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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

National Convention delegate groups' meetings commence

YANGON, 9 Dec — The delegate groups of political parties, representatives-elect, workers, intellectual and intelligentsia, State service personnel and other invited persons held their meetings at the designated halls of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

The meetings were attended by members of panel of chairmen from respective delegate groups.

U Khin Maung Phyu acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Khin Sein, co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman as 27 out of 28 delegates were present, accounting for 96.43 per cent.

Next, Alternate Chairman U Philip Sam (a) U Saw Philip from Wa National Development Party made an opening

of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, U Nyi Pa Loat of Wa National Development Party and U Aung Khin of Union Pa-O National Organization.

After the concluding remarks had been made by the alternate chairman, the meeting adjourned at 10.48 am.

Delegate group of representatives-elect

The delegate group of representatives-elect held its meeting at the hall-2 at 9 am today.



Vice-Chairman of Myanmar History Commission U Sai Aung Tun delivers an address at the meeting of delegate group of Other Invited Persons. — MNA



U San Tha Aung of Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization makes a speech at the meeting of delegate group of Representatives-elect. — MNA

Delegate group of political parties

The delegate group of political parties held its meeting at the meeting hall-1 at 9 am today.

During the meeting, alternate chairman was U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam from Wa National Development Party while Deputy Director of the working group-3 under the National Convention

speech on the occasion.

Panel of Chairmen's compilation in respect of the proposals of delegates group of political parties regarding the detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of executive and judicial powers to be included in the writing of the State Constitution was read by U Tun Yi of National Unity Party, U Yan Kyint Kan

During the meeting, U San Tha Aung of Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization was an alternate chairman and U Yaw Aye Hla of Lahu National Development Party and U Maung Gyi of Union Pa-O National Organization, members of the panel of chairmen while Deputy Director of the working group-4 under the National Con-

vention U Maung Maung Phyu Tint acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director Daw Mie Mie Shein, co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman as all 13 delegates were present, accounting for

100 per cent.

Next, Alternate Chairman U San Tha Aung from Mro(a) Khami National Solidarity Organization delivered an opening address on the occasion.

Panel of Chairmen's compilation concerning the proposals of delegates group of representatives-elect regarding the de-

tailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of executive and judicial power to be included in the writing of the State Constitution was read by member of panel of chairmen U Maung Gyi of Union Pa-O National Organization, independent representative U Aung Thein from (See page 8)



U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam from Wa National Development Party addresses the meeting of delegate group of Political Parties. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for success of seven-point Road Map

As soon as the government of Myanmar assumed responsibilities of the State, it laid down Our Three Main National Causes as its national policy and started implementing the twelve political, economic and social objectives with the participation of the people and the Tatmadaw. Moreover, it essayed to achieve peace and stability in the entire Union. Now, it is striving for all-round development of the nation.

For parallel development of all the regions throughout the nation, the development plan for 24 special regions and the rural development tasks are being carried out. Efforts for the development of all sectors of the economy based on the development of agriculture have been crowned with considerable success and the people have begun enjoying the fruits of development.

The opening of Myanmar and International Studies Course No 10 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the training school of the Association in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, on 7 December and it was attended by Member of the USDA Panel of Patrons Prime Minister General Soe Win. In his address on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that various training courses conducted by the Association for its members not only made them realize the value of the Union, national unity and peace and stability but also enabled them to become versatile persons, that is, the courses turned out qualified human resources.

The government is building all the development infrastructure necessary for the future nation and at the same time is translating the seven-point Road Map into action. The Union Solidarity and Development Association, together with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw, is putting its energies into the task of implementing the Road Map. Taking advantage of the rapid development of the nation and the good leadership of the government, USDA members ought to serve the interests of the nation and the people loyally and conscientiously.

As the role of new generation youths is very important in our endeavours for the establishment of a modern and developed nation, they are being trained as one of the national forces. The youths, on their part, are required to prepare themselves to become qualified human resources of the future nation.

We would like to call on new generation youths to actively take part in the task of implementing the seven-point Road Map with patriotic spirit and Union Spirit.

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မော်တော်ယာဉ်များမသုံးစွဲရနေ**

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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

Work coordination meeting of Yangon Division Police Force held

YANGON, 8 Dec— The work coordination meeting of Yangon Division Police Force took place at the office of YDPF Commander's Office yesterday afternoon with an address by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe.

In his address, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that the emphasis is to be put for the investigation and inspection in order to get information in time for the security through the cooperation of Tatmadaw and Police Forces. The harmonious efforts are also to be made for reducing crimes while discharging the duties of security. Besides, for the beauty and cleanliness of Yangon City, all is needed to participate in supervisions for the strict disciplines, said Lt-Gen

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 8 Dec — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of Dr Daw Than Nu Shwe as Rector of the Institute of Medicine-2 under the Ministry of Health on the expiry of the one-year probationary period. — MNA

Myint Swe.

Afterwards, Division Police Force Commander Police Col Aung Daing reported on the future plans. Next, the Wireless and Traffic Police Force Commander District Police Force Commander and officials reported on matters on reducing of crimes and the effective actions to be taken.

After hearing reports, Police Col Aung Daing gave necessary instructions. — MNA



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe speaking at coordination meeting of Yangon Division Police Force.— MNA

CCDAC, ONCB co-organize meeting

YANGON, 8 Dec — In line with the programme of Working Group-4 (development for opium substituted crops) of ASEAN and China Co-operative Operation in Response to Dangerous Drugs-ACCORD, a meeting to access market for products of development for opium substituted crops was held at Sedona Hotel, here, on 6 December to 7 December. Deputy Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win made a speech.

A total of 40 delegates from the People's Republic of China and ASEAN countries discussed development for products of opium substituted crops. It is being co-organized by CCDAC and ONCB of Thailand and from 8 December to 10 December in Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai, Thailand. — MNA

အများပြည်သူသိရှိရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

- ၁။ ဈေးကွက်များတွင် တရုတ်နိုင်ငံ Guilin Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd မှ ထုတ်လုပ်သော Artesunate Tablet ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါကုဆေးကို အတုပြုလုပ်၍ မူရင်းဆေးဝါးဈေးနှုန်းထက် လျော့၍ ရောင်းချနေကြောင်း တွေ့ရှိရပါသည်။
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This photo provided by Adventure Aquarium shows a SCUBA diver dressed like Santa Claus greeting a visitor at Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ Santa will make special appearances during the aquarium's 'FISHMAS' celebration, on 16-18 Dec, in the 760,000-gallon Ocean Realm exhibit.

INTERNET



Marines killed in Fallujah were at promotion ceremony

BAGHDAD, 7 Dec — Ten US Marines killed near the Iraqi city of Fallujah last week had been at a promotion ceremony and were not on foot patrol as initially reported, the US military said on Tuesday.

The Marines were in a dispersed flour mill on the outskirts of the city to celebrate the promotion of three soldiers, a military statement said.

As the ceremony

ended, the Marines dispersed and one of them is thought to have stepped on a buried pressure plate linked to explosives that caused the devastating blast.

The death toll was the largest suffered by US soldiers in Iraq in a single incident since August.

Eleven Marines were wounded in the explosion, which the military initially

blamed on "an improvised explosive device (IED) fashioned from several large artillery shells".

The attack was particularly ill-timed for the Americans, coming just a day after President George W Bush had given a speech outlining his strategy for Iraq and saying he would settle for "nothing less than complete victory".

MNA/Reuters

US pharmaceutical co to face lawsuit in China over drug Vioxx

BELING, 7 Dec — US pharmaceutical company Merck & Co Inc will face a collective lawsuit next year by a Beijing-based law firm, which is looking for Chinese users that have suffered from side effects of the company's pain relief drug Vioxx, *China Daily* reported on Wednesday.

Out of safety concerns, Merck announced on 30 September, 2004 a voluntary worldwide withdrawal of Vioxx, a drug which was approved by US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 1999.

A study, conducted by associate director for science in FDA's office of drug safety David Graham, found that heavy doses of Vioxx tripled risks of heart attacks and sudden cardiac death.

Attorney Hao Junbo

from Beijing Limin Lawyer's Office said he thought China has a large number of Vioxx users, and his firm is seeking Chinese patients to show their prescription and medical records when using Vioxx, in a bid to prepare for compensation claims in the United States.

Media reports said earlier that the study by Graham's team estimates that Vioxx may have contributed to 27,785 heart attacks and sudden cardiac deaths between

1999 and 2003. About 20 million Americans had taken Vioxx a big money-spinner for Merck, generating about 2.5 billion US dollars in yearly sales by the time Merck withdrew it.

Hao said that there are more than 4,200 civil cases in the US filed against the New Jersey-based company, and an American lawyer helped a Texas widow win a 253 million US dollars verdict in the first Vioxx trial, held on 19 August this year.

"The winning is quite

conductive to future court rulings," he said, adding that his firm would be acting on a no-win no-fee basis.

Hao added that the plaintiffs must meet certain conditions in order to join in the collective lawsuit, such as a medical record showing side effects. Any serious adverse reaction must be shown which was caused by Vioxx.

"So far, a dozen patients have contacted us in the past few days," he said.—MNA/Xinhua

Suicide bomber kills 30 on Baghdad bus

BAGHDAD, 8 Dec — A suicide bomber killed 30 people and wounded at least 18 in an attack on a bus in a busy Baghdad bus station on Thursday, police said.

The vehicle was about to leave the Nahda bus station in the city centre for the Shiite city of Nassiriya when the bomber got on board and detonated his explosives, they said.

It was the second big blast in three days in the capital, a week before a parliamentary election, and followed a similar attack on the bus station in August, when bombers targeted buses headed for Shiite dominated southern Iraq.

"I was standing near when the blast happened," one man told Reuters

television as he stood in front of the mangled wreckage of the vehicle. "I saw only seven or eight people wounded and all the remaining people inside the bus were killed."

Firefighters pulled charred bodies from the debris and loaded them into waiting ambulances as police tried to restore order around the site of the blast.

Two days ago, two suicide bombers killed at least 36 people at a police academy in Baghdad in one of the worst attacks of its kind for weeks.

Internet

Daughter of US hostage in Iraq appeals for life

WASHINGTON, 8 Dec — The daughter of an American hostage in Iraq appealed for his life in an interview on Tuesday, telling his captors that killing him would not advance their cause.

Katherine Fox's father, Tom Fox of Clearbrook, Virginia, is one of four Western aid workers that a group calling itself "Swords of Truth" has threatened to kill unless Iraqi detainees are released by Thursday.

In a transcript of an interview with ABC's "Nightline" programme, Fox said her father was in Iraq working on behalf of Iraqi detainees and their families.

She said she wanted to remind her father's captors that he opposed the US occupation of Iraq and had campaigned against it. — MNA/Reuters

Sumatra elephants in danger of extinction

JAKARTA, 7 Dec — Indonesia's Sumatra elephants are in danger of extinction due to excessive forestry exploitation and forest concession activities which disturb the life of the endangered species.

"We need to stop forest destruction and clearing of lands in order to save Sumatra elephants from extinction," Bambang Suprayogi, chairman of the Gajah Sumatra Foundation, said on Tuesday.

He explained that the population of Sumatra elephants which had been living on the land since the 1980s was about 7,600 to 8,000.

"But due to forest concessions and illegal logging, the population is estimated to have dropped to only 2,700 or 3,000,"

Antara news agency quoted Bambang as saying in Banda Aceh, capital of Aceh Province.

MNA/Xinhua



US Army vehicles cordon off the scene of a car bomb attack in the northern Iraq city of Mosul on 8 Dec, 2005. — INTERNET

Suicide bomb attack hits Baghdad coffee shop

BAGHDAD, 7 Dec — A suicide bomber blew himself up in a coffee shop in southern Baghdad on Tuesday, killing three and wounding 20 others, an Interior Ministry source said.

"The suicide bomber walked into the coffee shop and detonated his explosive belt, killing three, including one policeman, and wounding 20, including three policemen," the source said.

MNA/Xinhua

US closes Manila Embassy after threat

MANILA, 7 Dec— The US Embassy temporarily shut its doors on Tuesday after a security threat, with Philippine police warning of potential suicide bombings by Jemaah Islamiah, a regional network of militants linked to al Qaeda.

The embassy did not specify the “plausible threat information” in a statement on its website.

Television channel ANC quoted a guard at the embassy as saying a mobile phone text message was received on Monday night from someone named “Evita” threatening to blow up the embassy.

The Philippine Government, fighting home-grown Muslim and Communist insurgencies as well as Jemaah Islamiah, is a staunch security ally to Washington.

But anti-American sentiment in the Philippines, a former US colony, has risen in recent weeks with six visiting US sol-

diers being investigated over allegations they raped a Philippines woman on 1 November after joint military exercises.

“An attack on any US Embassy in the world is every Islamic militant’s dream,” said a Philippine intelligence official, adding that two leading foreign militants hiding on the southern island of Mindanao wanted Indonesians to carry out attacks.

Citing information shared by Jakarta, the police official said Dulmatin and Umar Patek had asked a contact in central Java, Abdullah Sunata, to send Indonesian recruits to Mindanao to launch suicide bombings in the

Philippines.

Dulmatin and Umar Patek, the main suspects in the 2002 Bali bombings that killed nearly 200 people, are high on a US terrorism blacklist. Washington has offered a reward of 10 million US dollars for the arrest of Dulmatin and 1 million US dollars for Umar Patek.

Sunata was arrested in June during a sweep by Indonesian police in Jakarta and on the island of Sulawesi.

MNA/Reuters

ဝက်စွမ်းအား ခေတ်ကျော်ပွား



A Malaysian postal service employee shows a new set of commemorative stamps launched in conjunction with the 11th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Kuala Lumpur on 8 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

ASEAN officials meet in Jakarta for bird flu talks

JAKARTA, 8 Dec — Health officials from ten members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) met here on Wednesday to forge a concerted effort against bird flu outbreak, which has claimed dozens of human lives in the region.

Opened by Indonesian Health Minister Siti Fadilah Supari, the two-day meeting offers an opportunity to member countries to exchange knowledge and experience in handling infectious diseases, including bird flu, and to coordinate regional actions.

“The meeting will discuss, among other things, how to prevent bird flu from spreading to neighbouring countries and how countries can assist each other,” Supari told reporters.

Human casualties caused by bird flu have been confined in Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam.

According to the Indonesian Health Ministry’s data, bird flu has infected 11 people and caused the deaths of seven others in the country since July.

MNA/Xinhua

Arroyo appoints new Navy chief

MANILA, 7 Dec— Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo named Vice-Admiral Mateo Mayuga the new Navy chief of the country, and the formal appointment was announced public on Tuesday by a government spokesman.

“President Arroyo has appointed Vice-Admiral Mateo Mayuga as Philippine Navy flag officer in command,” Press secretary Ignacio Bunye told reporters.

Mayuga’s appointment was once aborted at the last minute on Monday, raising speculations of lobbying from other candidates.

Mayuga, the Armed Forces Inspector General, was ready to succeed the outgoing Navy chief Ernesto de Leon on Monday afternoon, when the ceremony was cancelled suddenly. It was reportedly the second time in three months that turnover ceremonies for a top military position had been abruptly cancelled. Analysts said that President Arroyo has been prudent on choices of top military leaders to secure her administration amid ongoing political unrest.

MNA/Xinhua

Grid computing extended to schools in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 7 Dec — Some of the 120,000 computers in Singapore schools will be linked up to become part of the Singapore Grid, a high speed network that allows users to collaborate by sharing computing resources on the Internet, Channel News Asia reported on Tuesday.

It said that Singapore is believed to be among the pioneers in the world to extend grid computing beyond research institutes.

The plan aims to pool the unused resources of these computers and to tap into the collective creativity of students as they will be able to carry out sophisticated projects like animation and DNA sequencing for life sciences through grid computing.

With the launch of the PC (personal computer) Grid Computing for Schools programme, some 120,000 Singapore dollars (about 71,000 US dollars) will be allocated to Raffles Institution and Hwa Chong Institution, the first two schools to set up their grids.

Singapore launched the National Grid Pilot Platform in November 2003, regarding this information technology infrastructure as an economic asset which will enhance its future competitiveness.

MNA/Xinhua

“Post” reveals how CIA ruse damaged Italy’s terror probe

WASHINGTON, 7 Dec — The US Central Intelligence Agency

(CIA) sent an urgent message to Italy’s national anti-terrorism police in March 2003 about a radical Islamic cleric who had vanished from Milan a few weeks before, in which the CIA said it had reliable information that the cleric had fled to an unknown location in the Balkans.

The CIA’s tip was in fact a deliberate lie, part of a ruse designed to stymie efforts by the Italian anti-terrorism police to track down the cleric, the target of an Italian criminal investigation, The Washington Post reported on Tuesday, citing Italian court documents and interviews with investiga-

tors.

The report said the CIA’s strategy worked for more than a year until Italian investigators learned that the cleric, Hassan Mustafa Osama Nasr, an Egyptian refugee known as Abu Omar, had not gone to the Balkans after all.

Instead, prosecutors in Milan have charged that he was abducted off a street in the city by a team of CIA operatives who took him to two US military bases in succession and then flew him to Egypt, where he was interrogated before being released to house arrest, the newspaper reported.

MNA/Xinhua

Five killed in helicopter crash in far-eastern Russia

MOSCOW, 7 Dec — A civilian helicopter crashed on Tuesday in a far-eastern region in Russia, killing five people, the Emergency Situations Ministry said.

The Mi-8 helicopter was flying from Nikolayevsk-on-Amur to the town of Bogorodskoye when it crashed onto the ice-covered river, said the ministry.

The helicopter was on a mission to pick up patients from a local hospital. It was not immediately clear what caused the accident and the exact number of people onboard the plane. —MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi civilians clear the wreckage of a cafe in Baghdad that was destroyed on 6 Dec, 2005 in a bomb attack. INTERNET

German sues CIA ex-director

WASHINGTON, 7 Dec— A German man sued former CIA director George Tenet and other US spy agency officials on Tuesday for wrongful imprisonment, mounting a legal challenge against one of the CIA's most prominent tactics in Washington's declared war on terrorism.

The suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of Khaled el-Masri claims that in 2003 he became the innocent victim of a CIA tactic known as extraordinary rendition, ACLU and court officials said.

Under this practice, terror suspects are captured

and flown to other countries for interrogation, and human rights advocates say suspects often wind up being tortured in countries in the Middle East and other regions. The suit was filed as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visited Germany amid a European uproar over CIA detainee

practices, fueled by a *Washington Post* report last month that the agency operates secret prisons in eastern Europe.

Masri spoke at an ACLU news conference in Washington via a satellite video link from Stuttgart, Germany, after he was denied entry to the United States

on Saturday night in Atlanta. ACLU officials said he was put on the first available flight back to Germany.

The suit, which the ACLU called the first legal challenge of the CIA's rendition programme, charges that Tenet and other CIA officials violated US and universal human rights laws and they authorized agents to kidnap Masri.

"His unlawful abduction and treatment were the direct result of an illegal CIA policy," the ACLU said.

Masri, in a statement released by the ACLU, added: "I am asking the American Government to admit its mistakes and to apologize for my treatment."—*MNA/Reuters*

Rice admits mistakes in terror war

BERLIN, 7 Dec— US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice admitted making mistakes in fighting terrorism when meeting German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Tuesday.

"We recognize any policy will sometimes result in errors, and when it happens, we will do everything we can to rectify it," Rice said at a joint Press conference with Merkel after their meeting.

Merkel and Rice focused on the reported secret flights by the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) across Germany to carry terror suspects to secret prisons in Eastern European countries for interrogation.

Merkel said she talked with Rice about the issue while Rice noted that the US "respects the sovereignty of our partners" in the war on terrorism.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier will report to a parliamentary committee on the affair, the Chancellor added.

Rice refused to discuss specific details surrounding the issue while Merkel said she believed there were limits to what information could be provided about the flights. However, Merkel said that the US side admitted making a mistake in the case of a German national who claimed he was wrongfully imprisoned by the CIA. "I'm pleased to say that we spoke about the individual case, which was accepted by the United States as a mistake, and so I'm



A young boy looks up at a stuffed polar bear in a pavilion for Arctic Day at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Montreal, on 6 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

Over 190 kilos of heroin seized in Iran last week

TEHERAN, 7 Dec— Iranian anti-drug police seized nearly 190 kilos of heroin and over two tons of other types of illicit drugs throughout the country last week, the official IRNA news agency reported Monday.

IRNA quoted a top police official as saying that 505 kilos of hashish and 1,953 kilos of opium were confiscated.

The police also detained 402 drug smugglers and 664 addicts, it added.

Iran is on the transport route from drug producing Afghanistan and Pakistan to the consumer market in the Persian Gulf, Central Asia, Western Europe and other regions.

According to the Iranian official statistics, there are at least two million drug addicts in Iran.

Iran also accounts for

80 per cent of the opium and 90 per cent of the morphine intercepted worldwide, according to the figures from the International Narcotics Control Board. —*MNA/Xinhua*

very pleased the Foreign Minister (Rice) has reiterated that if mistakes are made, they must immediately be rectified," Merkel said through an interpreter.

The German national, Khaled el-Masri was arrested in Macedonia on suspicion of links to al-Qaida in December 2003. He claims to have been handed over to US officials before being flown to Afghanistan.

MNA/Xinhua

At least 115 confirmed dead in Iran's plane crash

TEHERAN, 7 Dec — At least 115 people have been confirmed dead in a plane crash in the Iranian capital Teheran on Tuesday, the official IRNA news agency reported. IRNA quoted head of the Public Relations Office of Air Force Colonel Mahini as saying that 115 bodies have been found and 16 of the wounded have been sent to hospital.

The disaster occurred when a C-130 military aircraft, bound for the Gulf seaport city of Bandar Abbas, plunged into a 10-storey building at 2:10 p.m. (1040 GMT) in Teheran after a failed attempt for an emergency landing. Local official sources said all 94 people aboard the transport plane, many of them local journalists who were on

the way to covering military exercises, were killed in the crash.

Technical problems were reported shortly after the plane took off from Teheran's Mehrabad International Airport, located in a densely populated residential area in the west of Teheran, and forced the pilots to make the emergency landing.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Economic crimes rise in Hungary

BUDAPEST, 7 Dec— Over the past five years the number of reported business crimes has been on the rise in Hungary, local media said on Monday.

According to police figures, the list of economic crimes is topped by fraud, followed by copyright abuses and embezzlement.

Back in 2000 police

launched investigations in fewer than 11,000 cases while last year altogether 16,661 reported business crimes were investigated, said Napi Gazdasag.

MNA/Xinhua

Suicide bombers kill 36 at Iraq police academy

BAGHDAD, 7 Dec— Two suicide bombers struck at Baghdad's police academy on Tuesday, killing at least 36 officers and cadets and wounding more than 50, officials said.

Al-Qaeda in Iraq claimed responsibility for the bloodiest attack in three weeks, saying in an Internet statement that "two brothers" had carried out the attack on a police force it said was persecuting the Sunni Arab minority.

The Shiite-led government, facing an election next week amid daily violence, denies such accusations.

One American contractor was wounded but no US

troops were hurt, said the US military, which put the casualty toll at 27 dead and 50 wounded. The military initially blamed the attack on two female bombers, but later said they were male. An Interior Ministry official said 43 were killed and 72 injured, while one police officer said 37 died and 76 were hurt.

The first explosion occurred at 12:45 p.m. (0945 GMT) as police cadets were going to lunch after shoot-

ing practice, said Nizal Mahmoud Khalaf, a police trainee who survived the blasts. The second bomber struck as the cadets ran for shelter, he told *Reuters* outside a hospital where the wounded were treated. The US military, which initially said the bombers walked into a classroom and blew themselves up, later said one of the bombers struck near a group of students outside a classroom.

MNA/Reuters



A US soldier stands guard outside Al-Kindi Hospital where victims of an attack on a police training academy are being treated in Baghdad, on 6 Dec, 2005.

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In honour of Sarsodaw Day

Khin Maung Tun (Lanmadaw)

Literature indicates the status of a nation and its people. A nation that perpetuates with own race and culture has been able to uphold and preserve its own literature and culture.

Literature also represents the cultural pillar of a nation. The government has been taking all possible measures to promote literature with the conviction that a rise in the level of literature contributes to uplift of dignity of the nation. It is encouraging to learn that the Ministry of Information has been distributing literature of different tastes to the people by helping open libraries in the villages.

In the Union of Myanmar, Sarsodaw Day has been observed every year on the first waxing day of Nadaw in honour of the literati since 1306 Myanmar Era or 1944. Ceremonies to present National Literary Awards and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards have been held for years at the State level in conjunction with paying of respects to senior literati.

This year also, respects will be paid to living senior literati, who are 80 years and above, and the life-long literary award, National Literary Awards and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards will be presented to the winners during the second week in December.

The departments concerned under the Ministry of Information and Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association work committees have made preparations for the occasion.

The Myanmar Writers Association and the Sarsodaw Day came into existence during the time

of the fascists. In the time of the Second World War, the national races suffered much socially, economically and in employment. Writers were no exception. The need arose to organize the writers and journalists and form an association to protect their rights. Accordingly, a meeting was held in Yangon on 9 September 1942. The meeting formed the Myanmar Writers Association.

The aims and objectives of the Myanmar Writers Association were: to translate the world literature beneficial to the people of Myanmar after due scrutiny; to help build a modern nation; to secure communication and contacts with the writers of the world; to promote the standard of writers; and to establish the association-owned business undertakings related to literary development.

As the Tatmadaw was born during the time, the Writers Association, too, came into existence. As the Tatmadaw is one with the people, the writers and the public cannot be divided. The writers, armed with the pen, play a responsible role in keeping the people informed of the right knowledge and correct outlook and guiding the people to follow the right path while the Tatmadaw members have been defending the nation.

The Myanmar Writers Association, founded in 1942, has passed different periods undergoing changes in the name or form. In the time of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party, it was called Literary Workers Organization. In October 1989, the government formed the Writers and Journalists Association under

which all the writers, journalists and cartoonists were organized.

When the Third Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Central Meeting attended by MWJA members from the States and Divisions was held at the Kyaikkasan Grounds, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address. He said although he could meet writers and journalists in Yangon, it was hard to meet those of the States and Divisions. So, he said, he was pleased to meet them.

The Minister also urged the writers and journalists to strive for the success of the seven-step Road Map, to join hands with the people in guarding against the disintegration of the Union and working for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

The exhortations of the Minister were accepted as the working guidelines and all the MWJA members are to keep these in mind in carrying out their duties.

In honour of the Sarsodaw Day, respects will be paid to the living senior literati who are 80 years and above. Last year, the number of senior literati was 109, of which 15 have passed away. But eight have attained 80 years and so the number stands at 102 this year.

Dagon Nat Shin, one of the senior literati, composed a poem to describe his experience under the influence of growing age.

The Ministry of Information and other ministries, Yangon City Development Committee and individual wellwishers have donated cash to the MWJA for the ceremony to pay respects to the aged writers who have performed duties in the service of the nation and the people.

Hailing the Sarsodaw Day, which is not heard of in any country in the world, I would like to call on the fellow writers and journalists to make the best use of our pen to discharge the national duty and strive for the success of the seven-step Road Map to be able to build the modern and developed nation.

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74 members of armed groups exchange arms for peace

YANGON, 8 Dec — The State Peace and Development Council has been upholding Our Three Main National Causes in making all-out efforts to gain national reconsolidation and to ensure equitable development of all parts of the nation. In consequence, national race armed group members come to realize constructive efforts and benevolent attitude of the government and their destructive acts, and have been exchanging arms for peace individually or in groups.

In the period from August to October in 2005, Station Leader Pi Kwe and Group Leader U Bam Pi of SSA (Ywet Sit) armed group bringing along with a pistol, one magazine and 6 rounds of ammunition, Captain Wai Lin and Station Leader U San Ha with 2 pistols, 2 magazines and 125 rounds of ammunition and 2 walkie-talkies in the area of North-East Command; Lt Kya Htaw, Sgt Ya Pa, Pvt Kya Ta, Kya Bo, Kya U, Kya Hti, Kya Pha, Law Tar, Kya Le, Kya Pa, Kya Shaw, Kya See, U Kyauk and Kya Di of SSA (Ywet Sit) armed group with two pistols, two M-16s, one M-22, five AK-47s, 10 assorted magazines, 90 rounds of ammunition, two walkie-talkies, Pvt Nwe Phone, Pvt Aik Kham, Aik Shan Lon, Aik Kyam and

Aik Kyan of No 368 Battalion with one M-22, four magazines, 40 rounds of ammunition, three hand grenades and one mine, L/Cpl Aik Pin, Pvt Sai Kyaw Hein and Sai Yi of No 678 Battalion with one AK-47, one M-22, six magazines, 272 rounds of ammunition, two hand grenades and two mines, Sd-Lt Shwe Hla, platoon commander Kya Lar, Cpl Kya Bu, L/Cpl Kya Kye, Pvt Kya Bo, Kya Law, El Kwe, Kya Le, Joseph, and Kya He of Lahu armed group with one pistol, two M-16s, one carbine, one revolver, six magazines and 30 rounds of ammunition in the area of Triangle Region Command; Pvt Nga Yei of KNPP armed group in the area of Eastern Command; Pvt Aung Aung of ABSDF armed group in the area of Western Command; Company Commander U Tun Oo Kyaw of ALP armed group in the area of Yangon Command; village leader Htoo Phaw of No 1 Brigade of KNU armed group with one carbine, one magazine and two rounds of ammunition in the area of South-East Command; and Lt Lasho Slate, Pvt Aung Myint, Saw Dah Chet and Kyaw Than of DO Battalion No 7 of No 7 Brigade of KNU armed group with one .22 gun, Sgt Maung Htwe of No 4 Brigade, Sgt Saw Pheel of No 10

Battalion of No 4 Brigade with one home-made gun and one magazine, Lt Shwe Pyar, Pvt Saw Li Ko, Saw Say Phyar, Saw Phaw Yin, Saw Pay Ta Lu, Aung Tun Lay, Saw El El, and Maung Pa with two M-16s, four magazines, 100 rounds of ammunition, two hand grenades, and two walkie-talkies, Sgt Zaw Min, Pvt San Min Aung and Win Khaing of No 11 Battalion, Lt Kaw Lar Pho, member Saw Kabar Kyaw, Saw El Do, Saw Win Soe, Zaw Oo, Saw Hse Do, Saw Tar Du, Saw Ye Ko Ko, Saw El Ye Phaw, Saw Yeik Kyi, Saw Chit Maung, Saw Tar Thu, Saw El Kaw, Saw El Hsay Do, Saw Lo Koe, Saw Dah Dah El and Saw El So of No 10 Battalion (Breakaway) with one pistol, six M-16s, one M-22, two .22s, one AK-47, one AR-15, two M-1s, one Winchester rifle, and two guns in the area of Coastal Region Command, exchanged arms for peace at the respective military camps.

Officials of the respective military camps gave warm welcomes to the 74 members and provided assistance for them. There are many armed group members who have tendency to exchange arms for peace.

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Livestock breeding sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of livestock breeding in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Extended fish and prawn breeding and production, and increased export

With many rivers, creeks and lakes, and lying on a long coastline, Myanmar is blessed with abundant land and water resources. Therefore, the motto of the meat and fish sector is "Where there's water, there's fish" and in line with the motto, fish and prawn breeding tasks are being extended.

In accord with the market-oriented economic system, arrangements are being made to produce more fish and prawn for the people enabling them to consume more and ensuring sufficiency at home. At the same time, tasks are being carried out to export the products.

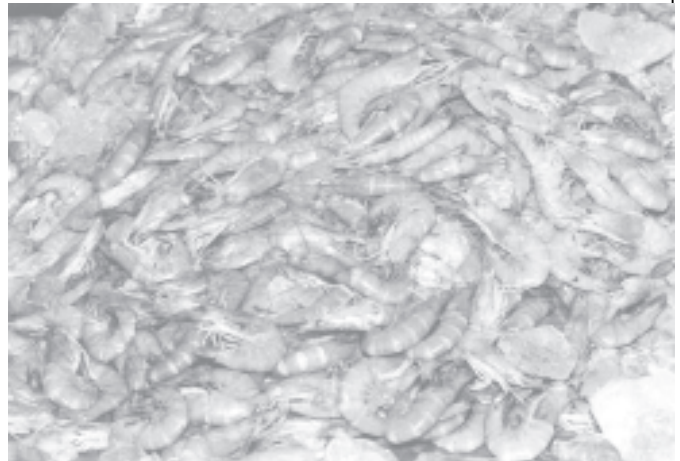
The private sector is allowed to extend fish and prawn breeding tasks. Financial and technology assistance is being provided to them plus other assistance such as granting land for fish farming and digging of fish or prawn breeding ponds scientifically.

In the Myanmar waters also, offshore and coastal fishery sites have been designated and fishing boats from home and abroad are allowed to catch fish in these sites.

In the time of the Tatmadaw government success has been achieved in doing research on extended breeding and production of fresh water prawn. In accord with the motto "Produce while doing research", prawn are being bred at department-owned ponds.

Nowadays, there have emerged a large number of fish and prawn breeding ponds in the private sector and fish and prawn production is on the increase. In 1988, over 4 million fingerlings were produced but the number has now risen to 40 million and thus it can be said that the number today is ten times more than the previous one. Moreover, fingerlings have been released into rivers and creeks in order that they are not depleted.

To penetrate the markets abroad and to distribute fish and prawn at home on a wide scale, International Aquatic Products Trade Zone was established in Myeik, Tanithayi Division and Fish and Prawn Trade Zone in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Division.



Prawns from private prawn breeding ponds being frozen to export.

Extended fish and prawn breeding and production, and increased export

Sr	Subject	1988	2005	progress
1	Acres of fish breeding ponds (1=100,000)	0.62	1.55	0.93
2	Acres of prawn breeding ponds (1=100,000)	0.35	2.05	1.7
3	Production of fish and prawn (ton in thousand)	731	1986	1255
4	Fish and prawn exported (ton in thousand)	14	205	191
5	Value of fish and prawn export			
	- US Dollar (million)	-	166.95	166.95
	- euro (million)	-	20	20
	- kyat (million)	60	114483.99	114423.99
6	Number of fingerlings released (million)	9.76	186.73	176.97

In the time of the Tatmadaw government, people are enjoying adequate supply of fish and prawn in the country. The table shows extended fish and prawn breeding and production, and increased export.

National Convention delegate...

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Ywangan Township Constituency-2, independent representative U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township Constituency-2 and independent representative U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township Constituency-1.

After the concluding remarks of alternate chairman U San Tha Aung, the meeting adjourned at 10.05 am.

Delegate group of workers

The delegate group of workers held its meeting at the meeting hall-5 at 9 am today.

During the meeting, U Kyaw Win Tun of Mandalay Division was an alternate chairman and U Kyaw Myo Win of Bago Division and U Bo Thein of Shan State (East), members of panel of chairmen while Deputy Director of the working group-7 under the National Convention U Zaw Win acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Aung

Win, co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman as all 47 delegates were present, accounting for cent per cent.

Next, Alternate Chairman U Kyaw Win Tun of Mandalay Division made an opening speech on the occasion.

Panel of Chairmen's compilation concerning the proposals of delegates group of workers regarding the detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of executive and judicial power to be included in the writing of the State Constitution was read by U Khin Maung Aye of Sagaing Division, U Kyaw Myo Win of Bago Division and U Bo Thein of Shan State (East).

After the concluding remarks had been made by alternate chairman U Kyaw Win Tun, the meet-

ing adjourned at 11 am.

Delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia

The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia held its meeting at the meeting hall-6 at 9 am today.

During the meeting, Head of Office of the Ministry of Rail Transportation U Hla Myint was alternate chairman and Film Director U Khin Zaw and Chairman of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry and Livestock Breeding U Tin Hlaing, members of panel of chairmen while Deputy Director of the working group-8 under the National Convention U Than Win acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Nyein Myint co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman as 53 out of 56 delegates were



Alternate Chairman U Kyaw Win Tun of Mandalay Division makes an opening speech at the meeting of Delegate Group of Workers.— MNA

compilation concerning the proposals of delegates to intellectuals and intelligentsia regarding the detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of executive and judicial powers to be included in the writing of the State Constitution was read by alternate chairman U Hla Myint and U Myat Thu (Tekkatho-Myat Thu).

After the concluding remarks had been made by the alternate chairman, the meeting adjourned at 9.35 am.

Delegate group of State service personnel

The delegate group of State service personnel held its meeting at the meeting hall-7 at 9 am today.

During the meeting, U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce was the alternate chairman and U Arnt Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and U Myat Ko Ko of the Ministry of Home Affairs, members of panel of chairmen while Deputy Director of the working group-7 under the National Convention U Htay Win acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Htein Min, co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the

meeting chairman as 108 out of 109 delegates were present, accounting for 99.08 per cent.

Next, Alternate Chairman U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce made an opening speech on the occasion.

Panel of Chairmen's compilation concerning the proposals of delegates to State service personnel regarding the detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of executive and judicial powers to be included in the writing of the State Constitution was read by member of panel of chairmen U Arnt Maung.

After the concluding remarks had been made by the alternate chairman, the meeting adjourned at 9.50 am.

Delegate group of other invited persons

The delegate group of other invited persons held its meeting at the meeting hall-8 at 10 am today.

During the meeting, U Sai Aung Tun of Myanmar History Commission was an alternate chairman and U Aung Kham Hti of Shan State (South) Special Region-6 and U Paw Laik Kham of Shan State (North) Special Region-2, members of panel of chairmen while Deputy Director of the working group-10 under

the National Convention U Aung Kyi acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Win Myint co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman as all 89 delegates were present, accounting for cent per cent.

Next, Alternate Chairman U Sai Aung Tun of Myanmar History Commission made an opening speech on the occasion.

Panel of Chairmen's compilation concerning the proposals of delegates of other invited personnel regarding the detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of executive and judicial powers to be included in the writing of the State Constitution was read by ambassadors U Sein Win Aung (Retd), U Win Thwin (Retd), merchant U Saw Hla Tun, Secretary of Myanmar History Commission U Tun Aung Chein, Rector of Mandalay University Dr Nyunt Lwin and Ambassador U San Thein (Retd).

After the concluding remarks of the alternate chairman, the meeting went adjourned at 11.30 am.

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Alternate Chairman Head of Office U Hla Myint of Ministry of Rail Transportation gives speech at the meeting of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia.— MNA

10 points clarified...

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The delegate group of workers also suggested that the 10 points clarified by the NCCWC Chairman in connection with the executive power of the region or state government and duties and rights of the executive power should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia discussed that the 10 points clarified by the Chairman of the Work Committee in connection with the executive power of the region or state government and duties and rights of the executive power were proper for the State Constitution.

The delegate group of the State service personnel suggested that the 10 points clarified by the Chairman of the Work Committee in connection with the executive power of the region or state government should be laid down as the detailed basic principles.

The delegate group of the other invited delegates also presented that the 10 points clarified by the Chairman of the Work Committee in connection with the executive power of the region or state government were complete and, therefore, they should be laid down as the detailed basic principles. — MNA

present, accounting for 94.64 per cent.

Next, Alternate Chairman U Hla Myint of Head Office of the Ministry of Rail Transportation made an opening speech on the occasion.

Panel of Chairmen's



Alternate Chairman U Hla Tin of Ministry of Commerce speaking at the meeting of Delegate Group of State service personnel at the room No 7.— MNA

Commander inspects dry fish & fish paste business zone in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township

YANGON, 8 Dec — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe this afternoon went to the dry fish and fish paste business zone in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township in Yangon East District and fulfilled the requirements for the zone.

At the meeting with officials of the zone, the commander urged them to make efforts for the development of the zone in cooperation with businessmen.

Officials concerned reported to the minister on producing of the dry fish and fish paste, construction of roads, supply of electricity and drinking water to the



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects Inwa Road linking Dagon Myothit (South) and (East) townships and construction of level crossing on crossing road Yangon-Mandalay Rail Road. —MNA

zone, installation of telephone lines and greening tasks in the zone.

Afterwards, Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe proceeded to Ngamoeyeik Sluice Gate in Dagon Myothit (East) Township and also inspected the storage of

water. According to an official, the sluice gate stores water flowing from the tributary of Ngamoeyeik Creek. An official reported to the commander that arrangements have been made for the prevention of the inflow of salty water into

the sluice gate and for supply of irrigation water to 5,895 acres of land in summer.

After hearing reports, Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe called for the sufficient supply of irrigation water to summer paddy fields and

maintenance of the sluice gates. During the inspection tour, the commander also inspected Inwa Road linking Dagon Myothit (South) and (East) townships and construction of level crossing on Yangon-Mandalay Railways line.

Having linked di-

rectly Dagon Myothit (South) Township and Industry Zone in Dagon (East) Township, Inwa Road will underpin the development of the region, the commander said. He also called for completion of the level crossing ahead of schedule.

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2nd Meeting of CEOs of Railways of BIMSTEC Countries opened



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min addresses the 2nd Meeting of CEOs of Railways of BIMSTEC. —MNA

YANGON, 8 Dec — The 2nd Meeting of CEOs of Railways of BIMSTEC Countries, organized by Ministry of Rail Transportation and Asian Institute of Transport Development- AITD, was opened here this morning, with an address by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min.

It was attended by Deputy Ministers for Rail- way Transportation Thura U Thauing Lwin and U Pe Than, Ambassadors of Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal and officials, CEOs of Railways of BIMSTEC countries, officials of the Asian Institute of Transport Development and managing-directors of the departments under the ministry.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min said the efficient and integrated transport system is imperative for BIMSTEC countries to improve our economic prosperities and competitiveness as well as to facilitate our integration into the regional and global economy.

Such integrated transport system will significantly contribute to the establishment of not only closer interaction among the peoples of the region but also free movement of goods, services, investment skill workers and freer flow of capital.

Rail transport in Myanmar has played and will continue to play a vital role in social and economic development of the country since its inauguration in May 1877. The Government has a strong commitment that smooth transportation creates more contacts and develop more social and economic ties among the national races which is of paramount importance for our country, with more than one hundred nationalities.

Myanmar Railways has been extensively expanding its networks since 1988. In 1988 there was only 1976 route miles of track. At present Myanmar Railways has a network of 3042 route miles. Many of the new lines passes through severe terrain providing accessibility of convenient transport and socio-economic development for the people living in the remote areas.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to UN-ESCAP for its initiative in the development of Trans-Asian rail links and for organizing Expert Group Meetings to consider the first draft of Intergovernmental Agreement on Trans-Asian Railway Network that will formalize Trans-Asian-Railway routes and harmonize technical standards. I also would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Asian Institute of Transport Development for organizing training courses with the Indian Railways and for its valuable support to this Second Meeting of Chief Executive of Railways of BIMSTEC Countries in Yangon.

Afterwards, the minister, deputy ministers, and dignitaries posed for a documentary photo.

Then, Chairman of the Asian Institute of Transport Development Dr K L Thapar presented the gifts to the minister and deputy ministers and the opening ceremony concluded. The meeting will continue tomorrow.

The minister, Maj-Gen Aung Min hosted a dinner in honour of the participants attended the meeting at Traders Hotel.

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Commander attends opening ceremony of station hospital in Chaungzon Township

YANGON, 8 Dec — An opening ceremony of Kanyaw Station Hospital took place in front of its compound in Chaungzon Township, Mon State, on 4 December morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council South-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife, Deputy Director-General Dr Ye Myint of Health Department, officials, members of social organizations, well-wishers and local people. Deputy Director-General Dr Ye Myint, well-wisher Dr Aung Kyaw Win (Shwe Nan Daw) and Kanyaw Village PDC Chairman U Tun Kyi formally cut the ribbon to open the arch of the hospital.

Commander Maj-

Gen Soe Naing heard the reports presented by an official, and accepted the cash donations amounting to K 27.7 million by well-wishers. Deputy Director-General Dr Ye Myint spoke words of thanks, and Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivered an address. The Commander pressed the button to unveil the signboard and stone plaque, and viewed round the hospital.

The 16-bed hospital, 127 feet long and 75 feet wide, is one story building worth K 57.7 million. Later, the Commander proceeded to Kyaunggyi monastery in Kanyaw village and presented offer-tories to Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Eiddaka.

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Old students of Institute of Medicine (Mandalay) to hold respect paying ceremony

YANGON 8 Dec — Old students of the Institute of Medicine (Mandalay) who enrolled in the institute in 1971 will hold a respect paying ceremony in conjunction with their get-together for the 3rd time on 1st January at Myanmar Medical Association (Mandalay) in Mandalay.

The organizing committee for the ceremony has invited the old students and those wishing to donate cash may contact Dr Maung Win (Ph 092000211, Dr Aung Kyaw Oo (Ph 092000490) and Dr Khin Maung Kyaw (Ph 096971134).—MNA

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Therefore, the following basic principles are appropriate.

"Self-administered division or self-administered zone leading body has the duty to help the Union Government in its drive to ensure stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law."

Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission made detailed clarifications on matters relating to Self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies for laying down the detailed basic principles. Laying down the detailed basic principles of the para 3, section (a) to (d) in the clarifications was suitable.

The self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies are to supervise, inspect, guide, coordinate and cope with the functions of civil service personnel in the areas. Therefore,

Self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies shall, in accord with the law, supervise and coordinate the functions of civil service organizations discharging duties in their territory.

The detailed basic principles were proper.

Self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies should have the right to duly inform the Union Government and the region or state government concerned about the prevailing situation of their territories, and the requirements and assistance. Therefore the following should be laid down as the detailed basic principles.

"The self-administered division or self-administered zone leading body shall submit reports stating the general situation of the territory to the Union Government and the region or state government."

The self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies are to carry out the tasks assigned to them by the Union Government and the region or state government concerned. Therefore the following basic principle was proper.

"The self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies shall carry out the tasks assigned occasionally to them by the Union Government and region or state government concerned."

The delegates of Union Kayin League reported that the six points regarding the executive power of the self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies clarified by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The delegates of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party reported that according to the already-laid down basic principles, the self-administered areas designated at the National Convention. According to the constitution, the self-administered areas are vested with the legislative power. The self-administered areas are vested with executive power in according to the constitution.

The distribution of legislative and executive powers to the self-administered areas is proper according to the constitution and the policies of the State. According to the constitution, the self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies in the self-administered areas have rights to exercise designated legislative and executive powers in the areas so that the regions will develop in all sectors.

The findings of the Work Committee in connection with the executive power of the self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies were appropriate.

The delegates of Wa National Development Party reported that the points from 1 to 6 of the Work Committee regarding the executive power and duties of the self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies should be laid down as the detailed basic principles.

The representatives-elect delegates, one of the eight National Convention delegates, submitted four proposals. Political parties discussed the attitudes of the National Unity Party and Mro (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 self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies.

The member of the Panel of Chairmen said he would like to discuss the duties to be assigned by the Union Government and region or state government to the self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies. On 8 March 2005, Chairman of the Work Committee clarified the related matter at the National Convention Plenary Meeting.

The self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies shall carry out the tasks assigned occasionally to them by the Union Government and region or state government. In connection with this, he would like to make some suggestions. He considered that the term "region or state government" covers not only the respective region or state governments but also other region or state governments for the self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies. Therefore, the expression, "region or state government concerned" should be used instead of "region or state government."

Three delegates including Dr Hmu Thang made suggestions on that. The following detailed basic principle should be laid down.

"The self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies shall carry out the tasks assigned occasionally to them by the Union Government and region or state government concerned."

U Tin Win, independent representative-elect of Kyaiklat Township constituency-2 independent representative-elect U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township constituency -1, independent representative-elect U Hla Soe of Minbu Township constituency-2, independent representative-elect U Mya Hlaing of Twantay Township constituency -2, U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township constituency-1 and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township constituency-2 reported that the clarifications of the Chairman of Work Committee regarding executive power of the self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies were genuine requirements for the State and proper. They should be laid down as the detailed basic principles.

The delegates of national races also reported that the six points regarding the executive power of the self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies by the Chairman of Work Committee should be laid down as the detailed basic principles.

The delegates of peasants also reported that the six points regarding the executive power of the self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies by the Chairman of Work Committee should be laid down as the detailed basic principles.

The delegate group of workers discussed that the six points regarding the executive powers of self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies clarified by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia disclosed that they studied and assessed in detail what have been presented by the NCC Work Committee and concluded that executive powers, duties and functions of self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies are proper and appropriate.

They also discussed that powers and duties and functions to be vested in self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The delegate group of State service personnel that the six points regarding the executive powers of self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies clarified by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Other invited persons delegate group discussed that the six points regarding the executive powers of

self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies clarified by Chairman of the NCC Work Committee U Aung Toe should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

At the plenary meeting of the National Convention held on 8 March 2005, the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee clarified that he would present what the Work Committee has found in connection with the adoption of detailed basic principles for State service personnel.

As regards the occupational guarantee for State service personnel, neither 1947 Constitution nor 1974 Constitution embodied precise provisions.

Therefore, the National Convention has laid down basic principles for State service personnel as follows:

- (1) **State service personnel shall be free from party politics.**
- (2) **The State shall enact necessary laws for State service personnel to have due security in service and sufficiency of food, clothing and shelter, for married women in service to get maternity benefits, and for welfare to ease livelihood of persons who have retired from service.**

The post-independence Constitutions do not mention precisely the matters related to the occupational security for State service personnel. Therefore, the delegates to the National Convention should lay down appropriate detailed basic principles concerning the occupational security and welfare.

In connection with the State service personnel, it is therefore necessary to discuss and suggest as to whether or not detailed basic principles should be adopted as follows:

- (1) **State service personnel shall be free from party politics.**
- (2) **Matters as to the appointment of employees, promotion, retirement, the enforcement of rules, the designation of service rules, and taking action against service personnel in accord with law.**
- (3) **As to occupational security for State service personnel; the sufficiency of food, clothing and shelter needs; maternal rights for married women service personnel; and the provision of food, clothing and shelter needs and shelter assistance to the retired, necessary laws shall be enacted.**
- (4) **Given the unusual nature of the responsibility of the Tatmadaw members, who are State service personnel, they shall be dealt with according to military law.**
- (5) **Given the unusual nature of the responsibility of Myanmar Police Force members, who are State service personnel, separate laws shall be promulgated for them.**

With regard to the clarifications of the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee, the National Unity Party discussed that in exercise of the duties and functions vested by the State, State service personnel are serving the interest of the State and the people. The laying down of detailed basic principles is proper for State service personnel to designate the duties required, approve the rules to be observed, take action against those who violate rules and regulations.

As duties and functions have been designated for State service personnel, taking steps for them to enjoy the rights of having occupational security and sufficiency of food, clothing and shelter needs is proper. Therefore, are points regarding State service personnel presented by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee are appropriate.

Their other suggestions are:

Of 104 detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention, basic principles concerning State service personnel have been stated under the separate title. Therefore, detailed basic principles regarding State service personnel should be put under the title concerned instead of the executive power.

Concerning the fact that State service personnel shall be free from party politics, they said they would like to suggest a little. Of the six objectives of the National Convention, the fourth objective is

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to ensure flourishing of a genuine multiparty democracy. Moreover, according to multiparty democracy system, the political parties will surely be in existence in the country as efforts are being made for the emergence of a modern and developed nation. The political parties representing their parties concerned stand for the elections at different levels and are to be chosen. In this regard, voters including State service need to properly choose parties and persons capable of serving the interest of the State and the people. To be able to do so, the voters need to clearly know policies and attitudes of those parties and persons.

However, some do not properly know the fact that State service personnel shall be free from party politics. Generally, the point calling for Service personnel to be free from party politics has been just stipulated for them in order not to misuse the duties and functions vested by the State in the interest of the parties they like. So, to clearly understand this, the objectives of the fact should be extensively defined.

The Pa-O National Organisation discussed that the Work Committee assessed and presented fully State serv-

ice personnel affairs. Hence, the five points concerning State service personnel clarified by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization discussed that in studying the five points regarding State service personnel clarified by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee they are proper and appropriate, and that is why they should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The Lahu National Development Party discussed that the five points concerning State service personnel clarified by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The Union Kayin League discussed that State service personnel are specially needed to be dutiful, upright and free from sectarian. In the multiparty democracy system, State service personnel should remain robust regardless of any government change so that the State machinery at different levels can run smoothly. Therefore, the five points regarding State service personnel clarified by the Chairman of the Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

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MWAF Vice-President meets UNIAP External Evaluator and party



Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Myint meets External Evaluator Mr Christian Bugnion and party of UNIAP. —MNA

YANGON, 8 Dec — External Evaluator Mr Christian Bugnion and party of UNIAP called on Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Myint at MWAF headquarters on Thanlwin Road on 6 December evening.

Present also at the call were

Joint General Secretary Daw Khin Htar May, Secretariat Member Daw Htoo Raw, Leaders of Working Groups Daw Khin May Soe of Prevention against Trafficking in Persons and Daw Kyi Kyi Mya of Rehabilitation and Resettlement.

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self-administered zones — have already been laid down.

As regards the delegation of legislative power to the self-administered areas, a detailed basic principle — legislative power prescribed by the Constitution is distributed to self-administered areas — has been laid down, and in connection with the distribution of executive power, a detailed basic principle — executive power prescribed by the Constitution is distributed to self-administered areas — has been laid down. Thus, the self-administered division leading body and the self-administered zone leading bodies will have the right to exercise the legislative power and the self-administrative power prescribed by the Constitution.

The Chairman of NCC Work Committee continued to say that the following are a collection of points concerning the executive power of the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies and the rights and duties related to the power that should be laid down as detailed basic principles:

1. Subject to provisions of the Constitution, the self-administrative

power of the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies extends to the following matters:

- (a) with respect to which the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies has power to make laws;
- (b) with respect to which the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading body has power to make laws in accord with any law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw; and
- (c) with respect to which the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading body has power to make laws in accord with any law enacted by the respective region or state hluttaws.

2. Self-administered division or self-administered zone leading body has the duty to help the Union Government in its drive to ensure stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity

and the rule of law.

3. The self-administered division or the self-administered zone leading bodies shall

- (a) subject to the policies of the Union Government, draw work programmes for development of their territory and shall coordinate the matter with the respective region government or state government;
- (b) draw annual budgets and coordinate with the region or state government concerned in accord with the provisions of the Constitution for approval;
- (c) have the right to use the allotted budget funds included in the budget law of the region or state concerned;
- (d) use the fund of the current expenditure permitted within the last-enacted budget law of the hluttaw of the region or state concerned if they cannot obtain the budget allotment in time due to region or state hluttaws failure to enact the budget law in time.

4. Self-administered divi-

sion and self-administered zone leading bodies shall, in accord with the law, supervise and coordinate the functions of civil service organizations discharging duties in their territory.

5. The self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies shall submit reports stating the general situation of the territory to the Union Government and the region or state government concerned.

6. The self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies shall carry out the task assigned occasionally to them by the Union Government and the region or state government concerned.

With regard to the clarification, National Unity Party discussed that the Chairman of NCC Work Committee presented six points concerning executive power of the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies.

Self-administered areas leading bodies are to coordinate and cooperate with government of respective region or state and Union Government for carrying out tasks of economic, social, education, health, development affairs and transport sectors of their regions. In connec-

tion with the distribution of executive power, a detailed basic principle — executive power prescribed by the Constitution is distributed to self-administered areas — has been laid down. Therefore, executive power of the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies in conformity with the above-mentioned principles are appropriate and reasonable.

Union Pa-O National Organization made discussions that self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies are to lead performing of administration tasks in their respective regions. Executive power of the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies, and the rights and duties related to the power from No 1 to No 6 points concerning contribution to peace and stability and prevalence of law and order, collection of tax, drawing of long- and short-term plans and budget bill, supervision to employees, compilation and submitting of reports, and discharging the assigned duties conscientiously should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

In addition, a separate suggestion was submitted that in connection with the distribution of executive power, a de-

tailed basic principle — executive power prescribed by the Constitution is distributed to self-administered areas — has been laid down. Hence, the principles had been laid down to enable the self-administered division and the self-administered zone leading bodies to have the authority concerning urban and rural projects, construction and maintenance of roads and bridges, public health, development affairs, taking of fire preventive measure, preservation of pasture land, safeguarding and preservation of forest, environmental conservation in conformity with the law enacted by the Union, matters related to power and water supply in urban and rural areas, and markets affairs in urban and rural areas. However, the education sector was absent from the section. Therefore, it is necessary to add the education task to the section.

Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization discussed their observation related to the clarification on six points concerning executive power of the self-administrative power of the self-administered division and the self-administered zone leading bodies. As the clarification is reasonable, these points should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

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6,822 Nepali children disappeared in seven years

KATHMANDU, 7 Dec—About 6,822 children have disappeared in the last seven years in Nepal, an official said here Tuesday.

Of the children, only about 2,522 have been found during the period from 1998 to 2005, Gauri Pradhan, chairman of Child Workers in Nepal Concerned Centre (CIWIN), a non-governmental organization of Nepal, said in a discussion programme.

"Lack of coordination among the bodies working for the disappearing children was the major reason of this problem," Pradhan

China has 39 mln private businesses in secondary, tertiary industries

BEIJING, 7 Dec—China had 39.21 million privately-run businesses in the secondary and tertiary industries by the end of 2004, according to the first national economic census published on Tuesday.

The census, jointly published by the Leading Group of First National Economic Census of the State Council and the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), showed there were 5.887 million privately-run businesses in the secondary industry in China, and 33.329 million in the tertiary industry, by the end of 2004.

These businesses employed 94.224 million people, or 30.5 per cent of

the total workforce in the secondary and tertiary industries. Most of the privately-owned businesses focus on transportation, wholesale and retail sales, catering and services.

The number of privately-run industrial businesses stood at 5.323 million, accounting for 13.6 per cent of the total. Those engaged in transportation sector came to 6.217 million, or 15.9 per cent of the total. Privately-owned wholesale and retail sale businesses amounted to 18.311 million, making up 46.7 per cent of the total, while those engaged in the catering and service industries stood at 2.939 million and 4.138 million, accounting for 7.5 per cent and 10.6 per cent of the total, respectively.

The census, which formally began on 31 December, 2004 and was the first in China, was de-

signed to draw an economic panorama of the country's fast-expanding secondary and tertiary industries and complete a database covering all economic sectors.

The census was also expected to help policy-makers and experts have a better understanding of the overall situation of the two sectors so as to help policy-makers draft China's economic and social development programme during 2006-2010 and formulate macro-regulation policies and industrial re-adjustment and restructuring. Nearly 10 million statisticians and volunteers completed the registration of five million corporate personnel, four million industrial enterprises and more than 30 million privately-owned enterprises during the census, according to the NBS.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia indefinitely postpones launch of US satellite

Moscow, 7 Dec—Russia's space agency on Tuesday indefinitely postponed the launch of a US communications satellite because of the malfunction of a Russian booster rocket.

The launch of the *Proton-M* rocket was initially put off for one day, but experts later ruled that the malfunction could not be fixed quickly, the Federal Space Agency said in a statement.

The booster will be removed from the launchpad and taken to a service area for repair, the statement said.

The agency aims to send the *AMC-23* (WorldSat-3) satellite owned by the SES AMERICOM company into space later this month, but the date was not specified.

MNA/Xinhua

Cathay Pacific to open new route to Moscow, Manchester

HONG KONG, 7 Dec—Cathay Pacific Airways will open flights to Moscow and Manchester starting from 27 March, 2006, the Hong Kong-registered airline announced here Tuesday.

Though final government approvals still pending, Cathay Pacific claimed in a Press release itself the first Hong Kong airline to fly Moscow.

Aircraft of the company will fly three times a week to Moscow, sharing code with Aeroflot.

The same aircraft will then continue onward to Manchester, making Cathay Pacific the only airline providing direct passenger service from Hong Kong to the British

city. The route will be operated with an Airbus A340-300.

"Moscow is an exciting destination and our new service will offer Hong Kong passengers more choices and greater travel convenience to this great capital," said Philip Chen, chief executive of Cathay Pacific.

"With three new services to Manchester, we will operate an unmatched 31 flights every week from Hong Kong to Britain,"

he said.

The announcement came a week after the airline placed its biggest ever order for new aircraft in order to add flights and new destinations.

Cathay Pacific last week made commitments for 16 advanced wide-body *Boeing 777-300ER* aircraft with purchase rights for 20 more. It also made commitments to acquire three Airbus A330-300s to operate regional routes.—MNA/Xinhua

China still needs int'l aids in poverty reduction

BEIJING, 7 Dec—China appreciates, but still looks for foreign funds to help improve the living conditions of the country's poor people despite remarkable achievements, said leading poverty reduction officials Tuesday.

"We won't forget the active support of international organizations and countries concerned about China's poverty-reduction undertakings, and NGOs and philanthropists who have helped in China's poverty-relief achievements," said Liu Jian, the country's top poverty relief official, according to *China Daily's* Wednesday edition.

The government hopes to strengthen international cooperation to cope with a range of new scenarios and problems in the fight against destitution, said the chief of the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development.

Liu made the remarks at a seminar Tuesday in Beijing to mark the role foreign capital in China's poverty reduction drive over the past 10 years.

Since 1995, the Foreign

Capital Project Management Centre has overseen implementation of projects involving foreign funds of more than 800 million US dollars, centre director Jiang Xiaohua said.

Between 1981 and 2002, loans from international financial organizations for poverty relief in China approached eight billion US dollars, *China Daily* cited official statistics as reporting.

Along with domestic efforts, foreign aid has helped reduce the number of rural residents living in abject poverty from 65 million in 1995 to 26.1 million in 2004, said Liu.

In addition to accelerating the poverty relief process and improving the poverty situation in China, foreign-funded projects have also brought new development concepts to China, and paved the way for sustain-

able development of the targeted regions through training and participation of poor people, Jiang said.

While international development organizations are continually prioritizing poverty eradication, support from rich countries to aid poor ones has been declining, despite the repeated commitment of the world's governments to contribute 0.7 per cent of their gross national product to official development assistance, Jiang said.

Meanwhile, unfair global trade rules have enlarged the wealth gap, he said. Some foreign governments and international financial organizations have readjusted their support strategies with regard to China, which has sustained rapid economic growth amid increasing global competitiveness, Jiang said.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese women work at a textile factory in Xiangfan in China's Hubei Province on 7 Dec, 2005. Some 28,000 Chinese textile factories started competing for the public bidding of 21 export categories to the U.S., the first public bidding since the negotiations on the Sino-U.S. textile agreement began, a Chinese newspaper reported on Tuesday. Picture taken on 7 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

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Saudi royal says US' Iraq policies a mistake

DUBAI, 7 Dec— Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal branded on Monday US policies in Iraq a "fiasco".

"Clearly, the United States misunderstood the ballgame completely in Iraq ... yes, it's a fiasco," he told an Arab media forum in Dubai.

"Iraq is a very complicated country and I am not sure the policies of the United States are actually good for Iraq."

Alwaleed is a nephew to King Abdullah, a global investor and a prominent figure both inside the kingdom and internationally. But Alwaleed said ending the US occupation of Iraq — a demand of several Arab governments — would not fix the problem.

"In the short term, the United States can't leave at all, it cannot withdraw (troops) for the sake of the Iraqis. It can only do so when Iraq is ready."

One US mistake in Iraq was allowing hundreds of newspapers and several television stations to be set up, he said.

"Right now, the last thing Iraqis need is so many voices quarrelling through the media. This is not the time for the luxury of having so many TV channels and 200 newspapers, you can't

impose US democracy in Iraq," said Alwaleed, who owns stakes in US media conglomerates such as Time Warner Inc and News Corp. In a newspaper interview published on Monday, Alwaleed said he would not invest in Iraq now due to the chaos gripping the country and advised other entrepreneurs to do the same. "You don't go and invest when you have civil strife, when you have a country that's disintegrating, when you have war and killings," he told the Saudi daily Arab News.

"Iraq is dangerous for any investor to go there. Almost every investor who went there lost his shirt. I will only go to stable countries." Asked about other Arab countries, Alwaleed said economies in the Middle East and particularly the Gulf were riding high on record oil prices, which offered many investment opportunities. "In 2005, there was such growth in Saudi Arabia, the Gulf and Egypt and now my investments in the region are worth about half my investments outside it," he said.—MNA/Reuters

A ground crew walks about a Korean Air cargo plane at the cargo terminal at Incheon international airport in Incheon, west of Seoul, on 8 Dec, 2005. South Korea appeared determined on Thursday to quickly end a strike by unionized pilots at Korean Air Co, the nation's largest airline and the world's biggest air cargo carrier. INTERNET



US-Iraqi troops wage military operation in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Dec— About 500 US and Iraqi soldiers have waged an offensive against guerillas in the flashpoint city of Ramadi, some 110 kilometres west of Baghdad,

the US military said on Tuesday.

Approximately 100 Iraqi Army soldiers and 400 US soldiers conducted their offensive, code-named Operation Rams, since Sunday, the military said in a statement.

The forces discovered four weapons caches, one of them was significant in size and contained dozens of mortar rounds, rocket propelled grenades, anti-mortar missiles and dozens of small arms weapons and bomb making material, the statement said.

It added that "Iraqi and Coalition Forces also detained five suspected al-Qaeda in Iraq terrorists during the operation."

"There have been no reports of civilians, Iraqi Army soldiers or US forces injured or killed as a result of the operation," said the statement.

Operation Rams is the sixth in a series of disruption operations conducted by the US and Iraqi Army in an attempt to curb insurgency in the Anbar provincial capital Ramadi, according to the statement. MNA/Xinhua

Chinese President appoints new ambassadors

BEIJING, 7 Dec— Chinese President Hu Jintao announced on Tuesday the appointment of new ambassadors to the Philippines and five other countries, in accordance with a decision made by the National People's Congress Standing Committee.

Li Jinjun was appointed the new ambassador to the Philippines, replacing Wu Hongbo.

Zhang Yuanyuan was appointed the new ambassador to New Zealand and Cook Islands, replacing Chen Mingming. Li Huaxin was appointed the new ambassador to Iraq, replacing Yang Honglin. Zhang

Xinsen was appointed the new ambassador to Ireland, replacing Sha Hailin.

Gong Jianwei was appointed the new ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, replacing Xu Zhongkai. Zhao Yali was appointed the new ambassador to Cyprus, replacing Zhang Limin

MNA/Xinhua

Scientists see delayed recovery of ozone hole

SAN FRANCISCO, 7 Dec— The recovery of the Antarctic ozone hole may be delayed until 2065 because reservoirs of ozone-destroying chemicals may be larger than anticipated, according to research presented on Tuesday.

Ozone in the upper atmosphere blocks harmful ultra-violet rays and scientists expect the ozone layer will heal itself in the absence of large chemical emissions. Researchers speaking at an American Geophysical Union meeting said reservoirs of the chemicals in developed countries may be larger than initially thought and their emissions may postpone a recovery of the ozone hole to 1980 levels.

Scientists had expected a recovery to those levels by about 2050 following the 1987 Montreal Protocol that banned the production of the chemicals. However, the agreement did not bar the use of existing stockpiles and researchers believe they are emitting ozone-depleting substances. Researchers said they now expect a recovery may not occur until 2065. — MNA/Reuters

NASA spacecraft reveals icy plumes on Saturn moon

WASHINGTON, 7 Dec— One of Saturn's moons is spraying icy particles into space from the area around its south pole, a sure sign of geologic activity, NASA reported on Tuesday.

Recent images captured by the Cassini spacecraft reveal what looks at

first like the narrow crescent shape of a solar eclipse, with plumes of particles being ejected from the Saturn moon Enceladus.

"For planetary explorers like us, there is little that can compare to the sighting of activity on another solar system body," Carolyn Porco, Cassini imaging team leader at the Space Science Institute in Boulder, Colorado, said in a statement. This has been a heart-stopper, and surely one of our most thrilling results." The Cassini images show multiple jets emanating from the moon's south polar region. Scientists suspect these jets arise from warm fractures, known as tiger stripes. MNA/Reuters

NZ PM to attend East Asia Summit

WELLINGTON, 7 Dec— New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark will attend the East Asia Summit (EAS) in Kuala Lumpur on 14 December, said the government Press office on Tuesday.

Clark said that the New Zealand Government welcomes the development of outward-looking and inclusive regional structures, and looks forward to playing a constructive role in the Summit.

New Zealand is pleased and privileged to be "in the front door" as the EAS develops, said Clark.

The Summit brings together for the first time leaders from the ten ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) countries, ASEAN+3 (China, Japan and South Korea) and Australia, New Zealand, and India. New Zealand exports to EAS countries constitute a significant and growing market for New Zealand, accounting for 53 per cent of all New Zealand's trade in 2004, according to statistics.—MNA/Xinhua



An aerial view of houses submerged in waters in Calapan town, Oriental Mindoro Province, south of Manila, on 8 Dec, 2005. Flood triggered by heavy rains and bursting dykes in three provinces south of the Philippine capital have affected more than a hundred thousand people, disaster officials said on Thursday, appealing for food, water and relief material. —INTERNET

SPORTS



Tigres' Carlos Morales (L) battles for the ball with Felipe Baloy of Monterrey during the first leg of their Mexican league championship semi-final soccer match at the Universitario stadium in Monterrey City, Mexico, on 7 December, 2005. Tigres won 1-0. — INTERNET

Barcelona targets Lampard

LONDON, 8 Dec — Barcelona are targeting Chelsea midfielder Frank Lampard, according to a member of the Spanish champions' ruling body.

Speaking in Peru, Jordi Oriols, of Barca's social commission, admitted he would like to see the Blues and England star at the Nou Camp in the future.

Asked who would be Barca's next major signing by Peruvian website El Bocon, he replied: "Frank Lampard. Now all the stars want to come to Barca and we have the luxury of being able to choose. MNA/Xinhua

Brugge salvages pride at 1-1 with Bayern

BRUSSELS, 8 Dec — Belgian FC Brugge salvaged pride at Champions League with 1-1 draw with German powerful Bayern Munich at home on Wednesday night, happily heading to the UEFA Cup.

Bayern, which was hoping for victory to finish top of Group A, had to settle for second place but moves on to the knockout stage. Brugge, which finished third in the group, heads to the UEFA Cup. Juventus beat Rapid Vienna to take first place in Group A.

The first half started slowly but Claudio Pizarro pushed the game into a higher gear after he scored with a backward header past Brugge defender Milan Spilar in the 21st minute.

Pizarro was well positioned to head the ball on a free kick from Sebastian Deisler, which brought a thumbs up and smile from Bayern coach Felix Magath on the bench.

Pizarro almost scored again on a quick but difficult shot in the 70th minute, however Brugge goalkeeper Tomislav Butina was able to jump up and push the ball over the crossbar.

Pizarro's goal sparked a Brugge coun-

ter offensive.

The Belgian team was able to equalize when striker Javier Portillo fired off a stunning kick into the top of the Munich net, taking keeper Oliver Kahn by surprise, after beating two Bayern defenders.

It was Portillo's first Champions League goal after joining the Belgian side from Real Madrid on loan in August. The elated Spaniard, who has come under increasing criticism for his lacklustre play in the Belgian league, ran to kiss the hand of Brugge coach Jan Ceulemans on the bench after his goal.

Brugge kept Munich in check defensively, which became easier in the second half after Magath decided to rest striker Roy Makaay at halftime.

Calgary-raised midfielder Owen Hargreaves started for Bayern but was substituted in the 67th minute.

MNA/Xinhua

Liverpool hold Chelsea 0-0 to win group

LONDON, 7 Dec — Defending champions Liverpool won Champions League Group G on Tuesday after holding English title holders Chelsea to a 0-0 away draw.

Both sides had already qualified for the knockout stage and all that was at stake was first or second place in the group.

Liverpool finished with 12 points, Chelsea 11, Real Betis seven to qualify for the UEFA Cup and Anderlecht breaking their duck on Tuesday with three.

Both put out strong sides, however, who gave every impression at the start of playing to win.

But with no goals to reward forays upfield the match often became mired

in midfield, Liverpool defending deeply their point advantage in the group.

"They defend very well, everybody behind the ball, they press they close spaces," Mourinho said, adding he thought no side in Europe would come to Stamford Bridge in the knockout stages and play so defensively.

Jose Manuel Reina was called into action in the seventh minute to turn a sharp shot from Frank Lampard round the post.

Towards the end of the

half Eidur Gudjohnsen touched the ball into Lampard's path with the goal gaping but it ran too fast for the England midfielder.

Liverpool's best chance came on the half hour when Steven Gerrard put John Arne Riise through but a diving Petr Cech saved with his feet.

MNA/Reuters

Paraguayan soccer officials head for Leipzig World Cup draw

BUENOS AIRES, 8 Dec 8 — Officials from the Paraguayan Football Federation (APF) left for Leipzig, Germany, on Wednesday, where they will be observers for Friday's World Cup draw, which sets the groups for the 2006 Germany World Cup finals, the APF said in a statement on Wednesday.

The APF group is made up of APF president Oscar Harrison, the manager of Paraguay national team, Anibal "Malo" Ruiz and two others officials. There is already a separate group of APF officials in Germany, visiting what will be the pre-competition training ground, in Oberhaching, close to Munich, in the south of the European country. — MNA/Xinhua

Udinese bow out, but hold their own

UDINE (Italy), 8 Dec — Udinese bowed out of their first ever Champions League campaign after their 2-0 home defeat to Barcelona but they can take pride from holding their own in the elite competition.

Had it not been for two goals in the last five minutes of Wednesday's game, the northeast Italian club would have been celebrating another milestone in their progress from a Serie B also-ran to a member of the Italian elite.

Instead German club Werder Bremen took second spot in the group leaving Udinese to the more familiar terrain of the UEFA Cup. Coach Serse Cosmi said he would take some

time before drawing any lessons from his team's exit and he had some justification in blaming injury problems for the loss to a weakened Barcelona side, who had little to play for having already secured top spot in the group.

But the fact that fitness problems had such an influence on Cosmi's plans that he was forced to field three players, including striker Vincenzo Iaquinta, who were far from fully fit

tells its own story.

Unlike the three Italian teams who did make it to the last 16, champions Juventus, six-times European champions AC Milan and their city rivals Inter, Udinese do not have the size of squad needed to maintain a challenge on two fronts.

In fact, their Champions League experience has been at the cost of points in Serie A where Udinese are currently adrift in mid-table having focused heavily on their European adventure. Inter were able to pick up a creditable draw at Glasgow Rangers on Tuesday, fielding a virtual second string side having already qualified while AC Milan and Juventus have regularly left players of the pedigree of Alessandro del Piero and Rui Costa on the bench.

MNA/Reuters

Rangers first Scottish team in knockout phase

GLASGOW, 7 Dec — Rangers became the first Scottish club to qualify for the Champions League knockout phase after a 1-1 draw with Inter Milan in their final group match on Tuesday.

They finished six points behind Inter, who had already won Group H, and one ahead of Artmedia Bratislava, who go into the UEFA Cup after a 0-0 draw with 2004 European champions Porto.

The Rangers team had gathered at the side of the Ibrox pitch with manager Alex McLeish to await the final result from the night's other group match, which was delayed by four minutes.

The relieved players were finally able to embrace each other as the stadium announcer declared that Artmedia had drawn 0-0 with Porto to confirm Rangers had qualified for the last 16.

Inter had gone ahead on the half hour as Serbian Sinisa Mihajlovic swept over a corner from the right that was headed into the net by Brazilian Adriano from near the penalty spot.

Rangers levelled with a superbly-worked goal when Belgian Thomas Buffel sprung the offside trap to release Peter Lovenkrands.

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Phoenix Suns' Pat Burke (11) goes for a shot over Golden State Warriors' Jason Richardson during the second half on Wednesday, 7 Dec, 2005, in Oakland, Calif. — INTERNET

Argentina coach Pekerman to miss World Cup draw

BERLIN, 8 Dec — Argentina's Jose Pekerman will be the only coach to miss the draw for next year's World Cup in Leipzig, Germany, on Friday.

Media director Wolfgang Niersbach said Wednesday that all the 32 coaches but Pekerman will attend the draw.

The 2006 World Cup finals will kick off on June 9 in Munich and ends on 9 July in Berlin.

MNA/Xinhua

Study finds US unprepared for disaster

WASHINGTON, 8 Dec — Hospitals are not prepared to handle the patients who would arrive after a disaster or a pandemic, most states have few plans in place for coping and the federal government has not taken charge of such preparation, according to a report released on Tuesday.

Although President George W Bush released an influenza pandemic plan with great fanfare last month, and even though federal health experts have been issuing dire warnings for years, little has actually been done to get the nation ready, according to the Trust for America's Health, or TFAH.

"While considerable progress has been achieved in improving America's health

emergency preparedness, the nation is still not adequately prepared for the range of serious threats we face," the report from the non-profit health education group reads.

"To achieve an appropriate level of preparedness, efforts must be rapidly enhanced and accelerated, requiring improved policies and funding at all levels of government," added the report, based on a

survey of 20 public health experts, who evaluated 12 aspects of health emergency preparedness.

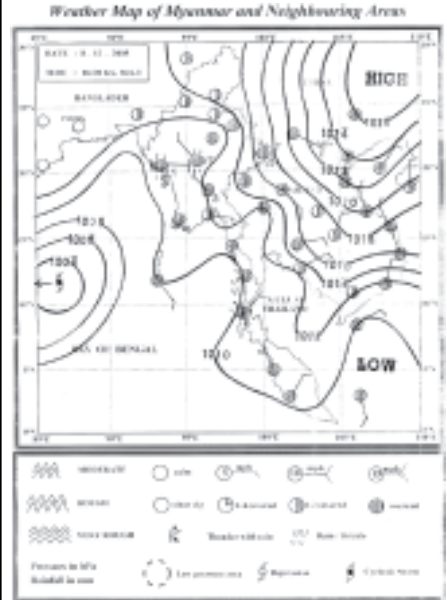
This is especially true with the new threat of H5N1 avian influenza, which is moving steadily through poultry and which has infected about at least 130 people, killing 69 of them. If the virus acquires the ability to pass easily from human to human, it will cause a pandemic that

could kill tens of millions within a few months, experts predict.

"TFAH estimates that a midseverity pandemic outbreak could cause over half a million deaths and two million hospitalizations in the United States alone and could also disrupt the global economy."

The US Government makes a much more dire prediction, saying two million people could die and a third of the population would become infected. It predicts up to 40 per cent of the work force will be absent due to sickness or fear.

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WEATHER

Thursday, 8 December, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Shan State and Mandalay Division, scattered in Rakhine State and Magway Division, isolated in the remaining areas and weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin, Mon and Kayin States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Shan and Mon States, (8°C) above normal in Kayah State and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Coco Island (2.01) inches, Namsam (1.38) inches, Ann (1.10) inches, Meiktila (0.36) inch, Chauk and Pakokku (0.12) inch each. The significant of night temperature was Haka (6°C).

Maximum temperature on 7-12-2005 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 8-12-2005 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 8-12-2005 was 81%. Total sunshine hours on 7-12-2005 was (1.4) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 8-12-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (5) mph from Northeast (11:30) hours MST on 7-12-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's tropical storm 'Fanoos' over Southeast Bay has moved westwards slowly and centred over Southeast Bay and adjoining Southwest Bay about (420) miles East-Southeast of Chennai, India. It is forecast to move Westwards. Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and North Bay and cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 9-12-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, scattered light rain or thundershowers are likely in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight increase of night temperatures in Lower Myanmar areas.


Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-12-2005: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-12-2005: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

"Storm News"

(Issued at (10:30) hrs MST on 8-12-2005)

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Friday, 9 December View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am</p> <p>5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>6. လျှပ်စစ်ပုံပြင် စိတ်ဖော်စွင်</p> <p>8:05 am</p> <p>7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>8. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p>8:15 am</p> <p>9. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p>	<p>8:20 am</p> <p>10. နိုင်ငံခြားအချက်အလက်</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>11. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>12. English for Everyday Use</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. Practice in Reading</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Musical programme</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. အထူးသတင်းအချက်အလက်များ (ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု)</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:20 pm</p> <p>7. Songs of national races</p> <p>5:40 pm</p> <p>8. "သစ်ကောင်းတစ်ပင်" (နဒီနီ၊ ညွှန်စု၊ သွင်ကျော်၊ ချို၊ ဟိန်း၊ မိုးယုတ်၊ ရန်သူ၊ မောင်ဂဏ္ဍီ)</p>
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<p>8:30 am</p> <p>9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>10. သုတစုံလင် ဆွညာတီရှင်</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>11. Evening news</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>12. Weather report</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>13. Musical programme</p> <p>7:20 pm</p> <p>14. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>7:30 pm</p> <p>15. Songs of yesteryears</p> <p>7:40 pm</p> <p>16. (၂၃) ကြိမ်မြောက်အရှေ့တောင်အာရှအားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲ မြန်မာ့ဂျူဒိုအဖွဲ့၏ အောင်မြင်မှု</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>17. News</p> <p>8:18 pm</p> <p>18. International news</p> <p>8:30 pm</p> <p>19. Weather report</p> <p>8:40 pm</p> <p>20. ရိုင်းငံ ခြားစားလမ်းတွဲ "မဓိအထူး" (အပိုင်း-၃၆)</p> <p>8:50 pm</p> <p>21. The next day's programme</p>	<p>(ဒါရိုက်တာ မိုးထက်လှ (သစ်တော))</p> <p>5:55 pm</p> <p>9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p>
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Radio Myanmar

Friday, 9 December Tune in today

<p>8.30 am Brief news</p> <p>8.35 am Music: -Smiling face (M2M)</p> <p>8.40 am Perspectives</p> <p>8.45 am Music: -Heaven by your side-(A1)</p> <p>8.50 am National news/Slogan</p> <p>9:00 am Music: -Kiss (Kengaboys)</p> <p>9:05 am International news</p> <p>9:10 am Music: -An apple a day (Aquara)</p> <p>1:30 pm News/Slogan</p> <p>1:40 pm Lunch time music -I think about you (Collin Raye) -Still 98 -To be love-(Westlife)</p> <p>9.00 pm World of music -Songs from Brazil, Latin, Japan, France, Germany</p> <p>9.10 pm Article Request -Golden eye - Tina Turner -Sing baby sing-(The Stylistion) -Come every body (Music Instructor)</p> <p>9.45 pm News / Slogan</p> <p>10.00 pm PEL</p>	<p>9:05 am Music: -Kiss (Kengaboys)</p> <p>9:10 am Music: -An apple a day (Aquara)</p> <p>1:30 pm News/Slogan</p> <p>1:40 pm Lunch time music -I think about you (Collin Raye) -Still 98 -To be love-(Westlife)</p> <p>9.00 pm World of music -Songs from Brazil, Latin, Japan, France, Germany</p> <p>9.10 pm Article Request -Golden eye - Tina Turner -Sing baby sing-(The Stylistion) -Come every body (Music Instructor)</p> <p>9.45 pm News / Slogan</p> <p>10.00 pm PEL</p>
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10 points clarified by the NCCWC Chairman in connection with the executive power of the region or state government and duties and rights of the executive power should be laid down as detailed basic principles



Member of the Panel of Chairmen U Law Hsin Kwan presents proposals submitted by delegate groups.

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YANGON, 8 Dec — *The following is a translation of the clarification made by member of the Panel of Chairmen U Law Hsin Kwan on collections of the proposal papers submitted by the National Convention delegate groups for laying down detailed basic principles for sharing of executive and judicial powers to be included in the State Constitution at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township yesterday.*

The delegate group of national races supported the clarification of National Convention Convening Work Committee related to the executive power of the region or the state government.

According to the detailed basic principles, the Union Government will finance the regions and state governments with regard to financial matters. The regions and state governments should also finance the budget of the Union Government if their budgets are in

surplus. In 1992-1993 financial year, the amount of money spent is greater than money earned in the financial year in most of the states and divisions. In the very financial year, Taninthayi Division earned K 361.37 million and spent K 213.33 million. That's why, the division contributed K 148.04 million to the budget of the Union. Hence, if the budgets of the regions and states are in surplus in the future, they should make reasonable contributions to the budget of the Union Government.

The delegate group of peasants suggested that the 10 points in connection with executive power of the region or state government presented by the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles of the State Constitution.

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Executive power of the self-administered division and self-administered zone appropriate and reasonable

YANGON, 8 Dec — *The following is a translation of the clarification made by member of the Panel of Chairmen Duwa Zoat Dong on collections 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 Nyaungnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, yesterday.*

The Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held on 8 March 2005 said that I will now present the study on the allocation and delegation of the executive power to the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies and the related authority and duties.

According to the already-laid-down detailed

basic principles, the self-administered division and the self-administered zones have been designated as follows:

- (a) Naga Self-Administered Zone (Sagaing Division);
- (b) Danu Self-Administered Zone (Shan State);
- (c) Pa-O Self-Administered Zone (Shan State);
- (d) Palaung Self-Administered Zone (Shan State);
- (e) Kokang Self-Administered Zone (Shan State);
- (f) Wa Self-Administered Division (Shan State);

The detailed basic principles — as the self-administered division and the self-administered zones are self-administered areas they are of equal status — the self-administered division leading body is formed in the self-administered division, and the self-administered zone leading bodies are formed in the

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The self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies shall carry out the tasks assigned occasionally to them by the Union Government and region or state government

YANGON, 8 Dec — *The following is a translation of the clarifications made by member of Panel of Chairmen U Kyi Tint on collections of the proposal papers submitted by the National Convention delegate groups for laying down detailed basic principles for sharing of executive and judicial powers to be included in the State Constitution at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township yesterday.*

Delegates of Lahu National Development Party reported that the following detailed basic principles are proper. Subject to provisions of the Constitution, the self-administrative power of the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies extends to the following matters:

- (a) with respect to which the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies has power to make laws;

- (b) with respect to which the division and self-administered zone leading body has power to make laws in accord with any law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw; and
- (c) with respect to which the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading body has power to make laws in accord with any law enacted by the respective region or state hluttaws.

"Self-administered division and self-administered zone leading body has the duty to help the Union Government in its drive to ensure stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law." Helping the Union Government contributes towards stability, the rule of law and community peace and tranquillity of the respective region or state and the entire nation.

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