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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

**It is national duty for all literati to make efforts for realization of the national objective through their works of art**

**A ceremony to present Life-Long National Literary Award, National Literary Award, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award and prizes for 16th National Motto, Literary and Photo Contests to the winners held**

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erary Award, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award and prizes for 16th National Motto, Literary

and Photo Contests to the winners was held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this afternoon, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads,

members of the Prize Scrutinizing Committee, officials, private media persons and winners.

First, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address, saying that holding of presentation of literary awards annually to mark the Sarsodaw Day which Myanmar and its people are proud of is an effective

enhancement for development of Myanmar literature. It is also a continued effort for creation of literature of high standard in literary world, he said. He said in cultural aspect Myanmar literature has good historical tradition and power. Development of such literature is a national prestige for the entire national

people. Presentation of various kinds of literary awards for development of Myanmar literature showed the government's noble goodwill towards literati and promoted national prestige. Therefore the government significantly presented more literary awards year by year, he added.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the literary awards presentation ceremony.—MNA

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Strive for further enhancement of health care services

The State Peace and Development Council relying on own resources has been making all-out efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

In the process, the active participation of the entire national people is imperative.

Therefore, the government has laid down and is implementing the objective which calls for uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation in order to extensively engage in public health care services across the nation.

The ceremony to open the teaching hospital (50-bed) and the main building of the Institute of Dental Medicine (Yangon) of Medical Science Department took place at the institute in Thingangyun Township on 28 November.

The ground floor of the three-storey teaching hospital has been facilitated with the Maxillo-Oral Surgery Department, the Maxillo-Oral Medical Department, the Gum Medical Department, the Child Dental Health Department, the Dental Medical Department, the Vaccine and Public Dental Health Care Department and other dental units.

Modern medical equipment was facilitated at the Maxillo-Oral Surgery Department on the uppermost floor, and the department is complete with operation theatre, intensive care unit, in-patient medical wards.

At present, patients with maxillo-facial and oral problems and cleft lip and palate patients are undergoing medical treatment at the facility as in-patients. Moreover, patients with maxillo-facial injuries and emergency patients will be treated there as a special programme.

The main building of the institute has now equipped with the Maxillo-Oral Diagnostic Department, the Maxillo-Oral Medical Laboratory, the X-ray Unit, pathology and surgery departments and various subjects on dental health and care will be taught there.

The government opened 190 more new hospitals and the number of hospital has now increased to 821. It also upgraded 149 hospitals, and more doctors, nurses and health staff were appointed there. With the advancement of health care services and modern medical equipment, the people have been able to enjoy longevity.

Health is wealth. Each and every citizen are required to enjoy health and longevity. Hence, the Ministry of Health is engaging in public health care services with added momentum.

At a time when the government is making efforts in all seriousness for uplift of health and fitness of the entire nation, the onus is on the Ministry of Health to try its utmost for further enhancement of health care services.

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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

## NC delegates visit Shwedagon Pagoda, Church

YANGON, 11 Dec — Under the arrangements of Invitation and Accommodation Sub-committee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee, National Convention delegates paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday and the church today holiday of the National Convention.

Yesterday morning, the delegates, accompanied by officials of the sub-committee, left Nyaungnabin Camp and arrived at Shwedagon Pagoda.

At Chanthagyi Prayer Hall, member of the pagoda board of trustees U Kyee Myint explained the history of the pagoda and tasks of perpetual renovation. The delegates donated K 130,685 for all-round renovation tasks and offering of gold foils to U Kyee Myint.

The NC delegates paid homage to Padamya Myetshin Buddha image on the upper terrace and visited Buddhological Museum.

This morning, the Christian NC delegates together with officials of the Invitation and Accommodation Sub-committee went to St George Anglican Church in Mingaladon Township. —MNA



NC delegates visit Shwedagon Pagoda. MNA

## 416 gem merchants inspect jade lots at Low-grade Utility Jade Sales

YANGON, 11 Dec — Altogether 416 gem merchants— 220 from abroad and 196 from home— observed low-grade utility jade lots being sold at Low-grade Utility Jade Sales for 2005 starting from today at Myanmar Gems Emporium on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here this afternoon. More merchants will arrive here to attend the sales on 12 and 13 December and the low-grade utility jade lots will be sold through tender system on 14 and 15 December.—MNA



416 Gem Merchants observes the low-grade utility jade lots. MNA

## UMFCCI President leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 11 Dec — A Myanmar delegation led by President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce

and Industry U Win Myint and Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin and CEC member Dr Sein Myint

left for Malaysia by air on 9 December afternoon to attend the ASEAN Business and investment Summit for 2005 and the East

Asia Business Exhibition for 2005 to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 10 to 14 December.

The Myanmar delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Joint-Secretary of UMFCCI Dr Maung Maung Lay, CEC member U Myat Thin Aung and officials. Vice-President of UMFCCI U Thauing Tin, General-Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, CEC member U Tun Aung and executive U Kyaw Thein left for Malaysia in advance to attend the summit and the exhibition.



Myanmar delegation seen at the airport before their departure for Malaysia. UMFCCI

# ASEAN-China FMs' meeting held in Kuala Lumpur

**KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Dec**— Chinese and ASEAN foreign ministers said here on Friday that they will make joint efforts to ensure the success of the 9th ASEAN-China Summit scheduled for 12 December, a Chinese Foreign Ministry official said.

Wang Donghua, deputy director-general of the Information Department of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, told *Xinhua* after Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and his ASEAN counterparts held the ASEAN-China Ministerial Meeting (10+1) in the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

Li said the relations between China and ASEAN have made new progress, especially in the fields of economic and trade cooperation, anti-terrorism, law enforcement, agriculture, communications, information

sector, tourism and Customs.

The Chinese Foreign Minister said that equal and mutual benefits, joint development, cooperative mechanism, consultation and innovation are common wealth of China and ASEAN countries.

ASEAN foreign ministers said ASEAN-China strategic partnership has been further strengthened in recent years, adding that both sides have achieved positive development in the areas of politics, economy and trade, which is conducive to regional peace and

development.

The ASEAN-China co-operation is a good model, they said.

Under the new international situation, they said, China and ASEAN will share more and more common interests.

They should enhance mutual political trust, expand common ground and strengthen coordination in the world and regional affairs so as to promote regional peace and development.

MNA/Xinhua

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Malaysians hold flags of members of the ASEAN nations ahead of the 11th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur on 10 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

## Cuba, Caricom reject US embargo

**HAVANA, 10 Dec** — The Caribbean Community (Caricom) and Cuba agreed to deepen cooperation and rejected the decades-old US embargo on Cuba, Cuban leader Fidel Castro said here on Friday after attending the second Caribbean Community-Cuba Summit in Bridgetown, capital of Barbados.

In a statement issued after he returned here from the meeting, Castro said Cuba and Caricom “renewed our promise to increase the scope of our production and our cooperation in business and economy”.

Castro also said: “We promised to redouble our efforts to implement the Cuba-Caricom Accord for Economic and Commercial Cooperation” adopted at the summit.

The parties to the agreement recognized the importance of interna-

tional commerce for the Caribbean’s sustainable development and rejected “unilateral actions” by the United States and the European Union.

“We reiterate our commitment to the sacred principles in the United

Nations’ Charter: multi-lateralism and the fundamental principles of international law, including respect for the sovereignty, states’ equality before the law, and non-intervention... in other states’ internal affairs,” said a statement

issued by the Caribbean Community and Cuba. The document called for an immediate lifting of the US economic, commercial and financial blockade on Cuba which has lasted for nearly 50 years.

MNA/Xinhua

## 2,141 US troops killed in Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 10 Dec**—As of Saturday, 10 Dec, 2005, at least 2,141 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,676 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defence Department’s tally, last updated at 10 am EST on Thursday.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 2,002 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,567 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

Internet



Iraqi and US troops search a house during a joint raid by Iraqi and US troops in Sadr City in eastern Baghdad on 10 Dec, 2005.

INTERNET

## Poland was main CIA detention base in Europe

**WARSAW, 10 Dec** — Poland was the heart of the CIA’s secret detention network in Europe, with bases there until recently holding a quarter of the 100 detainees estimated held in such camps worldwide, a human rights group said.

Reports of the CIA operating secret jails in Poland and Romania as part of its war on terror have raised controversy on both sides of the Atlantic and dogged US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice’s European trip this week.

“Poland was the main base for CIA interrogations in Europe, while Romania played more of a role in the transfer of detained prisoners,” Marc Garlasco, a leading analyst at Human Rights Watch, was quoted by Polish daily *Gazeta Wyborcza* on Friday as saying.

Garlasco said the CIA had set up two detention centres in Poland, which were closed shortly after the *Washington Post* pub-

lished an article about secret prisons last month. He said the allegations were based on information from CIA sources and other documents obtained

by Human Rights Watch. “We have leads, circumstantial evidence to check but it’s too early to reveal them,” Garlasco said.—MNA/Reuters

## Roadside bomb hits US patrol, killing two Iraqis in Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 10 Dec**— A roadside bomb went off in southwestern Baghdad near a US patrol on Friday, causing casualties among US soldiers and killing two Iraqi civilians, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

“A roadside bomb detonated at about 11:15 am (0815 GMT) in Saidiyah District when a US patrol passed by, damaging a Humvee and killing or wounding the US soldiers aboard,” the source said.

Two Iraqi people were also killed in the blast when their car was passing by, the source added.

US troops have cordoned off the area preventing police from approaching the scene, he said, adding that Iraqi policemen saw an unknown number of US soldiers lying on the ground after the blast.

MNA/Xinhua

# ASEAN-India economic ties go beyond FTA

**KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Dec** — ASEAN and India are expected to sign the free trade agreement (FTA) next week, but their economic ties should not be seen solely in terms of the FTA, said Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal Nath here on Friday.

Instead, Nath said, people should look at the matter in the wider context of economic cooperation because it would not only lead to trade but also investment, transfer of technology and so on. "ASEAN and India are large economies, and both of them stand to gain through the engagement of two economies that are complementary to each other," he told reporters.

He made the remarks during a break at the Informal ASEAN-Indian Economic Ministers Consultation, one of a series of preparatory ministerial meetings ahead of Monday's 11th ASEAN Summit and other related summits.

Noting that FTA negotiations were on the verge of conclusion, Nath said there were no stumbling blocks that could derail its signing.—MNA/Xinhua

# Bulgaria to withdraw troops from Iraq by end of year

**SOFIA, 10 Dec**— Bulgaria will withdraw its 334-strong light infantry battalion from Iraq by the end of the year and after Iraqi parliamentary elections on 15 December, Defence Minister Veselin Bliznakov said on Friday.

With the decision, the poor Balkan state is speeding up a pullout originally expected to take several months. At Washington's request, Sofia's Socialist-led government delayed a plan to withdraw soon after winning June elections, but Bliznakov said troops would be home before the New Year.

"The fifth contingent of Bulgaria troops will come back by the end of this year at the latest. We expect the last group of troops to come back by 31 December," he told journalists on returning from a visit to the United States.

He said the Cabinet was still discussing ways to contribute to the US-led military effort in Iraq and was mulling sending around 120 guards to man a camp for Iranian refugees in Ashraf.

"The government will decide on that probably by the end of this year," Bliznakov said, adding that if sent, their tour would be "no less than four months".

Eager to thank Washington for supporting its 2004 NATO membership, Bulgaria has staunchly supported the US-led operations in Iraq. But it has lost 13 soldiers and six civil-

ians in the violence there and some two thirds of its 7.8 million people disagree with the war. Bliznakov also said he hoped to reach a deal by March for the establishment of two military bases to be used by US troops on Bulgarian territory—similar to one sealed by its northern neighbour Romania earlier this week.—MNA/Reuters

## ဝက်စွမ်းအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား



Chinese workers make clothes at a textile company in Nantong, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 10 Dec, 2005.  
INTERNET

# Iraqi guerillas kill five US troops and wound 11

**BAGHDAD, 11 Dec**— Five American soldiers were killed in rebel attacks in and near the capital, including one who died in a suicide car bombing on Friday against a group of soldiers in the

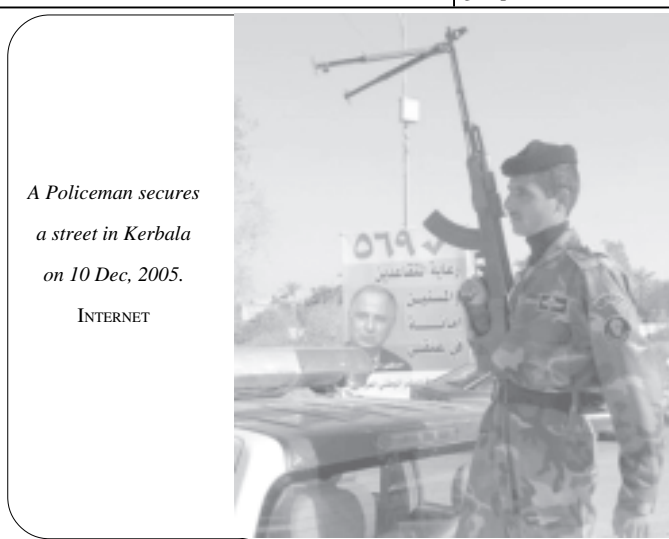
Abu Ghraib neighbourhood, the American military command said on Saturday.

The bomb attack also wounded 11 soldiers and an Iraqi civilian, the military said in a brief statement.

The four other deaths occurred on Saturday. Two soldiers were killed by small arms fire in the Yusufiya district southwest of the capital, a third

was killed while on patrol northwest of the city and the fourth by a concealed bomb while on patrol in the Sunni-dominated Adahmiya neighbourhood in northern Baghdad, the military said.

The military also said on Saturday that a soldier stationed in Anbar Province died of what the military believed to be a heart attack on Thursday while on guard duty.—Internet



A Policeman secures a street in Kerbala on 10 Dec, 2005.  
INTERNET

# Roadside bomb kills Iraqi policeman in southern Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 10 Dec**— A roadside bomb struck an Iraqi police commando patrol in southern Baghdad on Friday, killing a commando member and wounding two others, a police source said.

"An explosive improvised device exploded at 10:30 am (0730 GMT) near a police commando patrol on the highway which passes through the al-Doura District," Captain Ahmed Abdullah, from Baghdad police, told Xinhua. The killed and two wounded were rushed to the al-Yarmouk Hospital, Abdullah said, adding that the blast also damaged the police vehicle.—MNA/Xinhua

# Singapore Navy launches fifth stealth frigate

**SINGAPORE, 10 Dec** — Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Wong Kan Seng on Friday launched the Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) fifth stealth frigate, *RSS Stalwart*, at the Singapore Technologies Marine shipyard.

*RSS Stalwart* joined the RSN as the fourth locally-built frigate since the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) started a *Formidable-class* frigate programme a decade ago.

According to the programme, RSN will acquire a total of six new stealth frigates to replace its *Missile Gunboats* which have been in service for more than 30 years. "Highly capable and designed with stealth characteristics, the frigates' multi-dimensional war-fighting capabilities can be synergized with the combat capabilities of our air and land forces through the effective use of advanced communications and information technology," Wong said. He added that the enhancement of the RSN capabilities will help Singapore respond to threats to its maritime security as the Malacca Straits transports 30 per cent of the world's trade and half of the world's oil every year.—MNA/Xinhua

# US under fire as world climate talks near end

**MONTREAL, 10 Dec** — The United States stood alone in resisting new international talks on ways to combat climate change on Friday as most countries moved closer to extending the Kyoto Protocol to curb global warming beyond 2012.

The United States, the largest producer of heat-trapping greenhouse gases, was blocking an accord on the launch of a new dialogue among all 190 states at a meeting in Montreal — not just Kyoto members — on ways to rein in greenhouse gases.

"The current text is unacceptable," chief US negotiator Harlan Watson told Reuters of a Canadian proposal at the UN's climate conference, which was likely to last into Saturday. "We are talking to see what might be acceptable."

Calling climate change the biggest environmental threat to the planet, host Canada wants to launch a nonbinding world "dialogue" about climate change, blamed on a build-up of gases from fossil

fuels burnt in power plants, factories and cars.

The United States pulled out in 2001 of the UN's 157-nation Kyoto Protocol, under which about 40 industrialized nations agreed to curb emissions until 2012. Washington said Kyoto would be an economic straitjacket. Even without a deal on the Canadian proposal, Kyoto countries are hoping to announce an agreement in Montreal to launch negotiations from May 2006 about a second phase of the protocol. Russian objections were holding up a deal.

Former US President Bill Clinton told the meeting on Friday that his successor, George W Bush, was "flat wrong" in arguing Kyoto would harm the economy.  
MNA/Reuters

## Indian PM wants labour reform to create jobs, growth

NEW DELHI, 10 Dec— India needs to reform its labour laws so that they protect the interests of workers, create jobs and enable the country to attract investment for faster economic growth, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Friday.

Successive Indian governments have talked of making labour laws more flexible to improve competitiveness and attract more foreign money, but, fearing the political cost, they have failed to follow through. Singh, architect of India's first major economic reforms more than a decade ago, made a strong pitch for changing outdated labour laws at the Indian Labour Conference in New Delhi.

"We need new laws for new times," he said.

"Laws which provide

safety standards, which cater to the basic needs of workers, which take care of their welfare, which are flexible enough to create rather than destroy jobs, which increase the overall wellbeing of our people."

Foreign investors cite rigid labour laws, which make it hard to fire workers during economic slumps, as one of the biggest obstacles to doing business in Asia's third-largest economy.

Although India is one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, it gets

less than a 10th of the investment that pours into rival China. While India's economy grew just under 7 per cent in the year to March, China's is growing at more than 9 per cent.

MNA/Reuters

## Chicago plane skids off runway, kills child

CHICAGO, 10 Dec— A Southwest Airlines plane that skidded off a snowy runway and onto adjacent

streets, killing a child riding in a car, was a relatively new aircraft with no history of problems, the airline said on Friday.

US Government safety investigators and Southwest's own team were at Midway Airport trying to determine what caused the Boeing 737 with 98 passengers and five crew to plunge through a fence-like barrier and onto a busy street during a snowstorm on Thursday evening.

Joshua Woods, 6, of Leroy, Indiana, was killed when the plane crushed the car in which he was riding. His two younger brothers and parents were among the 13 people injured.

Midway airport, which is southwest of downtown Chicago, was hit with more than nine inches of snow before and after the accident but it was not known if that played a part in the mishap. Visibility was one-quarter to one-half mile with snow falling when the flight from Baltimore made an instrument landing, the airline said.

"Weather will be a factor that will be thoroughly reviewed," said Ellen Engleman Conners, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.—MNA/Reuters

who is also chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee, exchanged documents with Lavrov, and this was witnessed by ministers from the regional grouping.

The signing of the agreement was the latest in the context of ASEAN-Russia relations ahead of the first ASEAN-Russia Summit on Tuesday. Speaking to reporters after the signing ceremony, Lavrov said the agreement would form the basis for comprehensive cooperation between Russia and ASEAN.—MNA/Xinhua



A general view during the opening of the East Asia Business Exhibition 2005 (EABEX'05) at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur on 10 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

## Egyptian man kidnapped in Iraq found dead

TIKRIT, 10 Dec— An Egyptian man working for the US military in Iraq and taken hostage by gunmen has been found shot dead, police said on Saturday.

Lieutenant Colonel Muthana Ibrahim said the man, who worked as a translator at a US military base, was found near the village of Hajaj, north of Tikrit, with identity papers in his pocket.

Egyptian news agency

MENA identified the man as 46-year-old Ibrahim al-Sayyid al-Hilali. Police said the man was snatched from his house on Friday.

He was the eighth foreigner kidnapped in Iraq in the past two weeks. A German archaeologist and

her driver were taken hostage on 25 November and four Christian aid workers — two Canadians, an American and a Briton — were seized the next day.

All have since appeared in insurgent videos and have been threatened with death.

A French engineer was also abducted in Baghdad earlier this month and is still being held. An American electrician was also taken and later killed by his kidnappers, according to a posting left on a militant Islamist Web site.

Several Egyptians have been seized in the past, including two diplomats working at the embassy in Baghdad. One was later released unharmed but the second, kidnapped several months later, was killed by his captors.—Internet

## Two killed in heavy gunfire in western Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 10 Dec— Two people were killed on Friday as guerillas deployed along a main street in western Baghdad opened heavy gunfire, an Interior Ministry source and witnesses told Xinhua.

"Dozens of masked armed men took control of the al-Rabi'e Street in the al-Jamia'a District, shooting heavy arms fire and killing two people," the ministry source said.

US helicopters flew over the area, the source said, adding that Iraqi security forces are heading

to the scene. "Dozens of armed men spread in all the roads leading to the al-Rabi'e Street, shooting arms fire and rocket propelled grenades at any US or Iraqi security forces that approached the area," Abu Muhammed, a local resident, told Xinhua.

MNA/Xinhua

## ASEAN, Russia sign agreement on eco, development cooperation

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Dec — The Association of South-East Asia Nations (ASEAN) and Russia signed an agreement on economic and development cooperation here Saturday.

Russia was represented by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and ASEAN by its foreign ministers. The signing ceremony took place at the Kuala Lumpur Con-

vention Centre, venue of the 11th ASEAN Summit and its related summits to be held on 12-14 December. After the ceremony, Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar,

## Iraqi group reportedly kills US hostage

DUBAI, 10 Dec— The Islamic Army in Iraq guerillas group said on Thursday it had killed an abducted US security consultant, according to an Internet statement.

The group said the man was killed because the US Government did not fulfil its demands, which included freeing all Iraqi prisoners and compensation to Iraqis affected by US attacks.

"War criminal (US President George W.) Bush continues with his arrogance and no one has any value unless they serve his criminal interests, therefore the American security adviser pig at the Housing Ministry has been killed," the statement said.

The statement's authenticity could not be verified and no pictures or video accompanied the statement. It was posted

on a website often used by guerillas and the group said it would soon provide photographs of the killing.

On Tuesday, the group had vowed to kill the man, identified as Ronald Schulz, in 48 hours unless its demands were met. The man was the seventh Westerner taken hostage by Iraqi gunmen in just over 10 days after a lull in such abductions in recent months following tight security measures by most Westerners.

The Islamic Army in Iraq has claimed a number of kidnappings and attacks on foreign and Iraqi Government forces.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi soldier holds the face of a handcuffed arrested Iraqi man during a joint raid by Iraqi and US troops in Sadr City in eastern Baghdad on 10 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

# Colonialist media being used in practising hegemonism

*Chingya (Maubin)*

J Hill was a British intelligence officer. He wrote a book, *Radio*. In his book he stated that radio broadcasts would be more effective when they were used in political purpose. He said the broadcasts could penetrate the borders whether the targeted nation approved it or not. The desired message could be sent to the world in seconds or minutes. So, he said, the service should not be stopped.

The west bloc practising neo-colonialism has made good use of the ideas of J Hill. Such broadcasting stations are BBC, VOA, Radio Malti, Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe.

BBC, the British Broadcasting Corporation, is a broadcasting service that got registered in 1949 in the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs of the British Government. According to the terms and regulations of the licence, BBC can freely broadcast. It is said, however, that if BBC broadcasts controversial issues among the nations, Home Ministry can intervene. The licence may be revoked if necessary. Under the rules and regulations, the government can ban BBC from broadcasting the news reports about IRA of Northern Ireland that wanted to be free from the rule of the Queen for independence.

Twelve members of the BBC administrative board are chosen and approved by the British cabinet. I have noted that the British Parliament is said to have provided over £150 million for BBC and about £20 million for overseas programmes. Although BBC has rejected that its programmes have nothing to do with the British government, it is undeniable fact that BBC received the assistance of the government. BBC broadcast world news in English on World Service programme round the clock. BBC interferes in the internal affairs of many nations of the world. As a result, its dignity is being tarnished.

During a three-day coup by Soviet communist hard-cores in August 1991, broadcasting service of the Soviet Union stopped. At that time, BBC meddled in the affairs of the Soviet Union by broadcasting round the clock.

At one time, world broadcasting stations aired accurate news. Broadcasting stations established by the governments broadcast programmes with the aim of informing, educating and entertaining the people. Broadcasting news and songs, private entrepreneurs and corporations aimed at gaining profit only.

When wars among the nations, regional wars or the World War broke out, broadcasting was utilized for propaganda, agitation and attacking the enemy.

When the capitalist nations and socialist (Communist) nations waged ideological war and cold war after the end of the Second World War, the broadcasting stations, TV stations and the press became the weapons of the cold war. Breaking the press ethics and regulations, they broadcast fabricated news rather than accurate ones.

The Voice of America (VOA) was established by the US Government Information Agency. During the cold war after World War Two, it started broad-

casting in many languages including Myanmar. The VOA is airing internal affairs of the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. It is learnt that its annual expenses are about 200 million US dollars. It is spending hundreds of millions to expand its programmes for Latin America and Asia. It is also learnt that India is voicing its objections to the plan in that a branch station of VOA is being built in Sri Lanka. The VOA also meddled in the affairs of Soviet Union during a coup by communist hardcores by broadcasting its 18-hour programmes a day.

American Santa Fay, the rightist group, and CIA spent a huge amount of money in order to topple leftist governments of Latin America with the use of VOA programmes. The US Senate in September 1984 approved the establishment of the broadcasting station of Radio Malti with intent to break up certain countries of Latin America and Caribbean region, especially Castro-led Cuba. It approved 30 million US dollars a year for expenses of Radio Malti.

Radio Malti was dubbed after 'Jose Malti', a Cuban writer (1853-1895), to influence the peoples of Cuba and Latin America. In late 1989 a TV Malti programme was aired under the aegis of CIA; Cubans were bluffed by fabricated news including American Rock'n Roll songs and dances with intent to overthrow the Cuban Government. A hot-air balloon with a small broadcasting station was flown over the sea in order that TV Malti programmes from Washington could be relayed to Miami of Florida and then to Cuba, about 110 miles from Miami. However, Cuban scientists immediately disrupted the programmes of TV Malti.

In an attempt to break up European socialist countries, CIA established Radio Free Europe along with Radio Liberty. Radio Free Europe with a broadcasting station in Munich, Germany, put its programmes into air 20 hours and 30 minutes per day in Czechoslovakia, 19 hours per day in Poland and Hungary, seven hours and 30 minutes per day in Bulgaria and 12 hours per day in Romania. Programmes of Radio Liberty were broadcast in languages of the republics of the Soviet Union. The book on policy of Radio Liberty publicly stated that its ultimate aim is to break up socialism of the Soviet Union.

Free Europe Organization based in New York was licensed to run Radio Free Europe. Radio Liberty run by a group of Americans was registered in Germany to build a broadcasting station. At first, CIA bore 85 per cent of the expenses of the stations. And the remaining 15 per cent were provided with outside contributions. In 1971, US Congress approved the budget of US Government for these stations. As a result, both stations in collusion with the CIA became legal stations of the US government. During the period from 1988 to 1990 BBC, VOA, Radio Malti, Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe incited chaos in many global nations.

Those broadcasting stations were constantly airing news about a three-day coup staged by the hard cores of the Soviet Communists in August 1991. The

US government provided those broadcasting stations with US\$ 50 million yearly.

The authorities of the People's Republic of China expelled a VOA correspondent who was involved in instigating a riot in the PRC in 1989. The PRC government cracked down uprisings that broke out in Beijing on 4 June 1989. The CIA established the Zonlay broadcasting station to be used by Chinese expatriates near Michigan in the USA. The broadcasting station came on the air every day in Chinese language with a view to instigating disturbances in the PRC.

In Myanmar, BBC and VOA came on the air in collusion during the disturbances that occurred in 1988 to throw the nation into disarray. Those broadcasting stations were airing fabricated and false news to cause disintegration of the Union and collapse of sovereignty of the State. The nation was on the verge of disintegration and the Tatmadaw had to assume the State responsibilities unavoidably. Today, the broadcasting stations of the West Bloc are airing fabricated news with every intention of breaking up the Tatmadaw and jeopardizing peace and stability in the nation. The Tatmadaw government has built a large number of development infrastructures in its efforts to build a modern, developed nation based on national reconsolidation as peace and stability prevails in the nation.

The broadcasting stations of the West Bloc including BBC, VOA and RFA ignored developments brought about the length and breadth of the nation including border areas. They were broadcasting free of charge a series of announcements of a handful of expatriates and opium bandits under the name of national race armed groups and making instigation to destroy Myanmar that has been on the right path of development.

At present, they are broadcasting the report of Havel and Desmond Tutu, which is full of allegations and fabrications, in exaggeration as well as personal complaints and exaggerated words under the name of public opinion that are coming from unreliable sources.

In one evening, a friend of mine phoned me up from Mandalay, saying anxiously that the Maha Muni Buddha image had become dark and that all the replicas of the Buddha image and photos of the Buddha image on calendars had become dark. In reality, it can be found that the bronze face of the Buddha image in Mandalay is bright and glittering as it is being washed and cleansed daily. Based in this event, the media of the West Bloc in synchronization and collusion with internal and external destructive elements are found to be manufacturing fabricated news with the intention of destabilizing the nation.

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Therefore, members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, who are national forces with nationalist fervour, need to establish an information pillar capable of countering the attacks of the colonialist media that are strictly following the ideas of J Hill.

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# Forestry sector witnesses sustained progress

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

### Emerging reserved forest, protected public forest and natural forest

Today's forestry sector covers various kinds of work such as ensuring extraction of timber and forest products in the long run and conserving climate, natural environment, bio-diversity and their ecological system.

The huge Himalayan mountain range stretching from the middle east to the northern part of Myanmar, geographical condition and existing of forest make a great impact on balancing of world's climate. In this regard, Myanmar is trying its best in conserving natural environment, forest and ecological system of bio-diversity.

The protected forest areas include reserved forest and protected public forest. According to forest-covered area of Myanmar and based on future needs, the fact that up to 30 per cent of land area of the country should be formed and designated as reserved forest and protected public forest is included in the forestry law.

In order to protect natural environment and bio-diversity and to ensure sustained production of forest products, more reserved forest and protected public forest are being established.

As a result, trees in the forests increased and ecological system in which animals are inhabiting becomes wide. Therefore, over 25,000 species of plants can be seen throughout the country and about 300 mammals, 360 species of reptiles and over 1,000 species of birds inhabit in the country.

At present, arrangements are being made to extend natural areas up to 5 per cent of the land area of the country and this leads to emergence of natural areas which conserve and protect bio-diversities. Altogether 25 sanctuaries and five gardens with the area of 4.07 million acres that is equivalent to 2.43 per cent of land area of the country have been established.

In the time of the Tatmadaw government Myanmar's forests become an ecological system in which natural plants are thriving and wild animals inhabiting. For national development systematic measures have been taken in conserving natural forests and protecting wild animals.

The table shows emerging reserved forest, protected public forest and natural forest which benefit climate, natural environment and bio-diversity.



Kywethe reserved forest in Aunglan township in Magway Division.

Sr	Subject	1988	2005	Progress
1	Number of reserved forest	716	795	79
2	Acre of reserved forest (million)	24.75	30.01	5.26
3	Number of protected public forest	-	178	178
4	Acre of protected public forest (million)	-	7.23	7.23
5	Increased reserved forest and protected public forest ( per cent)	14.80	22.29	7.49
6	Number of protected reserved forest	-	40	40
7	Acre of protected reserved forest (1=100,000)	-	3.89	3.89
8	Number of sanctuary	4	25	21
9	Natural area (square mile)	2073.93	12433.26	10359.33

### Carriages, coaches unloaded from vessel at No 5 Sule Wharf

YANGON, 11 Dec — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than inspected unloading of 20 carriages imported from M/S Rites Ltd of India from MV Daisy-T at No 5 Sule Wharf this afternoon.

Managing Director U Min Swe of Myanma Railways, Managing Director U Thein Htay of Myanma Port Authority and officials reported to the minister on unloading of locomotives and

carriages from the vessel. Out of 11 YDM-4 brand locomotives and 36 carriages imported from M/S Rites Ltd of India, MV Daisy-T carrying four YDM-4 locomotives and 20 carriages arrived for the first time here yesterday from the wharf of Chennai of India. Arrangements are being made to unload 20 locomotives from the vessel at No 5 Sule Wharf, and four YDM-4 locomotives at Asia World Port in Ahlon Township. The locomotives and carriages will be run on



Yangon-Pyinnana railroad section and other necessary sections. The already unloaded 20 carriages include two

passenger carriages for upper class, 16 passenger carriages for ordinary class and two break coaches.

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Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects unloading of 20 carriages imported from India

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leadership of literati of different periods.

He said Myanmar encountered various historical turning points. The government has laid down the twelve political, economic and social objectives and is implementing them for emergence of a peaceful, modern developed nations. Especially, social objectives are related to the duties of those from literary world, he pointed out.

Therefore, it is the national duty for all literati to make efforts through their works of art for realization of the national objective of 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 and uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation.



*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Life-long National Literary Award winner U Lay Myaing (Writer Lay Myaing).—MNA*

He urged the literati to ward off the danger of destructive elements who make instigations with the assistance of the foreign media while the government is building a modern nation based on the Union spirit and consolidated national solidarity.

Nowadays, some developed nations are trying to influence developing ones with the use of the

the bright future of the nation.

Today's Myanmar has made significant progress in its literary world and published various kinds of books such as journals, magazines and novels. Among them, more than 1,000 books are selected in accord with national literary award rules and regulations by dividing into 14 genres.

From 1962 to date, 406 national literary awards have been presented. Sarpay Beikman manuscript award that was initiated in 1969 is also presented in 12 genres and the number of awards has reached 631. National motto literary and photo contest started in 1990, and 336 awards have been presented to winners so far.

At a time when the Union of Myanmar is striving its utmost to develop human resources and widen the scope of the people's knowledge, literature being published for the people should be the works that serve the public interest. Therefore, new generation literati are to try to write their literary works depicting Myanmar way of life, Myanmar traditions and culture, patriotism, nationalism and Union spirit by following the fine traditions of their senior literati. In addition, they are to strive to serve the interests of the country and the people through their fine works of literature, said the Secretary-1.

He added that it is necessary for literati to fend off the danger of neo-colonialists through literary might. Moreover, Myanmar is faced with instigation of outside media and challenges. That's why literati are urged to fight the instigation with their literary might. At the same time, they are to help the people to materialize the national objectives through the might of literature.

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*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winner. —MNA*

He spoke of the need for the literati to accept the fact that art is not for art sake but in the interest of the nation and its people and to prevent the Myanmar culture and literature from penetrating alien culture and literature that is harmful to the people.

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*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with winners of 16th National Motto, Literary and Photo Contest. —MNA*



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In conclusion, the Secretary-1 called on literati to produce literary works that serve the country and the people, to try to enlighten the people for successful realization of the State's seven-point Road Map through literary might, to get the people to be equipped with spiritual development to enable them to wipe out the penetration of alien cultures and life style through literary might, to maintain the development momentum of the State and to work together with the people



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents prize to Tin Maung Myint.—MNA

to ensure the perpetuation of the Union and national solidarity and to build a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Next, the Secretary-1 presented Life-Long National Literary Award for 2004 to U Lay Myaing (Writer Lay Myaing).

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave away National Literary Awards to winners in the collected short stories genre, the collected poem



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presents prize to U Shwe Tun.—MNA

genre, the political literature genre, the belles-letter genre, the Myanma culture and fine arts genre, the translation (knowledge) genre, translation (aesthetic literature) genre, the general knowledge (arts) genre, the general knowledge (science) genre, and the general knowledge (applied science) genre.

Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented first, second and third prizes for Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Contest to winners in the novel genre and the



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Attorney-General U Aye Maung presents prize to Yin Nwe Htar (Law).—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents prize to Brig-Gen Than Tin (Reid) —MNA

collected short stories genre.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented first, second and third prizes for Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Contest to the winners in the collected poem genre and the general knowledge (arts) genre.

Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut awarded prizes for Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Contest to winners who stood first, second and third in the general knowledge (science and applied science) genre, and second and third in the belles-letter genre.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Reset-



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe presents prize to Nay Soe Thaw.—MNA

tlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa gave away prizes for Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Contest to winners who stood first, second and third in the Myanma culture and fine arts genre, the child literature genre.

Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo awarded first, second and third prizes to winners in the youth literature genre; Chief Justice U Aung Toe, third prize to the winner in the drama genre, and first prize to the winner in the translation genre.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung presented first, second and third prizes to winners in the article contest of the 16th National Motto, Literary and Photo Contests; and Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung gave away prizes to winners who stood first, second and third in the poem contest and the short story contest respectively.

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Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min presented first, second and third prizes to the winners in the photo contest, and Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, winners in the 16th Tatmadaw General Knowledge Quiz at university level.

Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein awarded prizes to the winners who stood first, second and third in the 16th Tatmadaw General Knowledge Quiz at Basic education high level. Deputy

*Life-long national literary award winner U Lay Myaing (Writer Lay Myaing) speaking words of thanks.*  
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Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt presented first, second and third prizes to winners in the 16th Tatmadaw General Knowledge Quiz at Basic education middle level.

On behalf of the winners, 2004 Life-Long National Literary Award winner U Lay Myaing (Writer Lay Myaing) spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party posed for documentary together with 2004 Life-Long National Literary Award winner U Lay Myaing (Writer Lay Myaing).

Likewise, the Secretary-1 and party posed for documentary photos with the winners of the National Literary Award, the Sarpay Beikman Literary Award and the 16th National Motto, Literary and Photo Contest.

## Dinner hosted to literary prize winners and prize scrutinizing committee members



*Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan hosts dinner to literary prize winners and prize scrutinizing committee members.—MNA*

YANGON, 11 Dec — The dinner was hosted by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan to the winners of the national literary life-long prize, national literary prize, Sarpay Beikman manuscript prize for 2004 and the prizes for the 16th National motto, literature and photo contests and the literary prize scrutinizing committee members at Karaweit Palace in Kandawgyi at 7 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Chief-Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, deputy ministers, heads of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information, literati, the chairman, vice-chairmen, secretary and CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, literary prize scrutinizing committee members, prize winners and guests. — MNA



*Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung presents prize to a winner.—MNA*

Later, the Secretary-1 and party cordially greeted the prize winners. — MNA

## Cooperatives Minister tours Pynmana, Toungoo, Kyaukdaga

YANGON, 11 Dec — Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min inspected construction of Thukha Myaing Cooperative Motel of Ah Thit Tun General Economic Cooperative Ltd in Pynmana on 9 December.

The two-storey motel measuring 80 feet by 40 feet will have 18 rooms. It will be completed on 31 March 2006.

Yesterday, the minister oversaw functions of fish breeding farm of Ketumati Fish and Poultry Production Cooperative Ltd in Toungoo.

While in Toungoo, the minister met with officials and executives of Township Cooperative Departments and cooperative societies and instructed them to make efforts for boosting production of agricultural and livestock breeding works and for increasing export products.

In Kyaukdaga, he inspected tasks of Shwedaga Cooperative Ltd. At its office, the minister heard reports on purchase of green gram, brokerage and transport matters by officials of the cooperative society.

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*Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and members inspect the functions of dry day inspection teams.—MNA*

## Functions of dry day inspection teams supervised

YANGON, 11 Dec — Member of the Dry Day Supervisory Committee Leader of the supervision group Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu together with Lt-Col Saw Win Thaung of Provost Marshal's Office, departmental heads, Commander of Wireless and Traffic Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Naing, and Leader of the supervision group Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe together with Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Police Adjutant-Gen-

eral Police Brig-Gen Soe Win Myint, Director-General U Kyaw San Win and Lt-Col Win Kyaw Oo of Vice-Quartermaster General's office supervised the functions of dry day inspection teams here, this morning and evening.

Dry Day inspection teams checked out dry day pass, driver's license, wheel tax bill, wearing of the respective uniforms and breaking the traffic rules at the main point of Yangon City from 7 am to 5 pm.

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## Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects construction of Muse...

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stressed the need to extend cultivation of rubber plantations.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attended the ceremony to explain cultivation of 10,000 acres of Hsinshweli high yield rubber strain being undertaken by Soso Pyaypay Co in Pankhan Village of Muse Township. Next, he viewed nurturing of 10,000 rubber saplings.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win also attended the ceremony to explain cultivation of 100 acres of Hsinshweli sugarcane strain in Homon Ward of Muse. Furthermore, he oversaw functions of the opium-substitute perennial crop farm in Nanpan Village of Muse Township.

In Muse District, 10 kinds of opium-substitute perennial crops, 4,238 acres of four items of annual crops, and 693 acres of nine items of cold season crops have been grown. A total of 2,040,000 rubber saplings are being nurtured to put them on 10,200 acres of land in 2006-07.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party spent the night at Shweli Yadana Yeiktha in Muse.

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## Commander, Mayor inspect Yangon City Water-Supply Project (Ngamoeyeik)

YANGON, 11 Dec — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected Yangon City Water-Supply Project (Ngamoeyeik) being carried out by Yangon City Development Committee near Ahtayu village in Mingaladon Township yesterday morning and left instructions.

At the briefing hall of the project, YCDC Secretary U Tin Soe explained facts on the project, measures being undertaken and supply of 135 water gallons for the city dwellers and the Mayor gave supplementary reports to the commander who left necessary instructions to the officials.

Next, Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the Mayor oversaw the tasks of supplying water to Yangon City at the project site.

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*Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect Yangon City Water-Supply Project (Ngamoeyeik)*

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## Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

YANGON, 12 Dec — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Rodolphe S Imhoof as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Swiss Confederation to the Union of Myanmar in succession to Mr Hans Peter Erismann.

Mr Rodolphe S Imhoof was born in 1947. He studied law at the University of Geneva and got Bachelor' Degree in 1970, Graduate Diploma in 1972 and Doctoral Degree in 1978 respectively. He also obtained a certificate from the International Centre of European Education, University of Nice in 1971. He speaks French, German, English, Spanish, Italian and Modern Greek. He took up his academic experience as Assistant Professor and Professor in the Faculty of Law at the various universities of Switzerland before joining the Swiss Diplomatic Service in 1973. He served in various diplomatic capacities in the Swiss mission abroad and Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs from 1973 to 1996. He was appointed as Ambassador of Switzerland to Costa Rica in 1996. He was concurrently accredited to Nicaragua and Panama with residence in San Jose, Costa Rica till 2000.

Mr Rodolphe S Imhoof is currently serving as Head of Political Affairs II of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs responsible for Asia and Oceania. He will be serving as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Switzerland to the Kingdom of Thailand and will be concurrently accredited to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok. He is married and has three children.

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### POEM

#### Toward a patriotic, loving new nation

\* Only when lineage is true will you love your kin  
 The unity of our Union  
 The citizens who are the consolidated strength  
 Own flesh and blood, true brethren  
 Because we're true brothers and sisters  
 Let's maintain the shape of our heritage  
 Put it down as  
 "The True Patriotic Spirit"

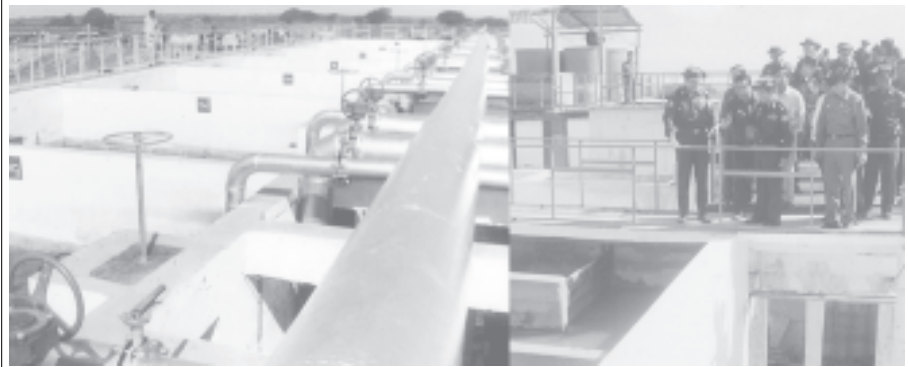
\* Put into shape the wishes of the people  
 The shape of the future State  
 "True and discipline-flourishing democracy"  
 To move ahead unitedly toward new era  
 "The seven-step future Road Map"  
 Was laid down with firm resolve  
 Firmly being implemented  
 Will no doubt possibly reach the top  
 Let's strengthen our will with zest and zeal.

\* Policy programme laid down as seven  
 Because it's been declared for the world to know  
 At the first future path Golden Convention  
 For equanimity among Union citizens  
 What is as important as life itself  
 The new Constitution  
 Based on the love of Patriotic Spirit  
 Keeping Union Spirit in the fore  
 Without discriminating race, policy and region  
 Taking it as national duty  
 Let's get into deliberations

\* In our land Myanmar the pleasant  
 Without discriminating rural and urban  
 Building roads, bridges and dams  
 Schools, colleges and universities  
 Hospitals big and small for health care  
 Looking after traditions and culture  
 Making sure national traits are not lost  
 On the journey toward the future State  
 "United, loving, secure and prosperous"  
 Consolidating all the national strength  
 National citizens all together  
 Let's march forward unitedly  
 "Toward a patriotic, loving new nation"

Po Yan Naing (Trs)

(A tribute to the National Convention in progress)



## Indian delegation returns home

YANGON, 11 Dec — The visiting Indian Delegation led by Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff Lieutenant-General RN Kapur together with officials arrived at Naval Training Command

Headquarters in Thanlyin Township this morning. They were welcomed by Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Commander of Naval Training Command Headquarters Captain Tin

Oo (Navy) and senior military officers.

At the briefing hall, Captain Tin Oo (Navy) extended greetings and explained background history and academic matters of the training

command with the use of audio visual aids. Next, Lieutenant-General RN Kapur and party viewed round the Naval Training Command Headquarters. Commodore Nyan Tun hosted a luncheon in honour of Lieutenant-General RN Kapur and party at the guest house.

In the evening, visiting Indian Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff Lieutenant-General RN Kapur and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by National Defence College Commandant Maj-Gen Moe Hein, Rector of Defence Services Medical Academy Brig-Gen Min Thein and senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence, Defence Attaché Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra and officials of the Indian Embassy. — MNA



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“Early harvest” programme to establish Sino-Pakistani FTA

BEIJING, 10 Dec— China and Pakistan signed an agreement here on Friday on an “early harvest” preferential tariff programme for the Free Trade Area between the two countries.

According to the agreement, 486 categories of Chinese goods exported to Pakistan will enjoy the zero-tariff treatment, relating mainly to vegetables, fruit, stone materials, textile machinery and organic chemical products. Meanwhile, China will give zero-tariff treatment to 769 categories of goods imported from Pakistan, mainly involving vegetables, fruit, stone materials, cotton fabric and man-made fabric. The two countries will start the tariff reduction process on 1 January, 2006, and the tariffs are expected to reach zero by 1 January, 2008. From that same date, China will also cut its tariffs by 27 per cent on 1,671 kinds of products from Pakistan, and Pakistan will cut tariff by an average range of 22 per cent on 575 kinds of products from China. The “early harvest” programme is the first step to establish Sino-Pakistani Free Trade Area, said Chinese Minister of Commerce Bo Xilai at the signing ceremony, which was also attended by Pakistan Minister of Commerce Humayun Akhtar Khan. MNA/Xinhua

Satellite technology to upgrade first-aid services in Guangzhou

BEIJING, 10 Dec— Guangzhou, capital of south China’s Guangdong Province, is equipping ambulances with satellite navigation technology and setting up a new state-of-the-art first-aid centre in a bid to improve medical facilities and response times, China Daily reported Friday.

The city’s existing main first-aid complex already had its computer system and Intranet facilities upgraded, along with smaller stations across the city, according to Lu Yande, deputy director of Guangzhou Health Bureau. The main centre has also begun to install the city’s ambulances with the global position system (GPS), to give warning to ambulances in case of traffic jams or other unexpected incidents on the road. Extra ambulances have been purchased to increase the city’s fleet. The upgrade of the computer and Intranet system, and the installation of GPS, will cost about two million yuan (246,600 US dollars), according to the Beijing-based newspaper. Lu said that the measures are expected to make big improvements to existing first-aid operations in the city. Guangzhou set up its first-aid centre and first-aid medical treatment network in 1989 and now has 40 stations, 136 ambulances, one air relief site, one sea relief complex and a first-aid pioneer team. MNA/Xinhua



A Vietnamese goldsmith displays gold rings and jewellery at a shop in Hanoi, Vietnam on 9 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

Well-known Chinese singer Wei Wei issues new CD

BEIJING, 10 Dec— Well known Chinese singer Wei Wei issued here Thursday a new CD entitled “The Myths of China”, telling people six myths of ancient China with six newly composed songs.

Wei Wei told reporters Thursday at a Press conference that she spent three years in producing the new CD, with the help of Chinese composer Yao Xiaoqiang and Zheng Jisi. China has a continuous history longer than any other present-day nation, boasting a plethora of myths and legends, Wei said. The CD picked up six representative stories. “All the stories embody the supernatural heroism of man in the traditional Chinese philosophy,” Wei said, adding that such heroism cultivated the great thinking and wisdom of the Chinese nationality. According to Yao Xiaoqiang, the new CD mixes symphony orchestra, electronic music, children chorus, pop music and folk songs together, which not only displays the ethnic flavor of the Chinese nationality, but also meets the demand of modern audience. Wei Wei is a representative figure of the first group of pop singers in New China. In 1990, Wei Wei and Liu Huan sang a famous song called “Our Asia” during the 11th Asian Games in Beijing. —MNA/Xinhua

Hospital seeks volunteers for first face transplant in China

NANJING, 10 Dec — Encouraged by the first successful face transplant in France, a military hospital in Nanjing, the capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, hopes to follow suit and is seeking volunteers for a similar operation.

“After the scalp transplant in 2003, a face transplant is technically practical,” said Hong Zhijian, plastic surgeon with Nanjing Military Command Nanjing General Hospital, referring to an operation done in Nanjing two years ago. Jinling Hospital transplanted the ears and part of a scalp to a 72-year-old woman who suffered from skin cancer in 2003. The operation proved to be successful, Hong said earlier this week. Surgeons in France in November this year carried out the world’s first face transplant on a 38-year-old French woman whose lips and nose were ripped off in a dog attack. Hong said only people under the age of 45 with deformity caused by serious burns on the face and head would be considered. The patient must be well-off as he or she would need to take anti-rejection drugs for the remainder of his or her life. Two men out of 40 people volunteers are qualified, Hong said. All qualified volunteers will undergo a physical check-up and psychological assessment, and only one will receive a face transplant operation. MNA/Xinhua

British marksman shoots dead “dangerous” escaped chimp

LONDON, 10 Dec—A marksman shot dead a “potentially-dangerous” chimpanzee after the animal escaped from a zoo in northern England and vanished, police said.

A public warning was sent out after the female chimp escaped from Flamingo Land Zoo near Malton in North Yorkshire and disappeared in foggy conditions. Police advised the public to stay away from the chimp after the zoo warned she could be “potentially dangerous and should not be approached”. “A zoo marksman has shot the chimp dead,” a police spokesman said. “The public concern can now abate.” MNA/Reuters

China treats 5th human bird flu successfully

SHENYANG, 10 Dec— China has treated the fifth person with bird flu successfully, a woman from northeast China’s Liaoning Province who was declared as the fifth person to have contracted human bird flu on Thursday by the Ministry of Health.

“I was discharged from hospital nine days ago after doctors proved I’m healthy. Initial tests during my hospitalization did not suggest I got bird flu, but the latest tests did,” said the woman, surnamed Liu. The patient’s individual physical condition made the case special and her blood test turned positive only 28 days after she fell sick, said Zhao Zhuo, director of the Liaoning Provincial Disease Control and Prevention Centre. The governments at various levels did not cover up this time and released the information to the public in time, Zhao said. The woman, aged 31, was a chicken farmer in Fangshan Town in Heishan County, which was hit by bird flu on November 3 and declared free from the epidemic on 1 December. MNA/Xinhua

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New Miss World Unnur Birna Vilhjalmsdottir of Iceland poses for a photo in Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, on Sunday, 11 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

# Ecuadorean woman, 116, world's oldest person

LONDON, 10 Dec — A 116-year-old Ecuadorean woman was declared the oldest person in the world on Friday, lifting the title from a US woman previously thought to be the oldest person alive, Guinness World Records said.

Maria Esther Capovilla was confirmed as the oldest living person after her family sent details of her birth and marriage certificates to Guinness World Records.

"We only told her yesterday she was the new Guinness world record holder," Kate White, brand manager at the records publisher told Reuters. "We hadn't heard of her before."

"She's in very good health, she's got good sight, is able to read

the papers and watch television, and doesn't walk with a stick," White added.

Capovilla was born in Guayaquil in western Ecuador on September 14, 1889, and lives there today with her daughter-in-law and son.

She had five children, and has four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-

grandchildren.

Her husband died in 1949.

White said Capovilla had been asked what she thought about the changes she had seen over her life.

"She said she disliked the fact that presently it's acceptable for women to pursue men. And she said that every day she thanks God that she's alive," White said.

As a girl at the turn of the century one of Capovilla's favourite pastimes was going to parties, where she never drank alcohol. At the time it was the custom for women just to touch the rim of the glass with their lips without drinking, as a sign of accepting hospitality, her family told Guinness World Records.

MNA/Reuters

## Astronomers measure distance from Sun to Milky Way spiral arm

LOS ANGELES, 10 Dec — The distance from the Sun to Milky Way's nearest spiral arm, called the Perseus Arm, has been measured for the first time, scientists from China, Germany, and the United States reported on Thursday.

The distance is about 1.95 kiloparsecs, or 58,600 trillion kilometres, the researchers reported.

This achievement, appearing in December 8 online edition of the journal Science, resolves a long-standing and difficult task for astronomers. The first author of the work, Ye Du, is a doctorate researcher at the Nanjing University of China.

Massive stars and the bright regions trace the spiral arms of galaxies. However, for our galaxy, the Milky Way, our view from the interior makes it difficult to determine its spiral structure.

In principle, one can construct a simple model of the rotation speed of stars and gas as a function of distance from the centre of the Milky Way. Then, if one measures the line-of-sight component of the velocity of a star or interstellar gas, one can determine its distance by matching the observation with the model prediction. Knowing distances to star forming regions, one can then locate them in 3-

dimensions and construct a view from above the plane-off the Milky Way.

But in fact, many problems could arise when astronomers on the Earth try to construct a plan view of the Milky Way, the researchers explained.

These problems include difficulties in determining an accurate rotation model, which requires the distance and orbital speed of the Sun from the centre of the Milky Way, the distance ambiguities in some portions of the Milky Way where an observed velocity can occur at two distances, and the departures from circular rotation as might be expected for spiral structure.

MNA/Xinhua

## 70-year-old Pavarotti to sing Hi-C at farewell concert in Beijing

BEIJING, 10 Dec — The 70-year-old tenor Luciano Pavarotti told reporters here Thursday that he would show his talent as "King of Hi-C" at the farewell concert in Beijing Capital Gymnasium on 10 December.

The concert in Beijing, following the one in Shanghai, will complete his Worldwide Farewell Celebration Tour in China.

Some 20 years ago, Pavarotti paid his first visit to China and offered Chinese audience with Bohemian for the first time.

Changes in China over the past years are incredible, said Pavarotti, but he received the same warm welcome by the Chinese audience this time in Shanghai.

In 2001, Pavarotti joined hands with other two top tenors Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras to stage a performance in the Forbidden City to support Beijing's bidding for the 2008 Olympic Games.

The maestro decided to make his farewell tour performance at the beginning of this year. At each station of his tour, Pavarotti will perform 34 repertoire marking the peak of his 44-year singing career. He was

very careful in picking up songs in his farewell tour.

With his habit of doing charity, Pavarotti will auction a car presented to him by DF-NISSAN company to build a primary school for Chinese children in poor families. —MNA/Xinhua

## China uses satellite to trace migration of endangered cranes

BEIJING, 10 Dec — Chinese scientists use satellite for the first time to trace black-necked cranes and have attained valuable monitoring records of the cranes' migrating route.

Yang Xiaojun, researcher of the Kunming Institute of Zoology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) told Xinhua that signals from the satellite show that the monitored black-necked crane has been back to the Dashanbao Black-Necked Crane Nature Reserve in southwest China's Yunnan Province and completed its round migrant trip, the traces of which have provided China's first monitoring records of the cranes' migrating route.

According to the signals, black-necked cranes usually fly from Dashanbao where they survive the

winter to Ruo'ergai County, southwest China's Sichuan Province, about 700 kilometres away from Dashanbao, to reproduce.

MNA/Xinhua

## Finnish research, development expenditure grew in 2004

HELSINKI, 10 Dec — Finland increased its spending on research and development by 250 million euros during 2004, the latest statistics reveal. The 5-per-cent rise means the Scandinavian country's expenditure in the two areas totalled 5.3 billion euros. Research and development spending growth in 2003 topped 4 per cent, the data released Wednesday by Statistics Finland showed.

The GDP share of research and development expenditure was 3.51 per cent last year in Finland, which, by international comparison, is among the highest in the world, preceded only by Israel (4.9 per cent) and Sweden (4.0 per cent).

In 2004, the research and development expenditure of business enterprises increased by over 150 million euros. Finnish enterprises' share of research and development expenditure was 70 per cent, while the government provided the remaining 30 per cent.

In 2003, 1.9 per cent of the GDP of the present European Union area was used on research and development, in comparison to Japan's 3.2 per cent and the United States' 2.6 per cent.—MNA/Xinhua



A visitor walks past the China-made Shenzhou spaceship on display at the East Asia Business Exhibition during the ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 10 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

# SPORTS

## Lens stretch unbeaten League run to 17 with Lille draw

VILLENEUVE D'ASCQ (France), 11 Dec— RC Lens stretched their unbeaten run to 17 games in Ligue 1 when they held arch-rivals Lille to a goalless draw on Saturday.

Lens, who have not lost a domestic league match since a 2-0 defeat at Nantes in their first game of the season, stay fourth with 29 points from 18 matches and are now 14 points adrift of leaders Olympique Lyon who visit St. Etienne on Sunday.

The point sees Lille move up to fifth place, still two points behind visitors Lens.

On Saturday Lille dominated from the start and after seven minutes midfielder Hicham Abouchrouane hit Charles Itandje's left hand post with a curling free kick from 20 metres.

Lens' first shot on target came on the stroke of halftime through left back Johann Demont, whose attempt was blocked by Lille's Senegal goalkeeper Tony Sylva.

The hosts stepped up a gear after the interval with midfielder Kader Keita spectacularly dribbling past the Lens defence before losing his duel with Itandje.

Lens had a clear chance 10 minutes into the second half when striker Daniel Cousin, set up by an Eric Carriere through pass, flicked the ball past Sylva only for Lille defender Rafael Schmitz to clear the ball off his goal line.—MNA/Reuters



Chelsea's Joe Cole, right, tries a shot against Wigan Athletic's goalkeeper Michael Pollitt during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge Stadium in London, on 10 Dec, 2005. Chelsea won 1-0. —INTERNET

## Captain Terry keeps Chelsea on winning roll

LONDON, 11 Dec— Captain John Terry headed the winner as champions Chelsea beat Wigan Athletic 1-0 to go 12 points clear at the top of the Premier League on Saturday.

Liverpool clocked up their seventh consecutive league win, beating Middlesbrough 2-0 with second-half goals by Spanish forward Fernando Morientes to move up to second.

Chelsea are top on 43 points, with Liverpool on 31 and third-placed Manchester United (30) playing Everton on Sunday. Arsenal face Newcastle United away in Saturday's late kickoff.

Charlton Athletic ended a run of six league and cup defeats with a 2-0 win over bottom club Sunderland. Blackburn Rovers beat West Ham 3-2 and Aston Villa snatched a late 1-1 draw at Bolton Wanderers.

Pressure will ease on Birmingham City manager Steve Bruce after they edged Fulham 1-0, while fellow relegation battlers West Bromwich Albion also snaffled the points with a 2-0 win over Manchester City.

Having waited 50 years for their second league title, Chelsea will almost certainly have to wait barely a year for their third.

Wigan put up a battle, as they had done before losing 1-0 to a late winner in Chelsea's season opener in August.

But Terry's 67th minute header from a Frank Lampard corner means Jose Mourinho's men have won all nine of their home league games this season at Stamford Bridge.

It was a good day too for Liverpool as Rafael Benitez' side maintained their own superb run of form.

The European champions came through their 10th match without conceding a goal in all competitions—a feat not achieved since Kenny Dalglish's championship-winning side in 1987-88.

Down at the wrong end of the table, Birmingham's first home league win of the season was only secured with six minutes remaining when Nicky Butt headed home.

West Brom's goals came from Diomansy Kamara and Kevin Campbell against a City side who finished with 10 men after a late red card for former England striker Andy Cole.—MNA/Reuters

## AJ Auxerre slump to 1-0 defeat at Marseille

PARIS, 11 Dec— Second-placed AJ Auxerre slumped to a 1-0 defeat at Olympique Marseille on Saturday, handing runaway leaders Olympique Lyon the chance to widen the gap at the top of the Ligue 1 standings.

Lyon, who travel to arch-rivals St. Etienne on Sunday, enjoy an 11-point lead over the Burgundy side who did not recover from a second-minute goal by Marseille striker Mamadou Niang at the Stade Velodrome.

The win pushes the Provence side up four places to sixth with 28 points but they are 15 points adrift of Lyon.

Paris St. Germain beat Stade Rennes 2-0 with a Pauleta double to climb two places to fourth with 30 points from 18 games. Girondins Bordeaux stay third, one point above the capital side, despite losing 1-0 to promoted Le Mans.

The Aquitaine team were down to 10 men after Argentine midfielder Fernando was shown a straight red card for a rough tackle on Le Mans striker Daisuke Matsui on 22 minutes. The Japanese then set up forward Ismael Bangoura just before halftime to earn his side all three points.

RC Lens had earlier stretched their unbeaten run to 17 games in Ligue 1 when they held arch-rivals Lille to a goalless draw.—MNA/Reuters

## Villarreal up to third after 3-1 win at Sociedad

MADRID, 11 Dec— An opportunist double from winger Antonio Guayre and a classy strike from Argentine playmaker Juan Roman Riquelme earned Villarreal a 3-1 comeback win at Real Sociedad on Saturday.

Guayre cancelled out an early goal from Sociedad striker Nihat Kahveci 10 minutes before the break and helped himself to another goal early in the second half, while man-of-the-match Riquelme weighed in with a virtuoso third 17 minutes from time.

Valencia missed their

chance to put the pressure on leaders Barcelona and Osasuna when they were held to a 1-1 home draw by 10-man Athletic Bilbao in Saturday's earlier match.

The results left Villarreal third in the table, level on 26 points with regional rivals Valencia and five behind Barcelona

and Osasuna who play on Sunday. Champions Barca host Sevilla while joint leaders Osasuna will look to extend their 100-percent record at El Sadar when they entertain Real Mallorca.

Sociedad, who went into the game on a five-match winless streak, caught Villarreal cold when Nihat gave them the lead in the fifth minute.

The Turkish international controlled a 40-metre pass from defender Daniel Cifuentes on his chest, fended off defender Gonzalo Rodriguez and poked the ball past keeper Sebastian Viera.

Villarreal, who lost their first game in 10 outings when they went down 2-0 to Barcelona last weekend, eventually found their rhythm and Riquelme manufactured their equalizer 10 minutes before the break.—MNA/Reuters



Andreas Kuettel of Switzerland celebrates during the awards ceremony of the FIS World Cup Ski-Jumping event in Harrachov, Czech Republic on 10 Dec, 2005. Kuettel marked jumps of 136,5 and 143,5 metres and won the event ahead of Michael Uhrmann from Germany who placed second and Janne Ahonen from Finland who took third place. —INTERNET

## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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## Fiorentina beat Treviso to go second in Serie A

ROME, 11 Dec— Fiorentina climbed to second in Serie A after Stefano Fiore scored the only goal in a 1-0 win over Treviso on Saturday.

The midfielder's second-half goal gave the twice Italian champions 32 points from 15 games, seven behind leaders Juventus who host Cagliari on Sunday.

AC Milan are third with 31 points and play city rivals Inter in Sunday's late match.

Fiore dominated possession at Florence's Franchi stadium but made heavy weather of Treviso, who went into the game second from bottom after winning only

once this season.

Fiorentina forced visiting goalkeeper Adriano Zancoppe into a diving save with an early effort.

Their best chance before the interval came just after the half-hour mark when Alessandro Gamberini was pulled down inside the area and referee Roland Herberg pointed to the spot but Luca Toni's weak penalty was easily saved by Zancoppe.

MNA/Reuters

# Red Cross in talks with US over detainees

GENEVA, 11 Dec — The Red Cross said on Friday it was pressing the United States to give it access to prisoners held in secret jails as part of the US war on terror.

"We have said that undisclosed detention is a major concern for us," Jakob Kellenberger, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), told a news conference.

"We are already visiting very many detainees under US authorities in Guantanamo, Iraq and Afghanistan ... We continue to be in an intense dialogue with them with the aim of getting access to all

people detained in the framework of the so-called war on terror," he said.

Human rights groups accuse the CIA of running secret prisons in Eastern Europe and covertly transporting detainees. They say incommunicado detention often leads to torture.

John Bellinger, the US State Department's legal adviser, acknowledged to reporters in Geneva on Thursday that the ICRC does not have access to all detainees held

by US forces, but refused to discuss alleged secret detention centres.

The ICRC has been pressing the administration of US President George W Bush for two years for information about and access to what the Red Cross calls "an unknown number of people captured as part of the so-called global war on terror and held in undisclosed locations".

In Washington, State Department deputy spokesman Adam Ereli

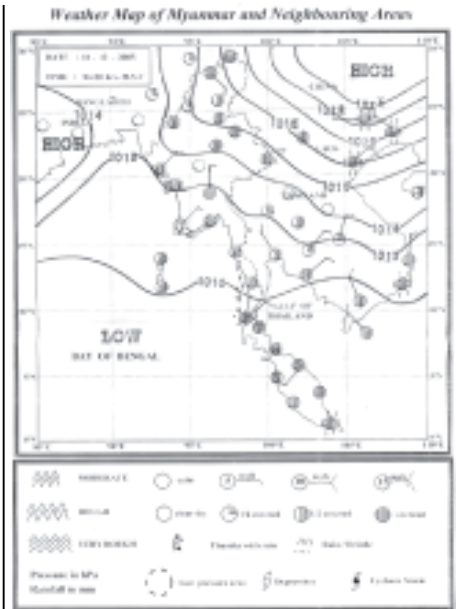
said the United States provided access to most of its detainees.

"The vast majority are treated consistent with the Geneva Conventions. There is a very small, limited number that are not because of the extraordinary threat that they pose," he said.

Ereli declined to say how many detainees posed an "extraordinary" threat.


"Most of them, the vast majority of them, even though we're not legally required to do so, we have treated them and considered them subject to the Geneva Conventions to the point where the ICRC can visit them," he said.

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A view of the Yangshan deepwater port in Shanghai, China on 10 Dec, 2005.

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**Monday, 12 December**  
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<p><b>8:10 am</b> 7. Cute little dancers</p> <p><b>8:20 am</b> 8. ဟင်းရွက်ရေလှောင်တစ်</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> 9. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> 10. Grammar Made Easy</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b> 1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b> 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b> 3. Practice in Reading</p> <p><b>4:45 pm</b> 4. Musical programme</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b> 5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညွှန်ရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ)</p> <p><b>5:10 pm</b> 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>5:15 pm</b> 7. Dance variety</p> <p><b>5:25 pm</b> 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b> 9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar</p>	<p>Modern Music Troupe)</p> <p><b>5:45 pm</b> 10. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာတေး</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> 11. Industrial achievement</p> <p><b>6:10 pm</b> 12. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ရုပ်ရှင်ဆော့ပြေး" ပုဂ္ဂိုလ်စိတ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၄၅)</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> 13. Evening news</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> 14. Weather report</p> <p><b>7:05 pm</b> 15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်လှေကားထစ်တလေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)</p> <p><b>7:35 pm</b> 16. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>7:45 pm</b> 17. Musical programme</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b> 18. News</p> <p><b>8:15 pm</b> 19. International news.</p> <p><b>8:25 pm</b> 20. Weather report.</p> <p><b>8:35 pm</b> 21. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ရုပ်ရှင်လက်ဆောင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)</p> <p><b>8:45 pm</b> 22. The next day's programme</p>	<p><b>8:30 am</b> Brief news Music: -(2) hearts ...Phill Collins</p> <p><b>8:40 am</b> Perspectives Music: -Call it love ...Poco</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> National news/Slogan</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Music: - Shattered dreams ... Johnny Hates Jazz</p> <p><b>9:05 am</b> International news</p> <p><b>9:20 am</b> Music</p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b> News / Slogan</p> <p><b>1:40 pm</b> Lunch time music -Moon light shadow... Missing Heart -Do I have to say the words ... Bryan Adams</p> <p><b>9:00 pm</b> Spotlight on the star (Don Williams)</p> <p><b>9:15 pm</b> Article</p> <p><b>9:25 pm</b> D r u g s Elimination</p> <p><b>9:20 pm</b> Vocal gems - D i f f e r e n t Seasons</p> <p><b>9:45 pm</b> News/Slogan</p> <p><b>10:00 pm</b> PEL</p>
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**WEATHER**

**Sunday, 11 December, 2005**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Shan and Rakhine States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Rakhine, Mon and Kayah States, Mandalay Magway and Bago Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Hakha (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 10-12-2005 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 11-12-2005 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 11-12-2005 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 10-12-2005 was (8.1) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 11-12-2005 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 (7) mph from North (15:00) hours MST on 10-12-2005.

**Bay inference:** Tropical storm 'Fanoos' over South-west Bay has crossed near Nagapattinam, Tamilnadu Coast, India at last night. Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 12-12-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated rain in extreme Southern Myanmar area.

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

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-12-2005:** Generally fair weather.

# Myanmar literature free from influence of alien culture has existed as genuine national character and reflects noble characteristics of Myanmar society

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In the history of literary award, Sarpay Beikman Tahtaung Award was first presented in 1949 and literary award for art in 1962 and national literary award in 1969. The amount of cash award gradually increased, he said.

He said life-long national literary award has been introduced since 2001. The award is presented to literati who created works of art throughout their lives towards the development of Myanmar literature. The life-long national literary award came into exist-

ence to honour the literati who stick to development of Myanmar literature.

It is said that literature is the mirror of the age and the standard of Myanmar culture was great in the history of Myanmar literature and it can be found in royal literature. It is obvious that

gentle culture and customs of all walks of life can also be found in the literature.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents 2004 Life-long National Literary Award to U Lay Myaing (Writer Lay Myaing).— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with National Literary Award winners.— MNA

such as gentility, sympathy, assistance and unity. Myanmar city states existed in 1 AD and the stream of Myanmar literature flourished beginning 11 AD has been flowing till today, he said.

He said Myanmar literature developed throughout the different eras in conformity with political, economic and social foundations had noble tradition that led to political, economic and social development of Myanmar society on the correct path under the

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# Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects construction of Muse 105th mile Trade Zone, agricultural tasks in Muse District

YANGON, 11 Dec — Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, member of the State Peace and Development Council, made an inspection tour of Muse 105th mile Trade Zone in Muse on 8 December after overseeing Asia World Toll Gate near Manban Village of Kutkai Township.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Chairman of the Muse 105th mile Trade Zone Construction Committee, and Director-General U San Pyae of Border Trade Department reported on allotment of the plots in the trade zone and functions of the Muse 105th mile border trade camp (Muse). Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing briefed him on efforts being made for opening the

trade zone in 2006 and changing from border trade to normal trade.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win stressed the need to hold coordination meeting with other country for changing from border trade to normal trade. Next, he inspected progress of con-

struction tasks at Muse 105th mile Trade Zone.

Now, functions of border trade has been changed to normal trade by 66 per cent.

In meeting with departmental officials of Muse District and Townships at the town hall, Lt-

Gen Kyaw Win said that now, the National Convention is being held. Departmental personnel are to join hands with the local people for achieving success of the National Convention. In the agriculture sector, local food sufficiency of Muse Dis-

trict is 122.97 per cent in 2004-05, and the plan is under way to increase the

local food sufficiency by 137.07 per cent. And, he (See page 11)

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Therefore, members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, who are national forces with nationalist fervour, need to establish an information pillar capable of countering the attacks of the colonialist media that are strictly following the ideas of J Hill.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects thriving Hsinshweli sugarcane plantation in Muse Township.— MNA