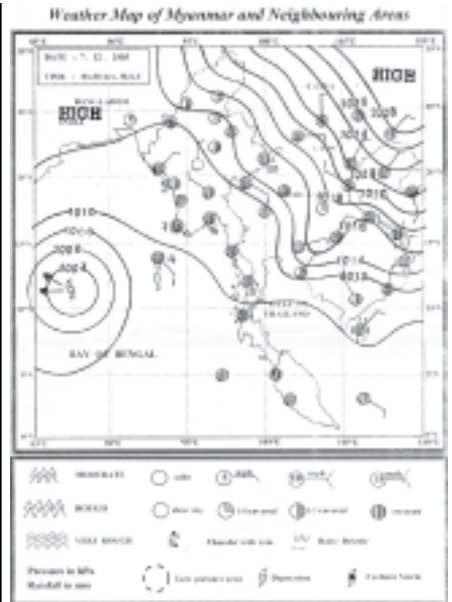
TEHERAN, 7 Dec — Iran has planned to construct a second nuclear power plant in its southeastern region, state television reported on Monday.

According to the report, the decision was made by the Cabinet on Sunday evening that the reactor of the new plant would be built in the southeastern province of Khuzestan.

Iran's first nuclear power plant, which is scheduled to come on stream in 2006, is being constructed with Russian assistance in the southern coastal province of Bushehr.

Deputy chief of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization Mohammad Saeedi said in September that the Iranian Government had decided to offer an international tender for the planned construction of two more nuclear power plants in the near future.

The United States accuses Iran of developing nuclear weapons secretly, but Iran has categorically rejected the charge and said that it will forge ahead with its nuclear programme, instead of giving up its legal rights on peaceful nuclear technology under the pressure. —MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Wednesday, 7 December, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Kayah and Mon States and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kayin State and Bago Division, widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Mon State and Ayeyawady Division, (7°C) above normal in Kayah State and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bago (2.20) inches, Kengtung (0.79) inch, Yangon (Central) (0.75) inch and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (0.63) inch. The significant of night temperature was (2°C) in Haka.

Maximum temperature on 6-12-2005 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 7-12-2005 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 7-12-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 6-12-2005 was (1.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 7-12-2005 were (0.31) inch at Mingaladon, (0.63) inch Kaba-Aye and (0.75) inch central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (103.62) inches at Mingaladon, (102.87) inches at Kaba-Aye and (107.44) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (23:50) hours MST on 6-12-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, the depression over Southeast Bay has moved slowly westwards and centred at about (520) miles East-Southeast of Chennai, India. It is forecast to move West-Northwest wards. Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 8-12-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Shan State, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Rakhine, Mon and 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 squall may reach (30 to 35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Rain or thundershowers are likely in Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-12-2005: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-12-2005: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

“Storm News”

(Issued at (10:30) hrs MST on 7-12-2005)
According to the observation at (06:30) hours MST today, the depression over Southeast Bay has moved slowly westward and centred at about (520) miles East-Southeast of Chennai, India. It is forecast to move West-Northwest wards.

Fire causes explosion in Lanmadaw Township

YANGON, 7 Dec — A fire caused explosion at the 4th floor of No 350, Anawrahta Street, Ward 1, Lanmadaw Township at 4.30 pm on 5 December.

In a quarrel, U Hla Myo threw a bottle of gasoline at his wife Daw Khin Khin Naing. However, the bottle fell on the candle light in the

room, and a fire broke out. After that, an explosion occurred because of spreading fire into a gasoline container.

Due to the explosion caused by fire, U Hla Myo and Daw Khin Khin Naing were burnt. Both were rush to Yangon General Hospital for medical treatment, but the couple


died in succession at 9 pm. To cause public anxiety for the people, internal and external destructive elements who are waiting for an opportunity intentionally made false and fabricated news, based on the fire explosion, that the bomb blast occurred in the downtown Yangon.

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Thursday, 8 December
Tune in today

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music:
-Love shot
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music:
- 8.50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-Dixie road
(Lee Green Wood)
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-With you
(Lila Mccan)
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
-I'm learning
-Table about us
- 9.00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Pourri
- 9.30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
-Power of love
(Celire Dion)
- 9.45 pm News / Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Thursday, 8 December
View on today

<p>7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am 3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am 5. Dance of national races</p> <p>8:00 am 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:10 am 7. Dance variety</p> <p>8:20 am 8. ရွာရွာစားရေလှောင်တစ်</p> <p>8:30 am 9. International news</p>	<p>8:45 am 10. Let's Go</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm 3. English for everyday use</p> <p>4:45 pm 4. Musical programme</p> <p>5:00 pm 5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ရေရ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယပုဒ် (သရုပ်အထူးပြု) (သရုပ်)</p> <p>5:15 pm 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:20 pm 7. Cute little of dancers</p> <p>5:35 pm 8. နိုင်ငံအဝန်းသစ်တောစွမ်းမြင့်စိမ်းလန်းစေရမည်။</p> <p>5:45 pm 9. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:50 pm 10. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား</p> <p>6:05 pm 11. Musical programme</p>	<p>6:10 pm 12. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>6:15 pm 13. သင်္ကေတရောင်သံစဉ်</p> <p>6:30 pm 14. Evening news</p> <p>7:00 pm 15. Weather report</p> <p>7:05 pm 16. ရွှေကြက်ဆူဘိုင်ဆိုဒီစယ်</p> <p>7:15 pm 17. Musical programme</p> <p>7:25 pm 18. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>7:30 pm 19. ဆင်းသွယ်လတ်လုံးသွယ်မွှေးထွန်းနှင့်ကောင်းညှင်းမျိုးသစ် အကြောင်းသိကောင်းစရာ</p> <p>8:00 pm 20. News</p> <p>21. International news</p> <p>22. Weather report</p> <p>23. ရိုင်ငံခြားစာတစ်လမ်းတွဲ “ခရီးအထူး” (အပိုင်း-၃၅)</p> <p>24. မင်းထွန်းထွန်းတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျှတရားမဟောတာဝန်များများမြင်းတရားတော်</p> <p>20. The next day's programme</p>
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Plenary Session of the National Convention continues at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township



The plenary session of National Convention in progress at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township.—MNA

YANGON, 7 Dec — With the six objectives of the National Convention — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, perpetuation of sovereignty, flourishing of a genuine multiparty democracy system, further burgeoning of the noblest and worthiest of worldly values namely justice, liberty and equality and for the Tatmadaw to be able to participate in the national political leadership role of the State—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

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As administrative functions of the State are very huge and broad, Union Government needs necessary authorities in practising executive power

YANGON, 7 Dec — The following is the clarification made by member of the Panel of Chairmen U Ba Han 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 National Convention held at the Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, yesterday.

The Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee stated that detailed basic principles had been laid down in the previous plenary sessions of the National Convention. “The Executive Head of the State is the President of the State”, “the Union of Government of the State shall be formed with the President of the State, Vice-Presidents, Union Ministers, and the Attorney-General of the Union”, “the executive power of the State is distributed among

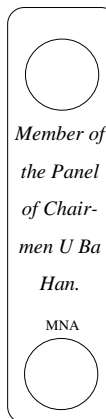
the Pyidaungsu, regions and states.”; and “Self-administrative power shall be distributed to self-administered areas as stipulated by the State Constitution.”

In line with the detailed basic principles already laid down, it is necessary to distinguish the executive power of the Union Government from that of the region or state governments. Likewise, the self-administrative power of the self-administered area leading bodies should also be distinguished.

At the outset, I would like to present the Work Committee’s assessment concerning the executive power that should be vested in the Union Government, and the duty and rights relevant to that power.

According to the detailed basic principles already laid down, the Head of State, who is the President of the State, shall lead the Union Government.

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Member of the Panel of Chairmen U Ba Han.

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The region or state government is vested with power in accord with policies and guidelines laid down by Union government for the interest of the State and the people

YANGON, 7 Dec — The following is the clarification made by member of Panel of Chairmen U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam on collections of the proposal papers by the Na-

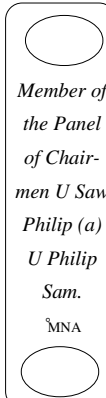
tional Convention delegate groups for laying down detailed basic principles for sharing of executive and judicial powers to be included in the State Constitution at

Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township yesterday.

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

Convention Convening Work Committee said: The previous plenary sessions of the National Convention have laid down the detailed basic principles concerning “Formation of Executive” and in the detailed basic principles state the formation of the Union government, and the formation of the region or state governments. Concerning the distribution of the executive

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Member of the Panel of Chairmen U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam.

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More review of proposals by alternate chairmen will be published in dailies to be issued on 9, 10 Dec

YANGON, 7 Dec — Clarification made by members of Alternate Panel of Chairmen U Law Hsin Kwan, Duwa Zoat Dong and U Kyi Tint at the plenary session of the National Convention will be published in newspapers to be issued on 9 December and clarification made by members of Alternate Panel of Chairmen U Bo Thein and Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha) on 10 December.

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