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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

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects regional developments in North-East Command

YANGON, 9 Dec — Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by the officials of the State Peace and Development Council office, left here by air on 6 December morning and arrived at Mandalay International Airport.

Together with senior military officials of North-East Command, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects Kaukkwei Creek Dam near Manhsu Village in Lashio Township. — MNA

National Convention delegate groups' meetings continue



The meeting of delegate group of peasants in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 9 Dec — The delegates groups of political parties, representatives-elect, national races and peasants held their meetings at the designated halls of Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

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

groups. The delegate group of political parties held its meeting at the meeting hall-1 at 9 am today. During their meeting, alternate chairman was U Tun Yin Law of National Unity Party while Deputy Director of the working group-3 under the National Convention U Khin Maung Phyu acted as master of cer-

emonies 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 accounting for 96.43 per cent were present.

Next, Alternate Chairman U Tun Yin Law of Nation Unity Party made an opening speech.

Panel of Chairmen's compilation in respects of the proposals of delegates group of political parties regarding the detailed basic principles to be laid down for shar-

ing of executive and judicial powers to be included in the writing of the State Constitution was read by U Kya Ha Shae of Lahu National

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Alternate Chairman U Mya Sein makes a speech at the meeting of the delegate group of national races. — MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Produce medicines for six major diseases

In an effort to fully engage in public health care services, the government has laid down and is implementing the national objective which calls for uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation. For the entire national people to enjoy longevity and be free from all forms of diseases, priority is being given to producing potent medicines and conducting research on them.

In accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, efforts are being made for producing potent medicines that are based on Myanma herbal plants for six major diseases which are common in Myanmar.

Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by officials, on 1 December 2005 inspected the herbal plantations of Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) and PynOoLwin Pharmaceutical Factory (Project) of the Ministry of Industry-1 during his tour of PynOoLwin, Mandalay Division and gave instructions to officials concerned.

In his inspection tour, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein stressed the need for officials concerned to make constant efforts for realization of the guidance given by the Head of State, to carry out research on potent medicines for six major diseases—malaria, TB, hypertension, diabetes, diarrhoea and dysentery—and widely distribute them in cooperation with private entrepreneurs, and to carry out research on potency and side-effects of traditional and foreign medicines and made them public in time.

Malaria, TB, hypertension, diabetes, diarrhoea and dysentery are common in Myanmar. The Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory is striving for producing tablets and injections for malaria through Cinchona plants. It is now producing tablets and capsules for hypertension and diabetes.

PynOoLwin Pharmaceutical Factory (Project) of Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries is being implemented in PynOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division for improvement of public health care services.

At present, the factory has been installed with machinery with a capacity of producing 1,050 million tablets and capsules yearly and another machinery with a capacity of producing 500 million tablets and capsules.

Therefore, we would like to call upon officials of the ministries concerned to try their utmost in order to produce potent medicines for six major diseases which are common in Myanmar.

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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

Hydroelectric Power Department, EGAT Public Company Ltd ink agreement on Hutgyi Hydropower Project

YANGON, 9 Dec — An agreement signing ceremony, between Hydroelectric Power Department and EGAT Public Company Ltd, Thailand, on Hutgyi Hydropower Project to be implemented on Thanlwin River in Kayin State, by Hydroelectric Power Department under the Ministry of Electric Power took place at Hotel Nikko here this morning.

It was attended by the ministers, the deputy ministers, the Heads of Departments, Thai Minister for Energy Mr Viset Chooipiban and Head of Departments of the Ministry of Energy of Thailand, Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosol and embassy staff, CEO Mr Kraisri Karnasuta and officials of EGAT Public



Director-General U Win Kyaw and Mr Kraisri Karnasuta sign an agreement for Hutgyi Hydropower project. — MNA

Company Ltd. CEO Mr Kraisri Karnasuta and Director-General U Win Kyaw of Hydroelectric Power Department extended greetings and Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Minister for Energy Mr Viset Chooipiban made ad-

resses on the occasion. Director-General U Win Kyaw and Mr Kraisri Karnasuta signed the agreement and exchanged the notes. After the ceremony, those present posed for the documentary photo. Hutgyi Hydropower

Project will jointly be implemented by Hydroelectric Power Department and EGAT Public Company Ltd. The power plant will be equipped with 600 megawatts turbine that can produce 3,820 million kwh yearly.

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Myanmar Meat Production Technology Dissemination Camp opened

YANGON, 8 Dec — Jointly organized by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Common Fund for Commodity-CFC, FAO

and UNOPS, the Myanmar Meat Production Technology Dissemination Camp was opened at the office of the Director-General of

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Insein Township this morning, attended by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen

Maung Maung Thein. Acting Director-General Dr Than Tun of LBVD and Ms Nancy Morgan of FAO Headquarters formally opened the camp. The minister and officials visited the Meat Production Factory.

As part of the programme of the Meat Commodity Diversification and Upgrading of Meat Processing Technologies in Asia and Pacific, branches were opened in Bangladesh, Samoa and Myanmar.

The central camp was established in the Philippines.

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Dr Than Tun of LBVD and Ms Nancy Morgan of WHO formally open the Myanmar Meat Production Technology Dissemination Camp. — L & F

282 drug-related cases exposed in November

YANGON, 9 Dec — Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Customs Department managed to expose 282 drug-related cases in November 2005.

They exposed and seized 9,799.2 kilos of opium in 30 cases, 2,683.4 kilos of heroin in 112 cases, 0,408.1 kilos of opium oil in five cases, 0,253.6 kilo of low opium in 10 cases, 3,662.8 kilos of marijuana in 18 cases, 12,308.5 stimulant tablets in 72 cases, 0,024.6 kilo of stimulant powder, 30,017.9 kilos of speciosa in 5 cases, 0,032 liter of cough syrup, 271 diacephen pills in two cases, two bottles of diacephen (injection) in one case, 1,687 bottles of morphine (injection) in two cases, 0,002.1 kilo of caffeine in one case, 12 cases of failure to register and 11 other cases.

Action was taken against 392 people in 282 cases— 317 men and 75 women during November.

One of the remarkable cases was that a com-

bined team, acting on information, stopped and searched a motorcycle with license plates (Masa/17839) driven by Kyan Hsan from Muse to Pan Kham village and seized 25,800 stimulant tablets bearing WY letters inside its tool box and one packet weighing 0.02 kilos of stimulant powder on 2 November.

In connection with the case, Muse Police Station filed a lawsuit against Kyan Hsan.

Another one was that a combined team, acting on information, searched House No 106, Kaungmton Ward in Muse and seized 6,800 stimulant tablets (purple colour) bearing WY letters, 27,200 stimulant tablets (brownish colour) and 10,000 stimulant tablets (yellow colour) totalling 44,000 inside the paper box under the bed of separate building in front of the house. In connection with the case, Muse Police Station filed a lawsuit against houseowner Kwan Maw Htaung. — MNA

ASEAN Charter to be based on spirit of "togetherness"

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Dec — The crafting of the ASEAN Charter must be based on the spirit of "togetherness" and "we" feeling, Malaysian Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said on Wednesday.

He said the proposed charter must bring people together through their active engagement and contributions. The Malaysia-mooted charter, known as the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the Establishment of the ASEAN Charter, will be signed on Monday during the 11th summit of ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) in Kuala Lumpur.

"Togetherness" is something that seems to have eluded ASEAN all these years. The missing ingredient in our interactions has been this "we" feeling between and among the ASEAN people", he said.

While ASEAN has been in existence for 39 years, ASEAN citizens have been perceived as still not having a strong attachment to be labelled as belonging to an ASEAN community, Syed Hamid said at the opening of the ASEAN Civil Society Conference.

As such, ASEAN

needs to stress on belonging among its citizens. A caring ASEAN community could only be achieved by inculcating understanding and appreciation of the uniqueness and richness of ASEAN cultures and encouraging more people-to-people contact, he said.

Syed Hamid also said that ASEAN leaders, at the 2004 Summit in Vientiane, Laos, had called for a more people-centered approach to cultivate the sense of

MNA/Xinhua



A view of Kuala Lumpur's Convention Centre, on 8 Dec, 2005, the venue for the upcoming 11th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit. Malaysia will host the summit from 12 to 14 Dec, in its capital Kuala Lumpur.

INTERNET



China, Uzbekistan vow to further enhance military cooperation

BEIJING, 8 Dec— Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan held talks with visiting Defence Minister of Uzbekistan Russian Mirzayev here on Wednesday.

The two sides had an in-depth exchange of views on current international and regional issues, bilateral relations and bilateral military cooperation.

Since China and Uzbekistan forged diplomatic ties 13 years ago, Cao said, bilateral relations have witnessed smooth development and bilateral military exchanges and cooperation have been expanding.

Cao acknowledged that Mirzayev's current visit to China is significant to boost the pragmatic cooperation between the two armed forces.

Under the backdrop of a complicated regional and world situation, it is in the

fundamental interests of the people of both countries to further enhance bilateral military cooperation, Cao said.

China is ready to make joint efforts with Uzbekistan to step up security cooperation so as to contribute to regional and world peace and stability, Cao said.

Mirzayev voiced his appreciation for China's support for its fight against terrorism and for China's aid over the years.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippines denies receiving information about bomb threat

MANILA, 8 Dec— The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Wednesday said it has not received any information about any plans to bomb the US Embassy in

Manila. Colonel Tristan Kison, AFP's public information office chief told a Press conference that terrorists would not strike at the American installation at a time when security are in place.

"As of today, we have no information about threats to the US Embassy," he said a day after a bomb scare disrupted the operation of the US Embassy.

MNA/Xinhua

British blame ground fire for Iraq crash

LONDON, 9 Dec— Ground fire caused a military transport jet to crash in Iraq in January, killing 10 servicemen in Britain's largest single loss of life in the war, a top British official said on Thursday.

Defence Secretary John Reid told the House of Commons that investigators determined that hostile fire was the most likely cause of the crash of the C-130 Hercules north of Baghdad on 30 January. He declined to reveal what type of weapon was used.

A board of inquiry determined that low-level daylight flying made the aircraft vulnerable to ground-to-air fire. Investigators also reported that the wing which was hit lacked a fuel tank

safety system. "The board of inquiry has concluded that the aircraft crashed because it became uncontrollable after hostile ground-to-air fire caused the outboard right-hand wing to explode and separate from the aircraft," Reid said. "The crash was not survivable."

The crash happened about a half-hour after polls closed in landmark Iraq elections 30 January.

The plane reported a fire six minutes after taking off from Baghdad on a flight to a US air base

at Baladabout, and was reported missing 25 minutes afterward. US helicopters found the wreckage 20 minutes later. An interim inquiry report in March ruled out a number of possible causes, including sabotage.—Internet

Seven Pakistani quake survivors die in tent fire

MUZAFFARABAD (Pakistan), 8 Dec — Fire engulfed a tent in which Pakistani earthquake survivors were sleeping, killing seven members of the same family including four children, police said on Wednesday. The cause of the blaze on Tuesday night in Banser village in

North-West Frontier Province was believed to have been a candle or an electrical short circuit, said police official Mohammad Nadeem.—MNA/Reuters

13,500 people displaced by floods in Philippines

MANILA, 8 Dec— More than 13,500 people have

been displaced by floods triggered by heavy rains in low-lying areas in the northeastern Philippines, the Office of Civil Defence (OCD) said Wednesday. The most severely hit site was Lucena City in Quezon Province some 130 kilometres south of Manila where 12,600 people were forced to flee to evacuation centers, the OCD said.

In Candelaria Town also in Quezon Province, rising flood waters have displaced more than 100 people, the report said.

Floods also hit Victoria Capalonga Town in Camarines Norte Province in southern Philippines, where 188 people were forced to evacuate, said OCD.

MNA/Xinhua

Gunmen attack Iraqi hospital, killing three police officers

BAGHDAD, 8 Dec— Three police officers were killed on Wednesday when gunmen broke into a hospital in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, police said.

The gunmen were attempting to free an injured man who had been arrested for plotting to murder a judge in the trial of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

The attack occurred at Al-Jumhuriya Hospital in Kirkuk, 290 kilometres north of Baghdad. Six police officers were also injured in the attack.—MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi policemen walk past a bus destroyed by a suicide bomb attack in Baghdad on 8 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET



An elderly earthquake survivor makes a food in a camp near the earthquake-devastated city of Muzaffarabad in Pakistan-administered Kashmir early on 9 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

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China supports ASEAN's leading role in East Asia cooperation

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Dec— China supports the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) to remain the driving force behind the efforts to promote cooperation among East Asian countries, a senior Chinese diplomat said here on Wednesday.

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wu Dawei, who heads the Chinese delegation to the Senior Official's Meeting for the 11th ASEAN Summit and related summits, made the remarks while meeting with Malaysian Foreign Ministry Secretary-Gen-

eral Ahmad Fuzi Abdul Razak. He stressed that is a stance China has always been upholding.

Wu exchanged views with Razak over the preparatory work for the ASEAN Summit and the inaugural East Asia Summit, and expressed appre-

ciation over Malaysia's efforts for the events.

The Related Summits that are to be held include the 9th ASEAN + 3 Summit, 9th ASEAN + China Summit, 9th ASEAN + Japan Summit, 9th ASEAN + Republic of Korea Summit, 4th ASEAN + India Summit, and the first ASEAN + Russia Summit.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN senior economic officials finalize single window document

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Dec— ASEAN senior economic officials concluded their meeting here on Wednesday and finalized several documents including one on the establishment and implementation of a Customs facilitating initiative.

The documents will be signed by the 10-member bloc's economic ministers at the upcoming 11th ASEAN Summit slated for 12 December.

The initiative, called the ASEAN Single Window (ASW), is the single most important Customs initiative that will ensure expeditious clearance of goods and reduce the cost of doing business in ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations), which groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The ASW, whose draft model had been completed at the ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting last October in Vientiane,

Laos, will facilitate the speedy clearance of imports through electronic processing of trade documents at national and regional levels.

A pilot implementation of the initiative was targeted by the end of this year for Thailand and the

Philippines, and full implementation by 2008, at the latest, for ASEAN-6 (Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Brunei) and by 2012 for Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai Foreign Ministry redenes allegations of secret CIA prison

BANGKOK, 8 Dec — Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Wednesday denied an American media report that the US Central Intelligence Agency had set up secret CIA prisons in Thailand.

The ministry issued a statement in response to the ABC News report, carried on its website on Tuesday, which cited current and former American CIA agents. Similar

allegations first appeared in the *Washington Post* last month.

ABC News' cited-sources said the CIA secret prison system in Thailand and two East European countries was set with the capture of Osama bin Laden's lieutenant Abu Zabaydah in Pakistan.

The report said Zabaydah was first held in Thailand in an unused warehouse on an active airbase.

The United States has neither confirmed nor denied the existence of the secret prisons.

In its statement, the Foreign Ministry denied the ABC report as well as similar report carried by the *Washington Post* on 2 November.

MNA/Xinhua

UN official criticizes US for eroding ban on torture

UNITED NATIONS, 8 Dec— Louise Arbour, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, on Wednesday implicitly criticized the United States for violating the global ban on torture.

Arbour told reporters at UN Headquarters in New York that the absolute ban on torture is becoming a casualty of the so-called "war on terror" through loosened legal definition, secret detention, hand-over of prisoners without ad-

equate safeguards and other practices.

"Pursuing security objectives at all costs may create a world in which we are neither safe nor free," she said with aim at the United States.

Briefing reporters in the run-up to Saturday's Human Rights Day, which this year is highlighting the theme of torture, Arbour singled out two practices as having a particularly corrosive effect, including the recourse to so-called "diplomatic assurances" and the holding of prisoners in secret detention.

"The former may make countries complicit with torture carried out by others, while the latter creates the conditions for torture by one's own," she noted, obviously referring to the United States.

Holding people in secret detention amounts to disappearance which itself amounts to torture or ill-treatment, she said, adding that prolonged incommunicado detention

or detention in secret places facilitates the perpetration of torture.

Arbour stressed that the international ban on torture prohibits transferring persons, no matter what their crime or suspected activity, to a place where they might face torture or other ill-treatment.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam faces ailing tourism manpower

HANOI, 8 Dec — Human resources of Vietnam's tourism industry are weak in terms of foreign languages and professional skills, local newspaper Youth reported on Wednesday.

Among 234,000 direct employees in the industry, over 60 per cent have undergone full professional training, and among nearly 8,000 tourist guides, less than 70 per cent have been granted professional cards which ensure their tourism-related qualifications.

Among 700 lecturers working at local universities having tourism faculties, only 4 per cent have good command of two foreign languages, and 22 per cent one foreign language, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq captors say US hostage killed

BAGHDAD, 8 Dec—An Iraqi rebel group has said in an internet posting that it killed a kidnapped US security consultant.

The claim's authenticity could not be immediately verified.

The Islamic Army in Iraq on Thursday said it had killed "the American security consultant for the Housing Ministry," after the United States failed to respond to its demand of the release of Iraqi prisoners.

A video issued by the group was aired on Tuesday on the Aljazeera Arabic satellite channel showing the hostage - identified as Ronald Schulz, 40, an industrial electrician from Alaska — sitting with his hands tied behind his back.

Thursday's statement, posted on an Islamic rebel Web forum, did not name the hostage and provided no evidence he had been killed, but said pictures of the slaying would be released later.

Internet



US soldiers search an Iraqi man as they patrol Sadr City, eastern Baghdad, on 7 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET



Aerial view of the Central Stadium in the eastern German city of Leipzig. The stadium has a total seating capacity of 38,898 and is hosting five matches of the Soccer World Cup 2006 in Germany.—INTERNET

ASEAN-China Senior Official's Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Dec— Senior officials from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China held a meeting here Wednesday and both sides expressed satisfaction over the positive development of ASEAN-China relations, a high-ranking Chinese official said.

Cui Tiankai, director-general of the Asian affairs department under the Chinese Foreign Ministry, told *Xinhua* that the ASEAN-China Senior Official's Meeting focused on the preparation of the 9th ASEAN-China summit scheduled to be held here on 12 December. With the joint efforts, Cui said, both sides believe the forthcoming

summit will achieve fruitful results and further enhance ASEAN-China strategic partnership for peace and prosperity.

In a related development, the preparatory Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM) was also held here Wednesday. The SEOM finalized the documents to be signed by the ASEAN Economic Ministers as follows: The Mutual Recognition Arrangements on Engineering Services, Agreement

on the ASEAN Harmonized Electrical and Electronic regulatory Regime, and Agreement on ASEAN Single Window.

The meeting also discussed a report to be presented to the economic ministers on the current status of the Free Trade Agreement with ASEAN Dialogue partners, namely South Korea, India and Japan and on the mechanism to enhance ASEAN+3 linkages.

MNA/Xinhua

US Air Marshals kill passenger over bomb threat

MIAMI, 9 Dec — US Air Marshals on Wednesday shot and killed an American Airlines passenger who claimed to be carrying a bomb in his backpack and ran off a plane at Miami International Airport after being confronted.

Federal officials said the 44-year-old American made threats and indicated he had a bomb in his bag as he was boarding a flight to Orlando in central Florida.

It was the first time an airplane passenger was shot by Air Marshals since the US Marshals programme was beefed up after the 11 September, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington. Witnesses said the man might have been mentally ill.

The man, who arrived in Miami from Quito, Ecuador, was identified as Florida resident Rigoberto Alpizar.

Authorities said he was challenged by two Air Marshals on board the Orlando-bound plane, and shot on the passenger gangway after running off the aircraft. He ignored demands to put his bag on the ground and instead reached into it, a Department of Homeland Security spokesman said.

"Shots were fired as the team attempted to subdue the subject," the spokesman said.

The shooting triggered a scramble by Air Marshals to guard airports across the United States against possible attacks.

But Jim Bauer, special agent in charge of the Federal Air Marshals' Miami office, said investigators found no immediate evidence of a link to terrorism and no sign of a bomb.

A woman who said she was a witness told NBC

television's Miami affiliate, WTVJ, that the man's wife had screamed "my husband, my husband", and said he had bipolar disorder and needed medication.

"Her husband ran through the aisle frantically. She ran after him and all of a sudden there were four or five shots," passenger Mary Gardner told the station by telephone.

Federal officials said they could not comment on the allegation that the suspect might have been mentally ill.

MNA/Reuters

Two killed, five injured in traffic collision in Hefei

HEFEI, 8 Dec— Two people were killed and five others injured after a flatbed truck bumped into a limousine on Tuesday in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, local police said on Wednesday.

The accident took place at about 11:50 am Tuesday when the truck collided with the sedan at the crossroad of a crowded street in downtown Hefei.

Two men in the sedan died on the spot while the

two drivers and three passengers were wounded. Of the five injured, a woman is in critical condition and is undergoing brain treatment in a local hospital, doctors said.

Traffic police attributed the accident to possible overspeeding of both vehicles. Investigation into the cause of the traffic accident is still underway.

The truck still knocked down a roadside wire pole, causing blackout in an adjacent economic development zone, officials with the city's power supply department said.—MNA/Xinhua

China's mine blast kills 74

TANGSHAN (China), 9 Dec — A gas explosion at a Chinese coal pit has killed at least 74 miners, state media said on Thursday, the latest in a grimly predictable series of statistics to emerge from the world's deadliest mining industry.

Thirty-two were still missing in freezing temperatures at the Liuguantun colliery in Tangshan, 108 miles east of Beijing in Hebei province, after Wednesday's blast.

Xinhua news agency said initially that 186 miners had been working in the pit at the time but later revised the figure to 106. The State Administration of Work Safety put the number in the pit at 123.

Police struggled to hold back hundreds of relatives crowding around the mine's entrance hoping for information. But with high gas levels inside the shaft, rescue efforts were going slowly.

Families of the dead would each be compen-

sated 200,000 yuan (\$24,770), state television said.

China has been struggling to clean up its mining industry, which

killed 2,700 people in the first half of 2005 alone, but a string of accidents in recent weeks has made a mockery of safety campaigns. — MNA/Reuters

Thailand to produce its own version of anti-bird flu drug

BANGKOK, 8 Dec— Thailand's Government Pharmaceutical Organization (GPO) can successfully produce its own version of anti-bird flu capsules with imported raw materials, according to the Minister of Public Health.

Speaking after a meeting of senior officials on the drug production and establishment of an anti-bird flu vaccine plant, Public Health Minister Pinij Jarusombath said it is good news that the Government Pharmaceutical Organization could make Oseltamivir — the primary anti-bird flu treatment — with a quality equivalent to the original drug.

Made of the same ingredients, Oseltamivir manufactured in Thailand is 50 per cent cheaper than imported Oseltamivir, the generic name of Tamiflu.—MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers patrol Sadr City in eastern Baghdad, on 8 Dec, 2005.

INTERNET

Information Minister expresses gratitude to doyen literati, calls for guarding against the incitement of foreign media

YANGON, 9 Dec — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan praised the doyen literati for their performance in the service of the nation and the people in the history of Myanmar at a ceremony to mark Myanmar Sarsodaw Day for 1367 ME this morning.

The ceremony organized by the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held in conjunction with a ceremony to pay respects to the doyen literati this morning at the City Hall

here. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that efforts of the doyen literati not only serve in the interests of the country but also make valuable contributions towards the development of culture and improvement of knowledge of the people. Therefore, the State owed the literati a great deal of gratitude.

The Sarsodaw Day falls on the first waxing day of Naddaw. It is only Myanmar in the world that observes the



Those present at the ceremony to pay respects to the doyen literati.

MNA

Sarsodaw Day to honour the literati and to pay respects to doyen literati

like other countries, Myanmar's press scrutinizing policy bans the

publishing that is not in the public interest, he said.

Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein and officials presented cash and kind to doyen literati.

He also called on the literati to make the best use of a pen to guard against the incitement of foreign media in this Information Technology Age. In conclusion, he thanked officials of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, publishers and well-wishers.

At the respect paying ceremony, 92 out of 102 doyen literati, attended the ceremony and others will be paid respects at their homes. Supreme Court Justice Dr Tin Aung Aye, departmental officials, journalists, writers and wellwishers also attended in the respect paying ceremony.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-

MNA



A ceremony to pay respects to the doyen literati in progress. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents gift to a doyen literati.

NLM

every year, he added.

It is Myanmar's culture that does not copy other styles of culture, he said.

Regarding the press freedom in Myanmar, the minister said that nowadays, the publishing policy is made in the hope of publishing journals and magazines available to the public.

A total of 990 publishing permits including 157 journal publishing permits and 231 magazine publishing permits have been issued.

Press Scrutiny Board scrutinized over 1,700 novels in 1988 and the number scrutinized in 2004-2005 reached 10,433.

Therefore, it was totally fabricated by saying that there is no freedom of press in Myanmar. Every country shall not permit publishing that is against the public interest.

There is the freedom of press in Myanmar, but



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presents gift to a doyen literati.

MNA



Deputy Minister U Thein Sein presents gift to a doyen literati.

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Forestry sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of forestry in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Increased forest plantations

The three main economic sectors of the State— the agriculture sector, the meat and fish sector and the forestry sector— not only fulfil the food, clothing and shelter needs of the people but also contribute much towards national development.

The Tatmadaw government, since its assumption of the State's duties, has paid serious attention to fulfilling the food, clothing and shelter needs of the people which is the third duty out of the four main duties it has been discharging.

In an effort for the development of the forestry sector, the tasks for extended growing of trees which can attract markets have been successfully carried out, and these tasks are conducive to people as well as environment conservation.

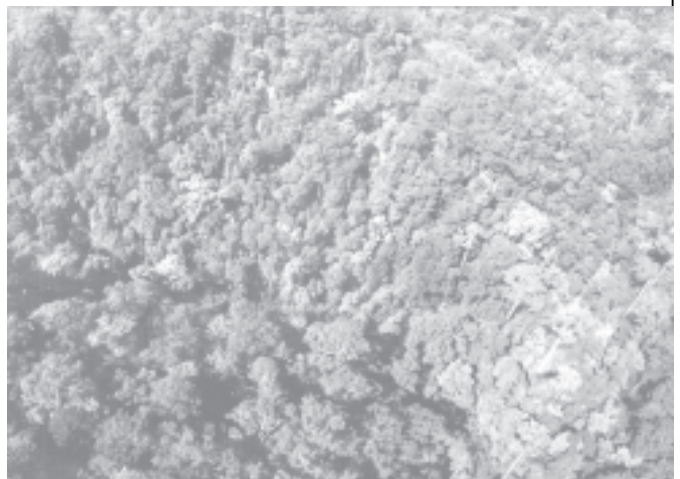
As Myanmar's forestry policy contributes to national economic development, stability of natural environment and balance of ecology, it wins support of United Nations Conference on Natural Environment and Development.

In translating the State's objectives into action, efforts are being made for development of the forestry sector by conserving forests for its perpetuity, fulfilling basic needs of the people, enhancing work efficiency, encouraging people's participation.

Nowadays, with the assistance of the State and public participation, reserved forests have been established, protected public forest conserved, natural area extended, forest plantations nurtured and trees planted as public activities. As a result, Myanmar becomes green and lush and forest areas have increased year after year.

The table shows increase in growing trees and forest plantations in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

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Thriving dense forests seen in Bago mountain range as development of forest resources in Myanmar.

Increase in growing trees and forest plantations

Subject	1988	2005	progress
Reserved forest (square mile)	38839	46889	8050
Protected public forest (square mile)	-	12540	12540
Natural area (square mile)	2073.93	12433.26	10359.33
Setting up of forest (acre)	79115	1301458	1222343
- teak special plantation (acre)	-	140000	140000
- acres of commercial plantation	42083	493125	451042
- acres of village plantation	16630	286854	270224
- acres of industrial plantation	13690	126095	112405
- acres of watershed plantation	6712	255384	248672
Acres of Thitseint plantation	-	19250	19250
Tree planting through community movement (million)	4.51	210.25	205.74

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects regional...

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party proceeded to Hsipaw Township and visited ancient Bawkyo Muhtaw Pagoda in Bawkyo village in the township where Chairman of Kyaukse District PDC Lt-Col Soe Win and the pagoda board of trustees welcomed them in the evening.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win then offered flowers, light and joss sticks to the pagoda, paid obeisance to the images in the pagoda and signed the visitors' book.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win also donated cash for renovation tasks to the pagoda.

When Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party arrived at Yantaing Aung Sutaungpyi Pagoda at the entrance of Lashio Township at 5 pm that day, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint and officials welcomed them.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win paid homage to Paddanmya Myatshin Buddha image in the precinct of the pagoda.

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint reported on construction of the pagoda, which would be a replica of the Shwedagon Pagoda to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win then attended to the needs and paid homage to Seinbudaw of the pagoda.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected the construction of the pagoda as well and left there.

On inspection tour of Lashio in Shan State (North), Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party continued to Mongyai on 7 December.

At the hall of the battalion near Saikkhaung village in Mongyai, they met with military officers and Tatmadawmen and called them on regional development and poultry-rearing. Lt-Gen Kyaw

Win also provided clothes and foods for them.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party then met with military officers, Tatmadawmen and their families of Mongyai Station at Thura Zaw Min hall of the station and urged them to cooperate with the local people in regional developments. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented foods and clothes to them.

At the briefing hall of Kaukwei Creek dam project, Deputy Director (Civil) U Kyaw Win of Shan State Irrigation Department reported tasks on monsoon and summer paddy, water-supply for the people in Lashio, food sufficiency for the region, dissemination of agricultural methods and facts on Namswum Creek dam project to be built near Monyin village in Namatu Township and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win left instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected the construction of the dam with the help of machinery and presented the officials of the project to gifts.



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win releases fingerlings into Humon lake. — MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win also looked into construction of the spill way of Kaukwei Creek dam and attended to the needs. Over completion, it supply the water to neighbouring villages and can generate 100 kilowatts of electric power.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party and local people then put a variety of fishes into Humon lake. They also inspected rubber plantation of Sein Wutt Hmon Co Ltd.

At the briefing hall,

Lt-Col Kyaw Shwe, secretary of Shan State (North) PDC, reported on growing of 12,997 rubber acres in the year of 2005-2006 in the five districts and Wa region and extension of growing rubber. Managing Director U Maung Myint of the Company and Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing gave supplementary reports.

Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave necessary instructions and observed raw materials. They also inspected

40,000 rubber plants to be grown by Sein Wutt Hmon Co Ltd.

On arrival at vegetable plantation of North East Command, Lt-Col Myo Chit of the command reported on the plantations to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, who attended to the needs.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win also oversaw sunflower, pineapple and orange plantations of the command. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party spent the night in Lashio. *MNA*



U Maung Gyi of Union Pa-O National Organization addresses meeting of delegate group of Representatives-elect. —MNA

National Convention delegate groups' meetings continue...

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Development Party, U Maung Pein (a) U Khin Maung Thein of Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization, U Mann Tin Maung (a) U Mann Myo Nyunt of Union Kayin League and U Khun Sein Win of Union Pa-O National Organization.

After the concluding remarks had been made by the alternate chairman the meeting adjourned at 10.32 am.

The delegate group of representatives-elect held its meeting at the

hall-2 at 9 am today.

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

Panel of Chairmen's compilation as to the proposals of delegates group of representatives-elect 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 Yaw Aye Hla of Lahu National Development Party, independent representative U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township Constituency-2 and independent representative U Thein Kyi of Taungwingyi Township Constituency-1.

After the concluding remarks of the alternate chairman, the meeting adjourned at 9.30 am.

The delegate group of national races held its meeting at Pyidaungsu hall at 9 am today. Dur-

ing the meeting, U Mya Sein of Mandalay Division was an alternate chairman and U Kyaw Din (a) U Htay Rei of Kayah State, Duwa Zoat Daung of Shan State (North), U Mann Ohn Maung of Kayin State and U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Taninthayi Division, members of panel of chairmen while Deputy Director U Than Tun of the working group-5 under the National Convention acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Tin Maung Oo, co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the

start of the meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman as 640 out of 645 delegates were present, accounting for 96.22 per cent.

Next, U Mya Sein of Mandalay Division delivered a speech at the meeting.

U Mann Ohn Maung of Kayin State read out Panel of Chairmen's compilation as to the proposals of delegates group of national races 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.

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U Tun Yin Law of National Unity Party makes a speech at the meeting of delegate group of Political Parties.— MNA

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After the concluding remarks of the alternate chairman, the meeting adjourned at 9.30 am.

The delegates group of peasants held its meeting at the meeting hall-4 at 8.30 am today.

During the meeting, U Saing Tint Aung of Shan State (North) was an alternate chairman and U Kan Nyunt of Sagaing Division and U Tin Maung Kyaw of Magway Division, members of panel of chairmen, Deputy Director U Myint Kyaing of the working group-6 under the National Convention acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director Daw Myint Sein, co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies

announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman as 92 out of 93 delegates were present, accounting for 98.92 per cent.

Next, U Saing Tint Aung of Shan State (North) made an opening speech on the occasion.

U Mya Aye of Yangon Division and U Kyi Tint of Ayeyawady Division read out Panel of Chairmen's compilation as to the proposals of delegates group of peasants 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.

After the concluding remarks of the alternate chairman, the meeting adjourned at 9.15 am.—MNA



Coordination meeting of panel of chairmen of delegates group of other invited persons in progress. — MNA

Coord meeting of panel of chairmen of delegate group of Other Invited Persons held

YANGON, 9 Dec — The Coordination meeting of the Panel of Chairmen of delegate group of other invited persons was held at the meeting hall-8 at 9 am today. It was attended by members of panel of chairmen Secretary of Myanmar History Commission U Tun Aung Chein, U Paw Laik Kham of Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Dr Manan Tu Ja of Kachin State Special Region-2, U Aung Kham Hti of Shan State (South) Special Region-6, delegates of other invited persons, Deputy Director of the working group-10 under the National Convention U Aung Kyi and Assistant Director U

Win Myint.

Member of panel of chairmen U Tun Aung Chein made an opening address at the meeting.

They made discussions on panel of chairmen's compilation concerning the proposals of delegates of other invited persons regarding the detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of executive and judicial power to be included in the drawing of the State Constitution. The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by member of panel of chairmen U Tun Aung Chein. — MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa receives Chinese Ambassador



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa meets Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu.— MNA

YANGON, 9 Dec — Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu called on Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa at the ministry this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thauung, departmental officials and head of office. — MNA

Home Affairs Minister meets Chinese Ambassador

YANGON, 9 Dec — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu at the ministry this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Director-General U Aung Saw Win of Bureau of

Special Investigation, Deputy Director-General U Khin Maung Thein of General Administrative Department, Head of Department of Transnational Crime Police Col Sit Aye, Director U Than Oo of Prisons Department and Head of Office U Kyaw San.

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Winners of lucky draws of Meilin shampoo awarded

YANGON, 9 Dec — A prize presentation ceremony to award the winners of lucky draws of Meilin Shampoo distributed by Ta-Fa

Trading Co Ltd was held at Traders Hotel this morning. It was attended by departmental officials, journalists, lucky winners and guests.

Firstly, Production Director U Mein Thet extended greetings and presented awards to 17 shopkeepers, 22 sales agents and 17 customers. "Enjoy Shampoo" was introduced to guests at the occasion. Next, Manager U Tin Aye spoke words of thanks. A total of 150 consolation prizes will be taken out at No 61, Shwetaungdan Street in Lamadaw Township.

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Myanmar Hajis honoured

YANGON, 9 Dec — A ceremony to honour Hajis organized by Haji Selection Leading Committee of the Religious Affairs Department under the Ministry of Religious Affairs took place at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road this afternoon. Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung addressed the ceremony. It was also attended by departmental heads of the ministry, members of the leading committee, representatives of states and divisions and officials.

First, the minister delivered a speech and leader of Myanmar Hajis Association U Sai Yu Sein of Yangon Division spoke words of thanks. Next, U Nyi Nyi Tun, a member of the leading committee read out rules and regulations to be followed during Haji tour programmes.

Later, the minister presented a certificate of honour to Haji U Soe Than who gave help to 300 Myanmar Hajis for their free accommodation.

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Matriculation exam timetable announced

YANGON, 10 Dec — The Myanmar Board of Examinations under the Ministry of Education today announced the timetable for 2005-2006 Academic Year Matriculation Examination.

Date	Time	Subjects
1	2	3
14-3-2006 Tuesday	0900-1200	Myanmar
15-3-2006 Wednesday	0900-1200	English
16-3-2006 Thursday	0900-1200	Maths
17-3-2006 Friday	0900-1200	Chemistry
18-3-2006 Saturday	0900-1200	Physics
20-3-2006 Monday	0900-1200	} Biology/ History
21-3-2006 Tuesday	0900-1200	
22-3-2006 Wednesday	0900-1200	Economics
23-3-2006 Thursday	0900-1200	Myanmar (Optional)



Production Manager U Mein Thet extends greetings at prize presentation ceremony to award the winners of lucky draws of Meilin Shampoo.—MNA

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by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Among four proposals submitted by the delegate group of representatives-elect, political parties that include the delegate group of political parties discussed attitude and views of the representatives of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization. The respective delegates also made similar discussions.

Independent representative-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thangtlan Township Constituency of Chin State, Independent representative-elect U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency of Shan State, and Independent representative-elect U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency of Shan State (North) submitted that the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee clarified matters related to State service personnel at the Plenary Session of the National Convention on 8 March 2005. There is no suggestion to be added as the clarification of the Chairman of the Work Committee are reasonable.

Independent representatives-elect U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township Constituency-2, U Thein Kyi of Taungdingyi Township Constituency-1, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township Constituency-2, 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 discussed that the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee explained matters related to the State service personnel. In this regard, the State service personnel are to abide by five points clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee. The service personnel who are free from the party politics can run the government machinery with stability. Hence, the clarification of the NCC Work Committee is reasonable.

The delegate group of national races also made discussions that five points concerning the State service personnel clarified by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Similarly, the delegate group of peasants supported that five points regarding the State service personnel clarified by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Likewise, the delegate group of workers discussed clarification concerning five points made by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia submitted that matters related to the occupational guarantee for the State service personnel were not prescribed exactly in the Constitutions enacted after regaining independence of Myanmar. Hence, the delegate group supported that five points regarding occupational guarantee for service personnel clarified by the NCC Work Committee are appropriate.

The group submitted a separate suggestion that as matters related to appointment, promotion, retirement, enforcement of rules, and the taking of action against service personnel included existing law, by-law, rules and regulations and directives. Likewise, it should consider the above-mentioned points in drawing the law to be prescribed by the State in the future.

The group added one more suggestion that in the service personnel sector on page 56, the rights for explanation of any service personnel in the action to be taken due to a reason clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee include the existing law, by-law, rules and regulations, and directives. Similarly, these facts should be considered to enact the law in the future.

They gave another suggestion that appointment of new service personnel and transfer of them to the remote areas causes difficulties to the respective departments and enterprises. It is necessary to grant occupational security to the personnel who are discharging duties in the remote areas for many years and manage to assign duties to them in the limited period, but not for many years. When appointment, transfer and promotion of employees to regions or states will be performed, necessary assistance and rights are to be fixed for the service personnel, based on significant situations of the regions. These facts are included in the

existing law, by-law, rules and regulations and directives. Likewise, these facts should be considered in prescribing the law in the future.

Furthermore, the law granting occupational security for State service personnel to be able to discharge duties of the State and the citizens should be enacted.

In the existing law, by-law, rules and regulations and directives, any working citizen will have the opportunities to take health care services and to ensure sufficiency of food, clothing and shelter when he is injured in the worksite accident, and when he has retired from service. Therefore, the State should consider these facts in enacting the law in the future.

As regards the enough security and protection for the State service personnel the occupational security for the State service personnel who are discharging the duties at the worksites facing danger in which there may affect health, in the existing law, by-law, rules and regulations and instructions, they should be taken into consideration in enacting law in the future.

The maternal right to enjoy for the women in service is very important not only to benefit the health of mother but also the babies physically and mentally.

In some countries, with a view to turning out the new good generations for the country and health of mother, the maternal leave can be enjoyed up to one year after delivery according to law. Being a Myanmar desired for the increase of population, the increased population are needed to be intelligent generation. This is why, instead of 42 days before and after delivery, 42 days before delivery in the existing laws and 120 days after delivery should be in the law in the future.

Besides, as a result of increasing the number of the new generation with low intelligence quotient of the women in service, the care centres are needed to rehabilitate them during the duty of working hours. It can be found that the birth-rate of the intelligent families declines due to the troubles of worrying about their infants. I have heard that there are the customs of awarding the apartments to the service personnel giving birth in some countries. Thus, in the proposal of the delegate group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, it is expressed for taking consideration in prescribing law of western country to open the nurseries and pre-primary school at the departments where most women in service are discharging the duties.

The Delegate group of State Service Personal discussed the five points clarified by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee regarding the matters related to the occupational security for State service personnel that do not mention precisely in the post-independence Constitutions to adopt for laying down as the detailed basic principles concerning the occupational security and welfare.

Delegate group of other invited persons discussed that the study of Work Committee regarding the State Service Personnel is right to describe the true situation.

It could be found that there were discontentment among the service personnel because of no leadership to handle service personnel affairs conveniently in the periods of British Colony, Parliament Democracy, Revolutionary Council and Lanzin Party of Myanmar. Paying attention to practising the management authority, there was also disadvantage in productivity.

As regards the State service personnel, there are two parts: the State part and the service personnel part. The State is responsible to assist the service personnel with everything they deserve. And the service personnel, on their part, must be loyal to the State and the citizens, and carry out their responsibilities with full qualification. In carrying out their responsibilities, the service personnel should be honest and should uphold their moral.

It is therefore assumed that the Constitution should prescribe qualification and dutifulness, honesty, emergence of law-abiding employees capable of implementing the tasks, and occupational guarantees.

The National Convention held on 8 March, 2005 laid down the following basic principles concerning the judicial sectors:

(1) The judicial power of the State is distributed among the Supreme Court of the Union, region high courts, state high courts, and law courts of different levels including law courts of self-

ministered areas:

- (2) The Union is constituted one Supreme Court of the Union. The Supreme Court of the Union is the highest law court of the State;
- (3) The Supreme Court of the Union has powers to issue writs;
- (4) A region high court is constituted in each of the regions, and a state high court is constituted in each of the states; and
- (5) The following are stipulated as judicial principles:
 - independent administration of justice in accord with law;
 - administration of in public, except where restricted by law;
 - giving of right of defence and right of appeal by law in cases.

Moreover, the National Convention has laid down the following detailed basic principles for the formation of the judicial power that should be included in writing the Constitution as basic principles:

The judicial power of the State is distributed:

- (a) in accordance with the State Constitution or the other laws, among the Supreme Courts of the Union, High Courts of the Regions, High Courts of the States, Courts of the self-administered division, Courts of the self-administered zones, District Courts, Township Courts, and other courts constituted by the law and judges appointed in accord with law;
- (b) in accord with the State Constitution and by other laws among Courts Martial;
- (c) in accord with the State Constitution, to the Constitutional Tribunal.

In connection with the above-mentioned explanations, delegates will have to discuss and suggest whether or not the following detailed basic principles should be laid down:

I will now sort out the detailed basic principles that should be adopted in connection with the distribution of judicial power that shall be embodied in the writing of the Constitution based on the studies I have presented.

1. "(a) The Supreme Court of the Union shall have the exclusive original jurisdiction —
 - (1) in all matters arising under any treaty made by the Union;
 - (2) the disputes, other than the constitutional disputes, between the Union Government and region or state governments,
 - (3) the disputes, other than the constitutional disputes, among the regions, among the states, between regions and states and between Union territories and regions or states
 - (4) other matters prescribed by any laws
- (b) as the Supreme Court of the Union is the highest court of the State, it is also the final appellate court
- (c) as the judgement passed by the Supreme Court of the Union are final and conclusive, no right of appeal shall be permitted
- (d) The Supreme Court of the Union, subject to any provisions of this Constitution or any provisions of other law, shall have the appellate jurisdiction to decide on the judgments passed by the region or state high courts. The Supreme Court of the Union shall also have the appellate jurisdiction to inspect and decide on, according to the law, the judgments passed by other courts.
- (e) The Supreme Court of the Union shall have the jurisdiction of revision according to law."
2. "(a) The Supreme Court of the Union has the power to issue the following writs:
 - (1) Writ of habeas corpus
 - (2) Writ of mandamus
 - (3) Writ of prohibition
 - (4) Writ of quo warranto
 - (5) Writ of certiorari
- (b) The submission for issuance of writs shall be suspended in the areas where the state of emergency is declared."
3. "The courts of regions or states are vested with the following jurisdiction in accordance with law:
 - (1) adjudicating on original case

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- (2) adjudicating on appeal case
 - (3) adjudicating on revision case
 - (4) adjudicating on matters vested by any
4. "(a) With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township.
- (b) In case any area located in regions or states is designated to be a Union territory, the region or state high court concerned with regard to the judicial matter is the high court of the courts situated in the said Union territory."
5. "District courts, self-administered division courts and self-administered area courts have the jurisdiction with regard to original criminal cases, original civil cases, or appeal cases and revision cases, or the matters vested by any law."
6. "Township courts have the jurisdiction with regard to original criminal cases, original civil cases, or the matters vested by any law."
7. "The judges appointed in accordance with law are to take charge of the entire judicial affairs across the whole Union at the courts formed according to this Constitution or any of other laws."
8. "The Union Supreme Court shall submit judiciary budget to the Union government to express them in the Bill of the Annual Union Budget in accordance with the provisions embodied in this Constitution."
9. "The Chief Justice of the Union shall have the right to submit the important judiciary condition concerning the State or the public in writing to the session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, or to the session of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw on an occasional basis." — MNA

The Supreme Court of ...

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villages to save money and loss of working hours. Therefore, ways and means should be sought for addressing the cases that can be handled at village and ward.

Union Pa-O National Organization discussed that the classifications made by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee regarding sharing of judiciary powers included basic principles on jurisdiction, constitutions on jurisdiction, conditions of courts in existence from 1948 to 1962, conditions of pyithu councils at different levels and panel of judges from 1974 to 1988, present jurisdiction and others. The judicial centres are of utmost importance for each and every nation. The main duties of these centres are to manage executive matters fairly.

The Supreme Court of the Union, High Courts of the Regions and High Courts of the States, Courts of the self-administered division and Courts of the self-administered zones, District Courts, and Township Courts are the top of the judicial pillar and also the centres that safeguard the rights of the people. The judicial pillar needs to be upright and independent. If the acts of executive bodies at different levels go against the law, the Supreme Court and courts at different levels will have to take action against them in accordance with law. Hence, the points on sharing of judiciary powers should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization discussed that they have the opportunity to observe the classifications made by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee at the NC plenary meeting held on 8 March 2005.

In the clarifications, there are nine sections on sharing of judiciary powers and the classifications are proper and appropriate. Therefore, the points concerning sharing of judiciary powers should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Lahu National Development Party discussed that the clarifications made by the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee with regard to sharing of judiciary powers should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Union Kayin League discussed that as regards

judiciary powers of courts at different levels included in the judicial sector, there will be the Supreme Court of the Union, High Courts of the Regions and High Courts of the States, Courts of the self-administered division and Courts of the self-administered zones, District Courts, and Township Courts.

The points from 1 to 9 included in the clarifications of the NCC Work Committee Chairman concerning sharing of judiciary powers should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Kokang Democracy and Solidarity Party discussed that the findings of the Chairman of NCC Work Committee regarding sharing of judiciary powers vested in courts at different levels are in conformity with detailed basic principles and the State constitution to emerge.

The clarifications of the Chairman of NCC Work Committee also included the facts that jurisdiction on original case, appellate jurisdiction and the jurisdiction of revision should be vested in the Supreme Court of the Union as it is the highest one, and judiciary powers should be shared with High Courts of the Regions and High Courts of the States, Courts of the self-administered division and Courts of the self-administered zones, District Courts, and Township Courts.

Therefore, the points included in the clarifications of the NCC Work Committee Chairman concerning sharing of judiciary powers should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Wa National Development Party suggested that it is important that crimes and punishments should be decided correctly in judicial affairs. All people have equal rights before the law. There must not be anyone who is above the law. They also must be protected by the law.

As for the division of judicial power clarified by the Work Committee, adopted detailed basic principles were based on and adapted from the 1947 State Constitution and 1974 Constitutions and other countries' constitutions. They will be also consistent with the future situation of our country. Therefore, this nine-point principles relate to the prevailing conditions of the nation are proper to adopt. Among the eight delegate groups, the delegate group of representatives-elect submitted the four proposal papers. Regarding this, political parties from the delegate group of political parties discussed the attitudes of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization. And other respective delegates also discussed the same.

Independent representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thangtlan township constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Ywangan township constituency in Shan State and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsam township

constituency of Shan State (North) would clarify distribution of judicial powers to courts at various levels. According to already adopted detailed basic principles, Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw (The Supreme Court), Region Taya Hluttaw (Region High Court), State Taya Hluttaw (State High Court), law courts of different levels including districts and townships and self-administered areas will be formed in the nation. The Chairman of the NCC Work Committee clarified the distribution of judicial powers to courts at various levels in detail at the plenary session of the National Convention on 8-3-2005. The delegates supported the Chairman's clarifications as they were hearty and fine principles.

Independent representatives-elect U Tin Win of Kyaiklat township constituency-2, U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi township constituency-1, U Hla Soe of Minbu township constituency-2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay township constituency-2, U Kyi Win of Mingaladon township constituency-1 and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon township constituency-2 said the Chairman of the Work Committee made clarifications concerning the division of judicial power. And they supported the nine-point detailed basic principles as they are appropriate.

In addition, the delegate group of national races, delegate group of peasants, delegate group of workers, delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegate group of State service personnel unanimously seconded the nine-point detailed basic principles clarified by the Chairman of the Work Committee.

The group of other invited persons also said the points in the division of judicial power are consistent with already laid down basic principles; they help realize the six objectives of the National Convention; they are consistent with the distribution of judicial powers included in the constitutions of global countries; and they are appropriate in deciding fair and healthy judicial affairs. That is why they seconded the nine-point judicial power distribution clarified by the Chairman.

Regarding detailed basic principles to be laid down for the division of executive and judicial powers clarified by the Work Committee Chairman, findings of panel of alternate chairmen concerning the proposals of the delegate groups and delegate group of political parties have been submitted to the plenary session. Assessing the proposal papers, it is found that the detailed basic principles clarified by the Chairman are appropriate to be adopted and they are fully supported by the delegate groups. Moreover, it is found that some delegates made some suggestions regarding the matter. — MNA

Survey of ancient city and artifacts conducted in Myaungmya



Artifacts including ancient Mon stone inscription (AD 16th Century). — CULTURE

YANGON, 9 Dec — Under the arrangements of Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Director-General U Kyaw Win of Archaeology Department and party arrived Myaungmya on 2 December to conduct survey of archaeological tasks.

Chairman of Myaungmya District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyi Htut Win and officials explained cultural heritage buildings in the ancient Myaungmya city and preservation tasks.

On 2 December, Director-General U Kyaw Win and party performed some religious edifices, the site of

royal palace, the walls, the moat and ancient glaze kilns built in Bagan, Inwa and Hanthawady periods, and chose the sites for carrying out excavation tasks.

On 3 December, the talks on preservation of cultural heritage was held at the Dhammayon in the ancient city of Myaungmya. After the talks, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Naninda of Shwesikhon Monastery handed over seven items of artifacts including a part of Mon stone script made in 16 Century AD and rare glazewares to the Director-General of Archaeology Department.

According to the records of the local researchers, there are 499 pagodas built in the period of King Alaungsithu from 1113-1167 AD. Of them, 278 pagodas had been unearthed. Some bricks made in Pyu period and votive tablets and religious edifices of Bagan period, the part of laterite walls and other items of cultural heritage were found. At present, the Archaeology Department plans to systematically preserve the cultural heritage in ancient city of Myaungmya.

The Minister for Culture sent a preliminary survey team led by Deputy Director U Min Wai (Research & Training) of Archaeology Department to ancient Myaungmya city on 22 April 2005.

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Vietnam to gain bigger export earnings this year

HANOI, 8 Dec— Vietnam is expected to reap export revenues of three billion US dollars in December, raising this year's total to 32.1 billion dollars, up from 26.5 billion dollars last year.

The expected hike is mainly due to increasing prices of many exports, including coffee, rice and seafood, and higher demand of China for such local products as rubber, coal and seafood, the Information Centre under Vietnam's Trade Ministry said Monday.

In the first four days of this month alone, Chinese enterprises ordered 5,000 tons of seafood,

3,000 tons of fragrant and sticky rice, and 100,000 tons of powder coal from Vietnam, the centre noted.

Vietnam earned 29.1 billion dollars from supplying its goods to the world market in the first 11 months of this year, posting a year-on-year surge of 21.5 per cent, according to the country's General Statistics Office.

During the period, the United States was the big-

gest importer of Vietnamese products, with turnovers reaching 4.8 billion dollars, followed by the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nations with 4.4 billion dollars, the European Union with 4.3 billion dollars, Japan with 3.5 billion dollars, and China with 2.3 billion dollars.

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Microsoft fined \$32m in S Korea

SEOUL, 8 Dec— South Korean antitrust regulator delivered its ruling Wednesday against Microsoft Corp, demanding 33 billion won (32 million US dollars) in fines for Microsoft's violations of fair trade rules and separation of the company's MSN instant messenger as well as Media Server programmes from its personal computer operating system Windows.

The South Korean Fair Trade Commission (FTC) announced its ruling at a Press conference held on Wednesday, after its four-year investigation over Microsoft, the world's biggest software producer.

The "corrective measure" will last over the next 10 years and the FTC will monitor Microsoft to see whether the US-based multinational company implements the ruling to separate the bundling pro-

gramme from Windows, said a statement of the FTC released at the Press conference.

"Microsoft's practice of bundling programmes into Windows have hurt consumers' interest by limiting fair market competition," said FTC Chairman Kang Chul-kyu at the Press briefing.

The FTC started investigation on Microsoft in September 2001, when a local Internet portal Daum

Communications Corp. lodged a complaint with the commission over Microsoft's bundling of its instant messenger software with some versions of its dominant Windows operating system.

Daum offers its own chatting software—Daum Messenger—in local market. Daum claimed Microsoft's bundling sale of MSN Messenger, one of the most popular instant messenger software in the world, in South Korean market has hurt its business in such field.

The FTC's investigation was widened after US software company RealNetworks Inc filed a complaint with the commission in November 2004, condemning Microsoft for tying its audio and video software with Windows, allowing the company to have an unfair advantage over rival music and video software companies.

Both Daum and RealNetworks filed suits against Microsoft to local

courts, accusing its violation of trade fair rules in South Korea. However, the FTC's ruling came about one month after Microsoft, Daum and RealNetworks reached out-of-court settlements over the antitrust dispute. Microsoft agreed to give a total of 30 million dollars to Daum, and 761 million dollars to RealNetworks.

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Ford to cut 30,000 jobs

WASHINGTON, 8 Dec— Ford Motor Co, the second largest auto maker in the United States, is preparing to cut as many as 30,000 jobs and close 10 plants as part of a broad restructuring plan, the Detroit News reported on Wednesday.

The newspaper, citing unnamed sources, said the measure aims to restore profitability of the company, whose market share is declining.

Ford reported a pretax loss of 1.2 billion US dollar in its North American automotive operations in the third quarter.

Last week, the *Wall Street Journal* reported the automaker was preparing to close five plants and slash 7,500 workers.

Ford had a total of 122,877 North American employees at the end of last year and 324,000 employees worldwide.

The automaker has already cut 2,750 workers this year and outlined plans for slashing another 4,000 workers in the first quarter of 2006. Ford has 23 assembly plants in North America, but is only using around 86 per cent of the capacity as compared with 107 per cent of its major rival Toyota Motor Corp.

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China aims to introduce general assembly line from Airbus

BELING, 8 Dec— China, the fastest growing aviation market in the world, has reportedly signed a memorandum of understanding with European aircraft maker Airbus on importing a general assembly line, the *Economic Information Daily* reported on Tuesday.

The memo, signed by China's National Development and Reform Commission and Airbus, talked about a feasibility study on building a general assembly line for Airbus single-aisle planes in China.

This will be the highest-level cooperation between China and Airbus in the history of Chinese aviation industry, the report said. China and France signed on Monday 16 cooperation agreements concerning various sectors during Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's ongoing visit to France.

The biggest deal was a framework agreement on the Chinese purchase of 150 aircraft from Airbus' A320 family of single-aisle planes, signed by Airbus' chief executive, Gustav Humbert and Li Hai, president of the China Aviation Supplies Import

and Export Group.

Airbus is seeking to topple US rival Boeing's dominance of the Chinese civil aviation sector by clawing its way up to a 50-per-cent market share.

Boeing last month notched up firm orders for 70 of its mid-range planes, the 737s, and options for

another 80 during a visit to China by US President George W Bush.

China said it would be buying between 1,800 and 2,700 planes from the two companies, which are the world's leading commercial airline manufacturers, over the next two decades.

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Chinese auto brand debuts in Italian Motor Show

SHIJIAZHUANG, 8 Dec—Great Wall Motor, a leading pickup truck maker in China, will debut at the 30th Motor Show Bologna in Italy, making it the first Chinese auto company to participate in this international motor show.

During the eight-day exhibition, six Great Wall Company model autos will be displayed, including the state-of-art Hover CUV and the double cabin pickup DEER. Its exhibition floor covers more than 340 square metres.

"We hope to use the opportunity to showcase the image of Chinese carmakers and to promote our brand's international profile," an official with the company's international marketing department said.

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Thousands flee Vanuatu for fear of volcanic eruption

WELLINGTON, 8 Dec— Thousands of Vanuatu residents were evacuated from homes for fear of volcanic eruption, according to Wednesday's reports from this South Pacific islands nation.

Mount Manaro, on the island of Ambae, reportedly began spewing out ash and steam on 27 November and is said to be continually shaking.

There are fears that if Manaro will erupt it may also unleash a mud stream from a lake inside its crater.

According to the official website of the country, community leaders including chiefs on Ambae are currently enforcing the provincial disaster preparedness plan in the face of threats from

volcano.

The Natural Disaster Management Office (NDMO) said that the current situation of Manaro has reached Level 2, that indicates it is a danger to approach the vent of the volcano as it signals continuing eruption.

The police operation centre has been on 24 hours daily monitoring the situation since Friday.

Vanuatu is a chain of 83 islands, some with active volcanoes and most of which are inhabited.

MNA/Xinhua

Internet users base up by 54% in India

NEW DELHI, 9 Dec— Indians are increasingly becoming net savvy with the Internet users base registering a 54-per-cent growth, with 38.5 million people using the medium this year, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

According to a survey by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), more and more people are using the Internet. Against 25 million users in 2004, this year has

recorded 38.5 million users till November. Internet penetration has been facilitated by low rates for broadband connections, now available for 199 rupees. (four US dollars)

per month, and introduction of affordable PCs priced at 10,000 rupees (216 US dollars), which enables the common man overcome the first obstacle of accessing the net.—MNA/Xinhua

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NASA seeks private replacements for shuttle trips

CAPE CANAVERAL, 8 Dec— With the space shuttles due to retire, NASA is looking for private companies interested in taking over the potentially lucrative business of flying cargo and crew to the International Space Station.

The US space agency issued a solicitation for proposals on Tuesday for firms interested in handling delivery services now provided by the three shuttles, which are due to stop flying by 2010.

“Certainly this is an opportunity for the new space companies,” said Jim Banke, head of Florida operations for The Space Foundation industry trade association. “They’ve been lobbying NASA hard for something like this for years.”

NASA hopes to supplement, and eventually replace, crew and cargo flights to the space station that had been planned for the shuttle fleet. The agency also may have to pare down the number of shuttle flights to the station even before they retire to pay for development of a new spacecraft.

In addition to flying to the station if no commercial providers are available, the

new NASA ships are being designed to carry astronauts to the moon.

“We’re reexcited about this opportunity,” said Larry Williams, who handles international and government affairs for California-based Space Exploration Technologies, or SpaceX, which plans its debut rocket launch this month.

SpaceX was founded and funded by Internet

entrepreneur Elon Musk, who sold his online payment services firm PayPal to eBay for 1.5 billion US dollars.

Musk is developing a series of launchers, called the Falcon, which, if successful, could significantly undercut the price routinely paid to aerospace giants Lockheed Martin Corp and Boeing Co, to send payloads into orbit.

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A bus passes a billboard for the Miss World finals in downtown Sanya on China's Hainan Island, on 9 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

Ness Display opens “OLED” plant in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 8 Dec— Ness Display, a South Korea-based manufacturer and developer of Organic Light Emitting Diode (OLED) technology, opened a new plant in Singapore on Wednesday.

The new facility of an investment of 100 million Singapore dollars (about 60 million US dollars) is not only Ness Display’s first manufacturing plant outside South Korea, but also Singapore’s first OLED factory.

Currently, the plant produces high quality one-inch OLED display panels used in mobile phones and MP3 players, which will be exported to countries in the Asia Pacific Region including China and Japan. It will start producing 1.5-inch and 1.8-inch OLED display panels from next year.

Kim Myung Jin, Chief Executive Officer of the new plant, was quoted as saying that OLED will become the next generation of flat panel display for most consumer electronic

appliances due to its cost advantages and enhanced capabilities.

It is expected that the new facility will help reinforce Ness Display’s leading position in OLED technology and meet the demand for high quality OLED panels and modules worldwide, especially in East Asia.

Singapore identified OLED as a “potentially disruptive technology” five years ago, according to Lim Hng Kiang, Minister for Trade and Industry, who officiated at the opening ceremony.

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Uganda supports modernizing telecom in Africa

KAMPALA, 8 Dec— Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) on Wednesday expressed its strong support to various African regional initiatives aimed at modernizing the telecommunications infrastructure.

The remarks was made by UCC Executive Director Engineer Patrick Masambu in a statement to mark this year’s Africa Telecommunications Day which falls on 7 December with the theme “Next Generation Networks (NGN): Challenges and Opportunities for Africa.”

Masambu said Uganda supports the Submarine Fibre Optics System for Eastern and Southern Africa (EASSY project), adding that this project aims to provide a backbone for Uganda’s ICT infrastructure. The UCC chief said Uganda has made significant progress in ICT services in the last

one year.

“There is network coverage of telecommunication service in all the districts of the country. The June 2005 figures for fixed telephone lines stood at 87,513, cellular phones 1,405,395 and pay phones 61,914,” he said.

Masambu pointed out that in line with achieving the Millennium Development Goals as set out by the United Nations in 2000, Uganda has gone a long way in ensuring sustainable national development through availability and access to reliable, cost effective, and affordable communications services largely delivered through an enabled private sector. —MNA/Xinhua

China donates medical facilities to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 8 Dec— A signing ceremony was held here on Wednesday regarding China’s donation of medical instruments and other facilities worth 60,000 dollars to Pakistan.

Present at the ceremony on behalf of their respective governments were Mao Siwei, China’s Charge D’affaires to Pakistan and Ahmed Jawad, Additional Secretary of Pakistan’s Economic Affairs Division.

The donation of the medical facilities was among the pledges made by the Chinese Government at the international donors’ conference held in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad on 19 November.

At the conference, China announced a concessional loan of 300 million US dollars to fund reconstruction and rehabilitation plans in earthquake-hit areas of Pakistan, including the repair of Karakoram Highway, the provision of health and educational facilities in Balakot of the North-West Frontier Province, and the establishment of a network

of seismic stations throughout Pakistan.

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A Bangladeshi woman stands beside her Volkswagen car during a rally in Dhaka on 9 Dec, 2005. Some 30 old 1960’s model Volkswagen cars began a 100 km (62 miles) journey on Friday on the sixth rally organised by the Volkswagen Club of Bangladesh. The organisers want to preserve these cars as antiques for the future generation as the model of these cars ceased production several years ago. —INTERNET

Charles, William and Harry face “Ant and Dec” probe

LONDON, 8 Dec— Prince Charles and his sons William and Harry will be interviewed together by Ant and Dec as part of a live TV show attended by a host of stars to celebrate 30 years of the charity set up by the heir to the throne.

The princes and Charles’s wife Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, will join the popular duo for the event next May to celebrate the work of the Prince’s Trust, ITV1 and the charity said on Wednesday. The interview by Ant McPartlin and Declan Donnelly, the presenters of TV shows such as “I’m A Celebrity ... Get Me Out Of Here!”, will be the first time all three princes have been quizzed together.

“We enjoyed interviewing the Prince of Wales four years ago and we’re thrilled to have the opportunity to interview him again, this time with William and Harry,” the pair said in a statement. “The Prince’s Trust 30th Live”, to be staged at the Tower of London, will include a concert which will feature “some of the biggest British and international stars” although the line-up has not been confirmed yet. —MNA/Reuters

SPORTS



USA's Lindsey Kildow, left, talks with Germany's Maria Reisch after a training run in Aspen, Colo, on 8 Dec, 2005. Morning temperatures at the mountain were about 15 degrees below zero. The women's World Cup super-G is scheduled for Friday. — INTERNET

Eriksson wary of Australia in World Cup draw

LISBON, 9 Dec — Sven-Goran Eriksson says England will have no fear of Brazil or Argentina at next year's World Cup but he does want to avoid Australia in Friday's draw.

Though he believes a seeded England are better-equipped to face the world's elite in 2006 than they were in 2002, Eriksson is bracing himself for a tricky draw in Leipzig.

"Holland, Australia and the United States would be the worst for us," the England coach told reporters.

"On paper, Holland are the best non-seeded team. Marco van Basten is building a new team and has been very successful with it."

Looking at the other pots from which England's group rivals will emerge, Eriksson said: "The United States and Australia desperately want to beat England in a big tournament.

That would be a big boost for their countries."

England's long-standing sporting rivalry with Australia has reached new heights in recent years with their cricketers' victory in the Ashes and their rugby triumph over Australia in the 2003 World Cup final. However, Eriksson has unhappy memories of their last meeting on a football pitch. England lost 3-1 in a sharply-contested friendly in February 2003 at Upton Park which he now regrets having organized.

"It was far away from a friendly match," he recalled. "They desperately wanted to beat us and they did."

Unaware of the intensity of the old rivalry, he

admitted: "I never knew. If I had known about it, I wouldn't have played Australia because it was not a friendly game at all."

Whatever the draw, if David Beckham's men make headway they are likely to face the big guns of South America.

Knocked out in 1998 by Argentina and in 2002 by eventual champions Brazil, England have now added the likes of Frank Lampard, Joe Cole and more importantly, 20-year-old sensation Wayne Rooney.

"The squad, the team is much, much stronger than it was three-and-a-half years ago," said Eriksson.

"I think we are technically much better and we are more experienced.

"We are one of four or five teams who can win it and we will have one week's more preparation, which I think will mean a lot to the squad."

The Swede also pointed to Lampard and fellow midfielder Steven Gerrard coming second and third behind Ronaldinho in last month's European Footballer of the Year award and highlighted England's 3-2 friendly win over Argentina last month as evidence of the team's increasing quality.

He dismissed any idea of England being frightened by the favourites or being susceptible to the kind of red cards shown this season to Rooney for Manchester United and Beckham for both Real

Agony for 57,000 Napoli crowd as Roma win 3-0

ROME, 9 Dec — A crowd of 57,000 were sent home disappointed when Third Division Napoli slid to a 3-0 defeat by AS Roma in the first leg of their last-16 tie in the Italian Cup on Thursday.

Roma's city rivals Lazio defeated Cittadella 2-0 while a late goal by 19-year-old striker Andrea Cocco earned Cagliari a 1-1 home draw with Sampdoria.

The second legs are scheduled for 11 January.

Napoli, Italian soccer's fallen giants, attracted a capacity crowd to their San Paolo Stadium for the afternoon match but the home team could not compete with a Roma side decimated by injury and suspension.

Twice Serie A champions Napoli started aggressively, Brazilian

striker Pia firing narrowly wide at the end of a solo run down the left.

Gradually Roma took control and went ahead in the 34th minute when Napoli keeper Gennaro Iezzo spilled Rodrigo Taddei's low cross into the path of midfielder Alberto Aquilani, who poked the ball in from close range.

Taddei also set up Roma's second goal, threading a neat pass through the defence for Shabani Nonda to hammer home four minutes before the interval.

Napoli almost pulled one back midway through the second half when Gianluca Curci beat away Roberto De Palma's close-

range shot but a Stefano Okaka strike seven minutes from time completed a comfortable victory.

Hosts Napoli were reduced to 10 men following the last-minute dismissal of defender Ruben Maldonado for a foul on Okaka.

Lazio's home victory over Third Division Cittadella came courtesy of a first-half penalty by Simone Inzaghi and a late goal by Goran Pandev.

Simone Pavan headed Sampdoria in front in the 68th minute at Cagliari but Cocco's equalizer two minutes from the end rewarded a strong second-half performance by the home side.

MNA/Reuters

EU, UEFA launch inquiry into European soccer

LEIPZIG, 9 Dec — A study into how football is run in Europe is to be organized by European soccer's governing body UEFA and the European Commission, Richard Caborn, the British Sports Minister said on Thursday.

Caborn told a news conference his initiative had the support of FIFA president Sepp Blatter and Lennart Johansson, the president of UEFA.

"We had a historic meeting today," Blatter said at the joint news conference.

"We must maintain the autonomy of sport, and the inquiry will also provide a better definition of the specificity of sport in general and of football in particular under the Nice declaration of December 1999."

That declaration was designed to define the status of sport in the EU.

The British minister, whose country currently holds the rotating Presidency of the EU, said he hoped to deliver "concrete proposals" to the Council of Ministers in June of next year.

"Both the Austrian and Finnish Presidencies are on board and the European Parliament has been kept in the loop," Caborn said.

"The input from the European Commission and Commissioner Jan Figel was most significant," Caborn added. — MNA/Reuters

German coach sacked for headbutting rival player

LEIPZIG (Germany), 9 Dec — MSV Duisburg sacked coach Norbert Meier on Thursday one day after the league suspended him indefinitely for headbutting Cologne player Albert Streit and then pretending to be the victim of the attack.

Duisburg, 17th in the 18-team Bundesliga, said they felt compelled to sack Meier because his suspension could last months following the incident which took place in Tuesday's match.

"The pressure on the coach has become enormous because of the incident," said Duisburg chairman Walter Hellmich, who added Meier was in agreement with the club's decision. "That's why we decided to take this step."

He said assistant coach Heiko Scholz would lead the team on Saturday against Arminia Bielefeld.

"We'll find a new coach in the foreseeable future but we're not going to put pressure on ourselves," said Scholz.

The German football association's (DFB) control committee announced on Wednesday that Meier, 47, was banned indefinitely from training the club and taking part in meetings.

MNA/Reuters



Austria's Markus Rogan (L) reacts to his world record setting time as Arkady Vyatchanin of Russia celebrates his second placing in the men's 200m backstroke final at the European Swimming Championships Short Course in Trieste, northern Italy on 8 Dec, 2005. Rogan took gold and set a new world record with a time of 1 minute 50.43 seconds. Vyatchanin took the silver and Croatian Gordan Kozulj the bronze. — INTERNET

Study shows fruitfly has human-like stem cells

LOS ANGELES, 9 Dec — Adult fruitflies have the same stem cells controlling cell regulation in their gut as humans do, a research team reported on Wednesday.

The study is important for understanding digestive disorders, including some cancers, and for developing cures, said scientists at the Carnegie Institution. Their findings

appeared on 7 December early online edition of the journal *Nature*. "The fact that fruitflies have the same genetic programming in their intestines as humans, strongly suggests that we were both cut from

the same evolutionary cloth more than 500 million years ago," stated Benjamin Ohlstein, leading author of the paper.

It may come as a surprise, but insects have

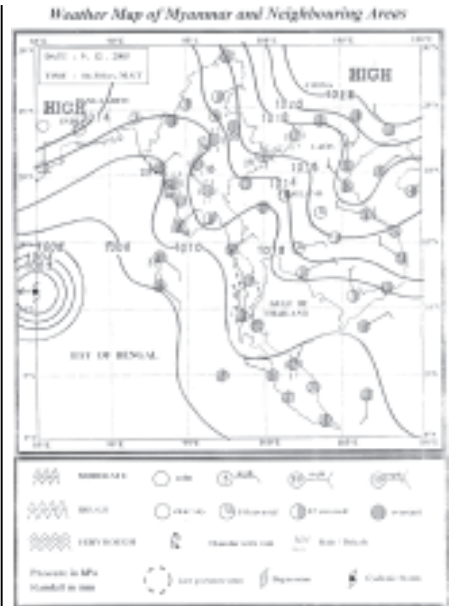
the same basic structure to their gastrointestinal tract as vertebrates.

They have a mouth, an esophagus, the equivalent to a stomach, and large and small intestines.

The researchers looked at their small intestines, where food is broken down into its constituent nutrients for the body to absorb.

They focused on two cell types — cells that line the small and large intestines in a single layer to help break up and transport food molecules, called enterocytes; and cells that produce peptide hormones, whose functions include regulation of gastric motility as well as growth and differentiation of the gut (enteroendocrine cells).

MNA/Xinhua



A map showing the host cities and the bowls that will be used in the final draw for the 2006 Soccer Cup are seen during a hpotocall in Leipzig, Germany on 8 Dec, 2005. — INTERNET

WEATHER

Friday, 9 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, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, isolated in Chin, Kayah States, Bago and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. Night temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Shan, Kayah and Mon States, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were PyinOoLwin (2.52) inches, Kyauktaw (1.69) inches, Mandalay (1.22) inches, Sagaing (1.06) inches and Monywa (0.63) inch.

Maximum temperature on 8-12-2005 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 9-12-2005 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 9-12-2005 was 87%. Total sunshine hours on 8-12-2005 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 9-12-2005 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 Southeast (12:30) hours MST on 8-12-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's tropical storm 'Fanoos' over Southeast Bay and adjoining Southwest Bay has moved westwards and lies over Southwest Bay. It is centred at about (300) miles Southeast of Chennai, India and forecast to move Westwards. Weather is cloudy in South and Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 10-12-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin States, upper Sagaing Division and rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady, Yangon, Mandalay, Magway 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 the whole country.


Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-12-2005: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-12-2005: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for second weekend of December 2005: During the coming weekend, isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

"Storm News"

(Issued at (10:30) hrs MST on 9-12-2005)
According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's tropical storm 'Fanoos' over Southeast Bay and adjoining Southwest Bay has moved westwards and lies over Southwest Bay. It is centred at about (300) miles Southwest of Chennai, India and forecast to move Westwards.



TV Myanmar

Saturday, 10 December
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>5. အတီပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>6. Musical programme</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>7. အတီပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:15 am</p> <p>8. မင်းလှရေလှောင်တစ်</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>10. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>11. Grammar Made Easy</p> <p>11:00 am</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>11:15 am</p> <p>2. Musical programme</p>	<p>11:30 am</p> <p>3. News</p> <p>11:40 am</p> <p>4. Games for children</p> <p>11:55 am</p> <p>5. Round up of the week's TV local news</p> <p>12:35 pm</p> <p>6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေကြည်နွေးနွေး" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)</p> <p>1:05 pm</p> <p>7. ကြားမြင်သူတို့ ပြည်ဝရောစာပဒေသာ</p> <p>1:15 pm</p> <p>8. အတီပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>1:20 pm</p> <p>9. အပန်းဖြေလေ့လာ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်</p> <p>1:30 pm</p> <p>10. "အနာဂတ်ရဲ့ ခြေလှမ်းများ" (ရဲ့အောင်၊ မင်းမေတ် တွန်း၊ မေသန်းနု၊ ပန်းဖြူ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ပြည်ပုံအောင် အဖွဲ့ သားများ)</p> <p>2:15 pm</p> <p>11. Dance of national races</p> <p>2:25 pm</p> <p>12. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>2:30 pm</p> <p>13. "ရှမ်းကြည့်စမ်းပါ" (မင်းအုတ်မိုး၊ ညီဘွား၊ စင်စိုးပိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုတ်မိုး)</p> <p>2:35 pm</p> <p>14. အတီပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>2:45 pm</p> <p>15. International news</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p>	<p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. English for Everyday Use</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Musical programme</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. အတီပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:05 pm</p> <p>6. အစားအသောက်အကျိုးစီးပွားစာတမ်း (သန့်အောင်၊ သန့်အောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြန်မာစာတား)</p> <p>5:20 pm</p> <p>7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာတား</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>8. အတီပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:35 pm</p> <p>9. "ရွှေကြွက်ဆူ ဘိုင်အိုဒီဇယ်" (ဇရာ၊ ငှက်ပျော့ကြော်၊ ဝမ်းပုံ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ရန်မြင့်အောင်)</p> <p>5:45 pm</p> <p>10. Musical programme</p> <p>5:55 pm</p> <p>11. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>12. Games for children</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>13. Evening news</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>14. Weather report</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စိမ်းလဲ့ရွှေတာဝန်သာယာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၀)</p> <p>7:35 pm</p> <p>16. ဝတ်စုံများ နှုတ်ကော်</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>17. News</p> <p>18. International news.</p> <p>19. Weather report.</p> <p>20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရန်ပုံပြင်ရင်" (အပိုင်း-၃)</p> <p>21. The next day's programme</p>
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Radio Myanmar

Saturday, 10 December

Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:
-Come on, come over

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:
-I feel it

8:50 am National news/Slogan

9:00 am Music:
-Sunshine

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Cultural Images of Myanmar Preserve Cultural Heritage for Posterity

1:30 pm News & Slogan

1:40 pm Music at your request
-Come into my world
-Winter wonderland
-A thing called love

9:00 pm ASEAN review -Exchange news

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Myanmar culture Souvenirs
-A taste of honey
-The beginning of love
-I wish you love

9:45 pm News / Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

The State is responsible to assist service personnel with everything they deserve; State service personnel, must be loyal to the State and the citizens, and carry out their responsibilities with full qualification

YANGON, 9 Dec — *The following is a translation of the clarification made by member of the Panel of Chairmen U Bo Thein 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 Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby Township, on 7 December.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party discussed that with regard to the State service personnel, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee made clarification on matters related to the State service personnel in all aspects.

As regards the State

service personnel, there are two parts: the State part and the service personnel part. The State is responsible to assist the service personnel with everything they deserve. And, the State service personnel, on their part, must be loyal to the State and the citizens, and carry out their responsibilities with full qualification. In carrying out their responsibilities, the service per-

sonnel should be honest and should uphold their moral. It is a very important factor. Policy-making organ and persons plays a very significant role in realizing the policy. Hence, rights, codes of conduct and moral of service personnel were included in the clarification of the Chairman of NCC Work Committee.

Wa National Development Party also discussed that State service personnel take up the duty with the aim of working to exactly implement the policies and guidance laid down by the government. In multi-party system, State service personnel should remain robust regardless of any government change so that the State machinery at different levels can run

smoothly. The State service personnel specially needed to be free from sectarian, qualified, dutiful and honest. The State is therefore responsible to grant the occupational security to the service personnel. If the State service personnel are not free from party politics, the govern-

ment machinery will be out of order at the collapse of harmonious relations among the State service personnel as well as disadvantages and losses of the State will be caused.

Therefore, five points regarding the State service personnel clarified *(See page 10)*

Policy-making organ and persons plays a very significant role in realizing the policy. Hence, rights, codes of conduct and moral of service personnel were included in the clarification of the Chairman of NCC Work Committee.

Member of the Panel of Chairmen U Bo Thein presents proposals submitted by delegate groups.

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Supreme Court of the Union, High Courts of Regions, High Courts of States, Courts of self-administered division and Courts of self-administered zones, District Courts, and Township Courts are to be established

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nary meeting held at Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township on 7 December 2005.

Regarding his clarifications, the National Unity Party discussed that the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee presented the nine points regarding the sharing of judiciary powers that should be or should not be considered as detailed basic principles.

The clarifications stated the jurisdiction on original case, writs, appellate jurisdiction, the jurisdiction of revision and the principles on jurisdiction vested in High Courts of the Regions and High Courts of the States. For jurisdiction matters, the clarifications also stated that the Yangon Region High Court shall be the High Court of courts in Yangon City and

Kokogyun Township. Likewise, for jurisdiction matters, High Courts of the Regions or High Courts of the States shall be the High Court of courts in the region or the state. Moreover, it is stated that Courts of the self-administered division and Courts of the self-administered zones, District Courts have the right to exercise judicial powers on adjudicating on original case, appeal case, revision case and matters vested by any law.

According to basic principles laid down by the National Convention, the Supreme Court of the Union, High Courts of the Regions, High Courts of the States, Courts of the self-administered division and Courts of the self-administered zones, District Courts, and Township

Courts are to be established. Therefore, the points included in the clarifications of the NCC Work Committee Chairman concerning sharing of judiciary powers should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

They also suggested that according to the coming State consti-

tution, it was found that there will be no courts at village and ward levels. In this connection, if any cases in villages and wards, they will have to be handled at the township courts. If cases in villages and wards can be addressed there, there will be convenient for the *(See page 11)*

The Supreme Court of the Union, High Courts of the Regions and High Courts of the States, Courts of the self-administered division and Courts of the self-administered zones, District Courts, and Township Courts are the top of the judicial pillar and also the centres that safeguard the rights of the people.

Member of the Panel of Chairmen Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha) presents proposals submitted by delegate groups.

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