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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

Matters relating to adoption of detailed basic principles on Powers and Functions of the President clarified

Plenary Session of National Convention continues at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township

YANGON, 12 Dec — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of the respective sub-committees, delegates of

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

Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North), and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, (See page 8)

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HTAY AUNG (TOURISM)



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

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 13 December, 2005

Produce literary works in the interests of the nation and the people

Literature mirrors the time. 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 literature and customs of all walks of life can also be found in the literature. Myanmar literature has existed as genuine national character and reflects noble characteristics of Myanmar society such as gentility, sympathy, helpfulness and unity.

The 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.

A ceremony to present the 2004 Life-long National Literary Award, National Literary Awards, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards and the prizes for the 16th National Motto, Literary and Photo Contests was held at the National Theatre in Yangon on 11 December and it was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that Myanmar literature that 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 leadership of literati of different periods.

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 shows the government's noble goodwill towards literati and promotes national prestige.

The literati ought to accept the fact that art is not only for art's sake but also for the sake of the nation and the people and to prevent alien culture and literature harmful to the people from penetrating into Myanmar culture and literature. They should also ward off the danger of destructive elements who make instigations with the assistance of foreign media while the government is building a modern nation based on Union Spirit and consolidated national solidarity.

We would like to call on literati to produce literary works in the interests of the nation and the people and try to enlighten the people for the successful realization of the Road Map for the nation's future.

Low-grade jade lots sales attract 483 merchants

YANGON, 12 Dec — Chairman of the Central Committee for Holding of Myanmar Gems Emporium Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein this afternoon went to the low-grade jade lots sales for 2005 at Myanma Gems Mart and inspected jade lots displayed.

Jade lots will be sold through tender system on 14 and 15 December.

So far, 483 gems merchants — 229 at home and 254 from abroad— have arrived here and more will be arriving tomorrow. Merchants are allowed to inspect the jade lots and to put the bidding forms into tender boxes today and tomorrow.

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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

Flower Arrangement Course opened

YANGON, 12 Dec—The Flower Arrangement Course No 1/2005 organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was opened at the multi-functional building of the association at the corner of Parami and Thanthuma Streets in South Okkapa Township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win and CEC members, course instructors and trainees.

First, the president made an opening speech and the ceremony came to a close.

After the ceremony, the president and the CEC members inspected the demonstration of flower arrangement in the hall.

The two-week course is being attended by 20 trainees.

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President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win and CEC members view Flower Arrangement Course at MMCWA building.— MNA



Officials urged to meet farm equipment production target

YANGON, 12 Dec — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials went on an inspection tour of Indagaw Industrial Region in Bago Division yesterday afternoon. The minister and party inspected production process of aluminum wire, stockpile of raw materials and finished products at Aluminum Wire Factory. During the inspection tour, Managing Director of Myanma Machine Tool &

Electrical Industries U Kyaw Win and acting General Manager U Than Ngwe briefed them on production process.

In connection with the reports, the minister instructed officials to manufacture various sizes of aluminum wire, to constantly provide raw materials in line with the production target, to systematically check production of wire meeting the set standard, to efficiently use electricity and fuel.

Next, the minister oversaw parts of power-

tiller engines at Power-Tiller Engine Factory. The minister was briefed on production of engines by Managing Director of Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries U Myo Tint and factory manager U Kyaw Lwin.

Afterwards, the minister gave instructions on increased production of engines, distribution of farm equipment to be able to reach the market, arrangements to be made for meeting the production target.

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Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

YANGON, 13 Dec—The Government of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Vasil Pytel as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Republic to the Union of Myanmar, in succession to HE Mr Marian Tomasik.

Mr Vasil Pytel was born in 1954. He studied at the University of Kosice Faculty of Law from 1973 to 1978 and got Doctoral Degree in 1981. He speaks English, German, Russian and Bulgarian. He started his professional career as judicial candidate at District court Michalovce in 1978 and continued to take up the profession till 1985.

In 1986, he joined the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia and was assigned duties of attache at the Czechoslovakia Embassy in Bonn, Germany in 1987. From 1988 to 1990, he worked at the International Law Department of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia. He once again took up the judicial profession as Private attorney at the Slovak Republic from 1990 to 2004. He returned to the diplomatic career in 2005 and worked at the Territorial Department for EU Countries in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic.

He is currently serving as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Republic to the Kingdom of Thailand. He will be concurrently accredited to the Union of Myanmar, with residence in Bangkok. Ambassador HE Mr Vasil Pytel is married and has two daughters.

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MWAF donates cash and clothes to fire victims

YANGON, 12 Dec — Wellwishers on 10 December went to the relief centre in Hline Township and donated cash and clothes to victims of fire which broke out in Ward-13 in Hline Township.

Financial Department of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated K 700,000; Agga Maha Thiri Thudamma Theingi Daw Hse 200 clothes worth K 170,000; and Nun Daw Khemaçari of Zayyar Thiri Nunnery, and wellwishers 50 longyis and 600 clothes worth K150,000 and cash K 200,000 through Deputy Director of the Relief and Resettlement Department U Win Shwe. The fire razed homes in Ward-13 in Hline Township on 28 November. — MNA

Russia calls for abandoning double standards of human rights

Moscow, 11 Dec— Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Yakovenko said on Saturday that the United Nations' commission for human rights should drop double standards in human rights, urging reforms to raise its efficiency.

"The UN commission for human rights must be reformed to raise its efficiency and prestige and to eliminate double standards existing in that area," Yakovenko said in connection with the International Human Rights Day.

A detailed discussion on ways to reform the commission is underway at the UN General Assembly, the ITAR-TASS news agency quoted Yakovenko as saying.

Yakovenko indicated that Russia is concerned about massive encroachments on the rights of

Russian-speaking communities, including in some countries of the European Union.

He mentioned "the hundreds of thousands of native speakers of Russia in Estonia and Latvia, who are deprived of citizenship there".

"Here we have a glaring instance of violation of universal international standards and we can't put up with it," Yakovenko said.

The Russian official reiterated the significance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights the UN endorsed on 10 December in 1948.— MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese man dressed as Santa Claus waves to passers-by in front of a coffee shop in China's capital Beijing on 10 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

Malaysian PM urges for enhanced regional business linkage

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 Dec — Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Saturday called on the East Asian business community to complement initiatives undertaken by their respective governments to enhance business linkages within the region.

Trade and industry associations in the region should also work to further enhance their networking, the prime minister said while opening the East Asia Business Exhibition here.

This could be facilitated through more frequent exchanges of trade and investment delegations as it would contribute to better understanding of the business environment and more frequent sharing of views and information, the Prime Minister said.

It would serve to "enhance awareness and facilitate closer business co-operation and discussions on issues of common interest as well as provide feedback to the governments," he said.

Last year, the ASEAN (Association of South-

East Asian Nations) together with China, South Korea, Japan, India, Australia and New Zealand accounted for 22.7 per cent of world trade.

"This is no small achievement because it represents 24.2 per cent of world exports and 21.2 per cent of world imports," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Ten killed as petrol tanker rams into building in Nigeria

LAGOS, 11 Dec — At least 10 people, including a pregnant woman, were killed when a petrol tanker rammed into a building after being hit by a bus attempting to overtake it at a remote Nigerian village, according to the village's head.

Alhaji Idi Mohammed of the Ushiba Village in the western state of Niger told Nigeria's Saturday Punch newspaper that the wife and two children of the owner of the building were among those who were crushed by the tanker at Friday's accident.

Mohammed said that the drivers of both vehicles and a mother with a baby of about eight months also died on the spot. — MNA/Xinhua

Quake jolts eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 11 Dec — An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.3 on the Richter Scale shook Turkey's eastern province of Bingol on Saturday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The report said that the quake occurred at 2:09 am (0009 GMT) and the epicenter of the quake was at the Karliova Town of Bingol, but no casualty was reported.

The neighbouring towns of surrounding Erzurum, Elazig and Erzincan provinces also felt the quake.

The Turkish Government has sent a four-man

information team to Bingol for investigation into the quake, said Anatolia.

Earthquakes are frequent in Turkey. A strong quake hit western Turkey in 1999, killing more than 18,000 people.

MNA/Xinhua

Plane crashes in Nigeria, 103 dead

PORT HARCOURT (Nigeria), 11 Dec — A Nigerian plane carrying 110 passengers and crew crashed and burst into flames in the oil city of Port Harcourt on Saturday killing 103 people, a Nigerian aviation official said.

A mother awaiting news of her child at the Port Harcourt Airport said the plane was carrying 75 secondary school students from a Jesuit College in the capital Abuja.

"I called the school and they confirmed there were 75 students on board," said the mother, who was distraught and did not give her name.

The plane, travelling from Abuja to Port Harcourt, was operated by private Nigerian carrier Sosoliso.

Civil aviation spokesman Samuel Adurogboye said the plane was carrying 103 passengers and seven crew when it missed the runway on landing and burst into flames.

He said 103 people died. Seven survived the crash. The disaster comes seven weeks after a plane operated by another Nigerian airline, Bellview, crashed near the commercial capital Lagos killing all 117 people on board.

Sosoliso flies many domestic routes daily. It is one of only two airlines that operate on the busy Abuja to Port Harcourt

Snow storms hit US midsection

NEW YORK, 10 Dec — Heavy snow up to 25 centimetres deep has swept through the United States' midsection over the past

two days, with traffic disrupted and schools closed due to snow-packed roads.

The storm sweeping to the east was expected to leave snow of 15 centimetres in central Illinois and 7.5 to 13 centimetres in the Chicago area. By late afternoon, some 30 flights had been cancelled at O'Hare International and Midway.

Kansas City was hit by the heaviest snow — up to 25 centimetres, which brought down temperatures to below zero degrees Celsius, a National Weather Service forecaster said. Many vehicles slipped off roads or got into fender benders.

Students in dozens of schools in Indiana were asked to leave early. Schools in northern and central Texas were closed Thursday and others rescheduled start times.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Reuters

Four US soldiers killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 Dec — Four US soldiers were killed in separate attacks in Iraq on Saturday, the US military said.

The first soldier assigned to Task Force Baghdad was killed when his patrol struck an improvised explosive device in Baghdad's northern district of Adhamiyah, the military said in a statement.

The second soldier from the same force was killed by small arms fire while on patrol in north-western Baghdad.

Another two soldiers were killed in a shootout with guerillas when gunmen attacked their patrol in Yusufiyah, southwest of Baghdad.

At least 2,138 US military personnel have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to the US Defence Ministry estimate. — MNA/Xinhua



US servicemen inspect a suspicious item, which looks like ammunition, they found during patrol in Sadr City in eastern Baghdad, on 11 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

China supports ASEAN's leading role in East Asia cooperation

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 Dec— Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said here on Saturday at the East Asia Summit (EAS) Foreign Ministers' Working Lunch that China supports ASEAN's role as the major driving force in East Asia cooperation, a spokesman for the Chinese delegation said.

Wang Donghua, deputy director of the Information Department of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, quoted Li as telling *Xinhua* that the EAS is a new thing in the East Asia cooperation process, which will provide a forum for various parties to exchange views on issues of common concern.

ASEAN has played a key role in initiating the first EAS, Li said, adding that China believes East Asia cooperation should remain open and China

respects the consensus reached by the ASEAN countries on East Asia cooperation. China supports East Asia cooperation which will be developed through the existing ASEAN+3 mechanism, the Chinese Foreign Minister said. Established in 1967, The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

China, Li said, is will-

ing to make joint efforts with other countries to ensure the success of the EAS. Malaysia will host the first EAS on 14 December, 2005. The historic decision for ASEAN to host the EAS was taken by ASEAN leaders at the 10th ASEAN Summit in Vientiane, Laos, in November 2004. The first EAS will be participated by ASEAN, Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea, and New Zealand.

Meanwhile, Li also met Saturday with his

Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov and Australian counterpart Alexander Downer in Kuala Lumpur separately. During the meeting with Lavrov, Li spoke highly of the development of the Sino-Russian strategic and cooperative partnership.

Both sides expressed the hope that the two countries will continue to strengthen coordination in solving the pollution in the Songhuajiang River which was contaminated due to blasts on 13 November at a chemical plant in neighbouring Jilin Province.—*MNA/Xinhua*

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Saudi formally joins WTO

GENEVA, 12 Dec — Saudi Arabia formally joined the World Trade Organization (WTO) on Sunday.

The WTO approved Saudi Arabia to become its 149th member on 11 November, winding up a 12-year negotiation process.

The move entered into force in 30 days, just in time for Saudi Arabia to participate in the WTO summit in Hong Kong, at which WTO members are supposed to agree on an outline deal to boost the world's economy by lowering more trade barriers.

WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy has hailed the acceptance of another heavyweight of world trade, which is the world's top oil producer and the main force in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Failing to join the organization last year, Saudi Arabia set its sight on membership in time for the WTO summit, which is due to begin in Hong Kong on Tuesday. — *MNA/Xinhua*



South Korean protesters march at an anti-US rally against the plan to expand the US army base in Pyongtaek, about 80 km (50 miles) south of Seoul, on 11 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

East China city posts \$100m in exports to Russia

FUZHOU, 11 Dec—Xiamen, a port city in east China's Fujian Province, realized exports to Russia of 100 million US dollars in the first ten months this year, local Customs statistics showed.

The exports are in over 50 categories and include canned mushrooms, sneakers, diesel-motor coaches, and granite materials.

The combined value of imports and exports between Xiamen City and

Russia stood at 190 million US dollars in 2004, 69.3 per cent up over the previous year.

The same year, the city earned 100 million US dollars in exports, 1.4 times that of 2003.

The surging trade with

Russia is an immediate result of its growing purchasing power and economic recovery, experts say.

Currently, products from Japan, South Korea, India, Turkey have flooded into Russian markets, posing a threat to Chinese-made products.

“Our foreign trade partners are mainly from Japan, the United States and Europe, and our trade with them account for 70 per cent of the city's total,” said Fu Rurong, head of the foreign economics department of the Xiamen Trade and Development Bureau, adding that Russia and India are becoming their new targets.

MNA/Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills Iraqi soldier, wounds seven north of Baghdad

TIKRIT (Iraq), 11 Dec— A roadside bomb struck an Iraqi Army convoy near the town of Balad, some 80 kilometres north of Baghdad on Saturday, a police source told *Xinhua*.

“One soldier was killed and seven others seriously wounded when a makeshift bomb detonated near their vehicle while patrolling the al-Rawashed area near Balad,” said Colonel Ahmed Hassan from Tikrit police.— *MNA/Xinhua*

KLM plane evacuated in Sweden over bomb message

STOCKHOLM, 11 Dec— A Dutch airliner was evacuated at a Swedish airport on Saturday after a passenger found what appeared to be a bomb threat

written in a magazine on board, but police said later no explosives were found.

A passenger on the KLM flight from Gothenburg to Amster-

dam raised the alarm after finding a threatening message in an on-board magazine shortly before it was due to take off. Sniffer dogs found no device on board, police spokesman Glenn Sjoberg told the local news agency *TT*.

“We found nothing,” said Sjoberg. “The message could have been written a week ago. We don't really know if anyone read the magazine the last time the plane was in the air.”

The coach of a handball team on board, Stefan Albrechtson, said a Dutch passenger alerted the KLM crew just as the plane started moving away from the terminal and the captain told the rest of the 144 passengers there was a possible bomb threat.

MNA/Reuters

One dead after German chemical factory fire

BERLIN, 11 Dec—One fireman died and three workers were injured after an explosion and fire at a chemicals factory in the southern Germany on Saturday, police said.

Heinz Rindlbacher, spokesman for Ingolstadt police, said the works fireman died from injuries sustained while trying to extinguish the blaze at Petrochemie Muenchsmuenster in the southern state of Bavaria.

One worker was being treated for burns at a hospital in Munich while two others sustained slight injuries.

According to a notice posted on Bavarian television's teletext service at 1733 GMT, police urged residents of Muenchsmuenster not to leave their homes because of a large cloud of unknown chemical composition. Rindlbacher said, however, there was no serious danger.—*MNA/Reuters*



US soldier mans a machinegun in a helicopter flying over one of Baghdad's bridges in Iraq, on 11 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

Australia invests fund for closer economic ties with ASEAN

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 Dec — Australia will invest five million Australian dollars (3.8 million US dollars) into a research project to help ASEAN countries develop closer economic links with other East Asian Nations, Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer announced here on Saturday.

This is part of a 10.5-million-Australian-dollar pack (7.9 million US dollars) of development assistance to the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Australia is to fund, Downer said at a Press conference held on the eve of the inaugural East Asian Summit (EAS).

The EAS, to be held here on 14 December, will gather leaders from the 10 member states of ASEAN, namely Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, and those from China, Japan, South Korea, India, Aus-

tralia and New Zealand.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar has said that ASEAN is not looking at East Asia only in the geographical context but also in terms of geo-political and economic relations, so India, Australia and New Zealand, though located geographically outside of East Asia, are also included in the East Asian process.

Downer said that in all, four initiatives focusing on trade and economic development will be funded.

"The 5-million-dollar project will fund joint research examining eco-

nomie integration between ASEAN nations and the other East Asian nations —Japan, the South Korea, China, India, New Zealand and Australia," he said, adding the project builds on work already underway through the "highly successful ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme". —MNA/Xinhua



Men watch plumes of smoke rise from an oil depot fire near Hemel Hempstead, on 11 Dec, 2005. Explosions tore through a fuel depot north of London on Sunday, spewing out a huge tower of smoke and flame in what officials said could be the biggest incident of its kind in peacetime Europe. Police said there were 43 casualties but only one person appeared to have suffered serious injuries. —INTERNET

Large explosions at British fuel depot an "accident"

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (England), 12 Dec — Explosions tore through a fuel depot north of London before dawn on Sunday, creating a huge tower of smoke and flame and seriously injuring two people in what police said appeared to be an accident.

"All indications at this stage are that this was an accident. However clearly we will keep an open mind," Hertfordshire Chief

Constable Frank Whiteley told a news conference after Britons, still on edge from July bomb attacks in London, awoke to images

of destruction from new blasts. Eye witnesses described a series of massive explosions at the Buncefield oil depot, just

after 0600 GMT. The explosions shot flames and billowing smoke several hundred feet into the air, smashed the windows of nearby homes and caused widespread damage.

A Reuters witness said the blast was heard 40 kilometres (25 miles) away in northwest London.

Hours later, the skies over Buncefield were still blackened with a wall of smoke. Some homes in the region were evacuated. "It's probably the largest that I have seen ... in terms of actual fire size," the county's chief fire officer, Roy Wilsher, told a news conference. — MNA/Reuters



British military

personnel secure

the streets of the

southern city of

Basra, on 11

Dec, 2005.

INTERNET

Bangladesh seizes explosives, detains militants

DHAKA, 11 Dec — Police in Bangladesh hunting for Islamist suicide bombers have seized explosives and detained 30 militants, a Home Ministry official said on Saturday.

"Some 22 kilos of explosives including gunpowder, gel, iron chips and other bomb making materials were recovered from a hideout in northern Tangail late on Friday," the official said.

Police raided the hideout, on a remote fish farm in Tangail, 100 kilometres (62 miles) northwest of the capital Dhaka, after a tip-off.

Three militants were detained during the raid on the hideout and 27 others were picked up from different spots, where a number of live bombs were also recovered over the last 24 hours.

Most of the detainees are believed to be militants of Jamaat-ul-Mujahedin, one of the three banned groups, blamed for waves of bomb attacks across the country since August.

Police have intensified their hunt for bombers after two bombs exploded on a crowded street in the northern town of Netrokona on Thursday, killing eight people including a suicide bomber and wounding 50.

Police have detained nearly 70 suspected militants following the latest

bomb attack which took the number of people killed by suspected suicide bombers to 28 in three weeks, including judges, lawyers and policemen. At least 150 people have been wounded.

MNA/Reuters

Iran says will not enrich uranium while talks go on

TEHERAN, 11 Dec — Iran will not enrich uranium for as long as it is negotiating with the international community over its disputed atomic programme, the country's atomic chief said on Saturday.

However, Gholamreza Aghazadeh reiterated that Iran would never give up nuclear fuel production.

"The Islamic Republic will not engage in activities such as gas injection or enrichment during negotiations," Aghazadeh was quoted as saying by the official IRNA news agency.

It was not immediately clear whether Aghazadeh was referring to talks on Iran's nuclear activities at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) or to lower level talks aimed at reviving dialogue with the European Union.

Iran's resumption of uranium conversion earlier this year, the step before enrichment, severed talks with Britain, France and Germany.

In the conversion process, Iran converts uranium ore into uranium hexafluoride gas. Aghazadeh made no mention of stopping this work, which is a goodwill gesture EU countries have sought as a basis for rebuilding dialogue.

Enrichment is the next step, when the gas is pumped into centrifuges to produce enriched uranium.

Iran has not threatened an immediate start to enrichment and many scientists believe Teheran could still be several years from mastering centrifuge technology.

MNA/Reuters

Politician in Iraq's Najaf escapes assassination

NAJAF (Iraq), 11 Dec — A former mayor of the southern Iraqi city of Najaf who is contesting next week's parliamentary elections escaped an attempt on his life on Saturday, police said.

But a roadside bomb targeting Shi'ite Muslim politician Adnan al-Zurfi's convoy wounded three of his guards.

Zurfi heads the Faithful to Najaf Party in the Shi'ite stronghold 160 kilometres (100 miles) south of Baghdad.

"On my way back to my party office a roadside bomb exploded targeting my convoy, wounding three of my guards," Zurfi told Reuters. He blamed two rival politicians but declined to name them.

Former Iraqi prime minister Iyad Allawi said earlier this month that gunmen loyal to Islamist Shi'ite parties tried to assassinate him inside Najaf's holiest shrine. —MNA/Reuters

Three die of fire in Cape Town

JOHANNESBURG, 11 Dec — A woman and two teenagers burnt to death in Khayelitsha, Cape Town early on Friday while residents fled their luxury homes as a fire raged out of control in the Oudekraal area.

Emergency operations room controller Shane Dumsday said "The Khayelitsha woman and boy, 14 and girl, 13, were reported dead at 2:51 am after their shacks burnt." At daybreak, he said helicopters were on their way to Oudekraal to try to bring the "big" fire under control.

MNA/Xinhua

Wonderful lake in the high mountains

Htay Aung (Tourism)

I have been to Bagan recently. From the Nanmyint Tower, I enjoyed the scenic beauty of the area at sunset. The plain of Bagan was fascinating. The Tantkyi mountain range stretching along the river was also beautiful. A poet once described Mya Kan Tha, the Emerald Lake, with Bagan in the background. The lake is situated at the foot of Tuyindaung Hill, at the entrance to Bagan. It was built to store mountain torrent. The embankments were strong and water was cool, clean and clear. Different kinds of fragrant lotus flowers were in full bloom. Birds of different species came here. The poet in his poem likened the lake to the Nanda Lake in the

four heroes of Bagan that have been skilfully created. They add the majestic beauty of the hotel. The lobby is spacious and impressive. A small artificial waterfall is created in front of the hotel.

There are one-unit accommodations categorized into four classes. An entrepreneur's effort to strike a balance between personal interest and others is apparent. He has concentrated on achieving international class while preserving and upholding national prestige and national character. The project has created many jobs for the local people. A sure thing is that there will be more jobs when the hotel opens.

On my return from Bagan and Popa where I attended workshops on

Myitkyina and Putao on several occasions on duty. However, I saw the mount of ice only from afar. Mt Khakaborazi seems not far away. In practice, it is a long way to get there. If one goes to the base camp at the foothill via Putao and Nagmon, it will take about two months. In 1996, Mr Ozaki of Japan and Nama Johnson of Myanmar scaled Khakaborazi and reached the peak.

I happened to meet the team led by Dr Khin Maung in Putao one day. I learned that they had just completed the climbing of the mount. He seemed to be elated after their accomplishment. We too were proud of their success.

Indeed, the journey was rough. Every mem-



Victorious team members of Myanmar Hiking and Mountaineering Association at the peak of Ma Dwe glacier in north of Putao, Kachin State



Nanda Lake on Ma Dwe glacier at an altitude of 12800 feet

Tavatimsa, the abode of the celestial beings.

But news about Mya Kan Tha was less known for quite some time. The Government tried hard for the greening of the environs of Bagan. As a result, there is no longer scanty rainfall in the area. The environment now is lush and green. The weather gets mild from hot. What a blessing!

From the tower, I observed the Nanmyint Hotel construction project. When I saw the lake in the project area, I thought of what Mya Kan Tha would be like in the past. The hotel matches for the tower. The archway is grand. At the base of the steps leading to the hotel, there stand the figures of the

tourism, I met hoteliers at the Karaweik Palace. I met them at the ceremony to honour a team of the Myanmar Hiking and Mountaineering Federation for successfully scaling the Mt Ma Dwe in the north of Putao. Members of the team were honoured by the Ministers, who are Executive Committee members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association. The Ministers presented gifts to the leader and members of the team and donated cash to the funds of the federation. Leader of the team Dr Khin Maung explained the experience with the help of slides. All then had a group photo taken. Cultural dances were presented after dinner.

I have visited

ber of the team had to be fit and strong as well as diligent. Team spirit and esprit de corps were essential. Each had to carry his or her equipment throughout, and to clear the way by himself or herself. In some cases, they had to take life threatening risks. The weather was very uncertain. A shower of snow can occur all of a sudden although everything was bright and clear presently. There would be total darkness then.

Dr Khin Maung showed me the photographs he had taken along the route and recounted his experiences. When the mountaineering team first arrived in Putao it met local authorities. The team members discussed the route with the guides.

They saw that the items they were going to carry were actually essential on the way. They paid special attention to carrying dry rations and food items.

According to Dr Khin Maung, on the first day of the journey they left Putao. It was nearing dusk when they reached Tahteindan village. It was thrilling to cross the suspension bridge across Palat creek before entering the village. They had dinner with the village headman and put up at the Primary School.

On the second day, they left the village. On the way, they had to cross Nanyin creek with the help of ropes. They stopped in the grove of reeds on the west bank of Malikha River.

On the third day, they moved on along the river and crossed the Mankhu river.

On the fourth day, they continued the journey along the Malikha River. They crossed Ma Dwe creek with the help of ropes. Water in the creek was very cold. When they got to Kyaukgugyi camp it was 1 pm. In fact, the camp was not far from Putao. The elevation was not different. It was close to the foothill.

On the fifth day, they

moved along the east bank of the Nampha creek, a tributary of Ma Dwe creek. They crossed the creek and pitched camp on the west bank. Elevation of the place is over 2,800 feet above sea level. Along the way they saw a variety of flowers that are common only in the mountain. The sound of a myriad of birds overwhelmed that of the current of Ma Dwe creek. They also found colourful butterflies in some places.

The following day, they went on their journey along the tributary of Nampha creek. They started the climb taking the path in the woods. They moved on slowly and stopped at the ravine. It got colder since the place was more than 5,400 feet above sea level. The temperature dropped to below zero and they got shorter time to sleep. After dinner they slept well since heat was still there inside their bodies. But after midnight, the body temperature began to drop and the winds got stronger and weather got colder. So, they could not sleep.

On the seventh day, they had to collect water as a priority considering that they were then in the hills. As the second priority, they tried to find a level ground so that all the

members would be able to camp. That night they slept at Patloo-taing camp, about 9,200 feet above sea level.

The next day, they reached the edge of the ice. It may be said that they had seen the snow line. The place was about 11,000 feet above sea level. Ice melted and formed a pool there. So, they did not have to worry about drinking water.

On the ninth day, they climbed slowly on and got to the Yegangyi camp, the large lake camp. As the place was over 12,800 feet above sea level, they saw scanty number of big trees. At mountain tops, they saw grass and short rhododendron. They pitched camp on the surface of ice near the large lake. The temperature was minus 12 degree, so they could not sleep.

"We were anxious to climb the peak early in the following morning. So we made all necessary arrangements. On the tenth day, our mountaineering team started climbing Ma Dwe mountain. We were very lucky because weather was favourable. We took about four hours to reach the peak that is 15,177 feet above sea level.

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Forestry sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of forest sector in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Local people's forest plantations in states and divisions

In the present day, there has been an increase in extraction of timber and forest products as the burgeoning population in the nation is depending much on forests. Hence,

priority is being given to control of logging, reforestation, preservation of forests, and extended growing of trees.

For development of the forestry sector, the

government has laid down and is implementing the 12 Myanmar forest policies with added momentum.

In this regard, efforts are being made for

ensuring active participation of the entire national people in the conservation of forests and in the management of forest resources.

Instructions on public-owned local forest plantations were issued in 1995 for the people to systematically take care of and manage reserved and natural forests, and properly use them. This is aimed at ensuring the active participation of the people in establishing of forests and reforestation.

Now, over 26,000 local people are fully engaged in reforestation of 81,733 acres of land.

The government is now engaged in extended cultivation of teak at the rate of 20,000 acres per year for substitution of

Local people's forest plantations in states and divisions in acres

SR	state/division	1988	2005
1.	Kachin	-	780
2.	Kayah	-	100
3.	Kayin	-	485
4.	Chin	-	465
5.	Sagaing	-	995
6.	Bago (East)	-	1,043
7.	Bago (West)	-	2,645
8.	Magway	-	750
9.	Mandalay	-	8,193
10.	Mon	-	165
11.	Rakhine	-	1,612
12.	Yangon	-	400
13.	Shan	-	43,469
14.	Ayeyawady	-	20,631
	Total	-	81,733

teak extracted. Efforts are being made for cultivation of 800,000 acres of teak in 40 years (from 1999 to 2038). Starting from 2039, the country will be able to produce about 100,000 cubic tons of teak yearly.

Thanks to concerted

efforts of the government and local people, teak plantations have increased in the time of the Tatmadaw government. The table shows emerging local people's forest plantations in states and divisions.



Forest plantation of local people in Minphayakan Village of Thazi Township.

Wonderful lake in the high...

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Then State Flag, Kachin State flag, the flag of the Hiking and Mountaineering Federation and that of the Women's Sports Federation were flown at the peak and we posed for documentary photos. At that time, a sudden gust of wind blew and fogs and snow were falling thereby blocking our vision. So we climbed down in a big hurry before the mountain was covered with ice.

Dr Khin Maung's story of climbing the mountain ended here. But as I was curious to know some other things, I asked him: "Doctor, I've heard a foreign researcher studied the Khakaborazi National Garden with the help of Forest Department. He wrote a book on facts about this region. Was the route he took the same as yours? If not, is there any other route to the mountain's peak? Which is the best route for mountaineers? And do you have any plan to climb the Mount Khakaborazi?"

"Of course, he wrote the book titled 'Beyond the Last Village', which is based on Tehondam village. In his book, he wrote on the life of local national races, local flora and fauna and natural resources from environmental conservation point of view. For us, we have climbed mountains in the region depending on the feasibility. Our aim is different from his. And we did not take the same route. Ma Dwe mountain is situated in the north of Putao while the Tehondam lies in the north-east. There is the only one main route to reach Mt Khakaborazi. For us, the more mountains there are, the

more we want to climb them. We'll try our best to climb Mt Khakaborazi."

"Doctor, I'd like to know necessary requirements regarding the climbing of a mountain?"

"Well, in brief, a mountaineer must be specially strong and fit himself. He must undergo continuous practice and training. A mountaineering team needs all necessary assistance to succeed in climbing a mountain. If provided with necessary things such as easy transport and enough meals and funds, mountaineers will be in a position to perform their task with high spirit. In our mountain trip, the Union Solidarity and Development Association, departmental officials and entrepreneurs raised funds and provided other assistance to us."

"By the way, Doctor, I'd like to know if there is a significant motto of your mountaineering team."

"As you know, the common saying is 'However big a mountain is, it will be under one's feet one day'. It encourages our stamina, perseverance and diligence. Another motto is that 'we will continue mountain-climbing as long as we are alive'. But I don't mean we achieve success every time we climb a mountain. Mr Ozaki, who climbed the Mt Khakaborazi, had to try three times to reach the peak. That's why the motto shows that we should try once again when we fail to reach a mountaintop for the first time. To achieve success, we should have team spirit and esprit de corps."

"Doctor, I've noticed there is a big lake along the route to the mountain. I got surprised to see this nearby.

And could you please explain to me about the lake?"

"Well, the lake is about one and a half square miles. As water in the lake is cool and clean, its colour is dark like that in deep sea. Water coming from Ma Dwe spring makes a lake naturally. So we were also surprised to see the lake." "Of course, Doctor."

"The local hunters and guides who accompanied our team paid high regards to the lake. They requested the mountaineers not to go down the lake, not to wash hands and feet and not to litter. We were also asked not to make a noise and speak loudly."

"Ah, may be it is a lake taken care of by guardian spirits."

"Perhaps, because it has significant characteristics. We could not study the lake in detail as we were very anxious to climb up the mountain and the descent was also troubled with bad weather. To escape from the cold we had to spend the night near the snow line a little far away from the foot of the mountain.

"It was so wonderful to see the natural lake that exists at an altitude of 12,800 feet. It can be called Nanda Lake from the Tavatimsa, the abode of celestial beings." "Of course, you're right." I would like to invite adventurers to come over and have a look at the wonderful lake located in the snow-capped mountain in Putao Region in Kachin State, the only snow-covered scenic sight in South-East Asia.

(Translation: AK+ST)

(Kyemon: 12-12-2005)

Matters relating to adoption of detailed basic...

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Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of State service personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President's

Session of the National Convention at 7.30 am, Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe



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

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

tee and Work Committee members, NCC Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen of sub-committees, officials, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, del-

Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presided over the Plenary Meeting of the National Convention, and Secretary of the Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan acted as MC.

The MC announced the validity of the meeting as 1,069 delegates out of 1,080 were present, accounting for 98.98 per cent.

NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe clarified matters concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for Powers and Functions of the President in the executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the



NCCC Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan acts as MC.— MNA

torney-General U Aye Maung read out the clarification made by the NCC Work Committee on matters regarding detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of executive power of Union Government and region and state governments in the executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

(The clarification of NCC Management Committee Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung is reported separately.)

NCC Work Committee Secretary U Thaug Nyunt read out the clarification made by the NCC Work Committee on matters regarding detailed ba-



NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presiding over Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA

and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution. The Plenary Session of the National Convention went to recess.

(The clarification of NCC Work Committee Secretary U Thaug Nyunt will be reported tomorrow.)

When the Plenary Session of the National Convention resumed NCC Work Committee member Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein read out the clarification made by the NCC Work Committee on matters regarding detailed basic principles to be laid down for

for Information U Thein Sein will be reported tomorrow.)

NCC Work Committee Member Supreme Court Judge Dr Tin Aung Aye continued to read out the clarification made by the NCC Work Committee on collections of matters regarding detailed basic principles laid down for sharing of executive and judicial powers to be included in drawing the State Constitution.

The Plenary Session of the National Convention was adjourned at 11.55 am.

(The clarification of NCC Work Committee



NC delegates signing in the attendance books of the National Convention.— MNA

tee, the Mandalay City Development Committee, and ministries concerned, other invited delegates, delegates of armed groups that exchanged arms for peace. Before the Plenary

delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel, and other invited delegates signed in the attendance books at the Pyidaungsu Hall and recreation hall for the delegates.

State Constitution.

(The clarification of NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe is reported separately.)

NCC Work Committee Vice-Chairman At-

torney-General U Aye Maung read out the clarification made by the NCC Work Committee on matters regarding detailed basic principles to be laid down for administrative power of self-administered division and the self-administered zones leading bodies and matters related to State service personnel in the executive

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

(The clarification of NCC Work Committee Member Deputy Minister

Member Supreme Court Judge Dr Tin Aung Aye will be reported tomorrow.)

The Plenary Session of the National Convention continues at 9 am tomorrow. — MNA



NC delegates attending the Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA





Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects Lashio General Hospital.— MNA

Progress of road sections, bridges...

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party proceeded to the construction site of Hsenwi Bridge crossing Namtu Creek being undertaken by Asia World Co Ltd on Hsenwi-Lashio road section. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on progress of construction tasks by officials.

At Maize Research Farm of North-East Command in Lashio, Lt-Gen Kyaw

Win and party inspected thriving Yezin-3 strain maize plantation. They also viewed Hsinshweli strain sugarcane plantation and opium-substitute maize plantations.

On arrival at Lashio General Hospital, Medical Superintendent Dr Khin Maung Wah briefed Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on common diseases and medical treatments, and U Tin Ko Ko of Asia World Co Ltd on completion of the children's ward.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party went to Pyidaungsu Kanthaya Natural Garden in Lashio. Officials reported on the increase of population in Lashio during 10 years period, and water supply functions. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win fulfilled the requirements.

After overseeing development of Lashio, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party spent the night at Shweli Yeiktha in Lashio.—MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects regional...

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by Chairman U Htein Win of Myitmakha Co Group and wife were presented to Director-General Brig-Gen Kyaw Thu of No1 Basic Education Department. The donors also raised funds of K 10,759,100 for the school. Brig-Gen Kyaw Thu presented a certificate of honor to the donors. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than stressed the need for producing human resources as they are the strength of the nation. Then Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected multimedia rooms of the school. The school was built at a cost of K 370 million.

Later, they visited Khamonsiek station hospital, Hteintaw station hospital in Moenyo township and Htaintaw BEHS where Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than



New building of Khamonseik BEHS (Branch) constructed in Khamonseik Village of Letpadan Township.— MNA

inspected the multimedia rooms and left necessary instructions.

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the suggestions, presented its compilation of the detailed basic principles to the National Convention Convening Commission. The Commission studied the compilation in detail and approved it. I will now explain the approved detailed basic principles for the executive and judicial power.

At the plenary session on 7-3-2005, the Work Committee Chairman explained that the previous sessions of the National Convention had laid down the detailed basic principles, "The Head of State is the President of the Union", "The Executive Head of State is the President of the Union" and "The President shall exercise powers and function assigned and vested by the constitution and other laws". He then explained that the following detailed basic principles concerning the Powers and Functions of the President should be laid down:

1. The President shall be responsible to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The Vice-Presidents shall be responsible to the President and also to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through the President.
2. To be able to discharge the duties assigned in accord with the Constitution or any of the

law, the National Defence and Security Council led by the President shall be formed with the following persons:

1. President
 2. Vice-President
 3. Vice-President
 4. Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw
 5. Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw
 6. Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
 7. Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
 8. Minister for Defence
 9. Minister for Foreign Affairs
 10. Minister for Home Affairs
 11. Minister for Border Affairs.
3. The President shall have
 - (a) the right of pardon
 - (b) the right of amnesty in accord with the recommendation of the National Defence and Security Council.
 4. The President shall
 - (a) confer titles, honours and awards
 - (b) revoke titles, honours and awards.
 5. The President shall establish or sever diplomatic relations with foreign nations with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. But in the cases which need immediate action, the President shall coordinate with the National

Defence and Security Council to sever diplomatic relations with foreign nation, and he shall seek the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw concerning the action taken by him.

6. The President of the Union, in accord with law,
 - (a) shall appoint and recall the diplomats of the country;
 - (b) shall agree on the appointment of foreign diplomats and send information on the recall
 - (c) shall accept the letters of accreditation presented by foreign diplomats.
7. The President of the Union, in accord with law, shall appoint and dismiss heads of bodies of public services.
8. The President of the Union, in accord with law,
 - (a) shall enter into, ratify or annul international, regional or bilateral treaties, or withdraw from such treaties with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw; and
 - (b) shall enter into, ratify or annul international, regional or bilateral treaties which do not require the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, or withdraw from such treaties.
9. The President of the Union shall have the right to occasionally deliver an address or send a

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NCCC, NCCWC and NCCMC members and NC delegates seen at Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA

The Union Government shall uphold and maintain...

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message to the meeting of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, or to the meeting of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw, or to the whole country on any matter regarding the policies and conditions of the State.

10. The President of the Union shall communicate with the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to summon an emergency or special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if necessary.

11. (a) Except Union budget matters, the President shall have the right to issue an ordinance on administrative matters that need immediate action during intervals between sessions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(b) If the President has not withdrawn the ordinance issued under sub para (a), he shall submit the ordinance for approval to the nearest session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw within 60 days after the promulgation of the ordinance. If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has not any schedule to hold a session within 60 days, the President shall cause to convene a special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval.

(c) The ordinance shall cease to have effect from the date on which it is disapproved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(d) The ordinance issued by the President will be in force with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw till the required date.

(e) Even such an ordinance is revoked within 60 days after its promulgation, it shall be submitted to the nearest meeting of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(f) If such an ordinance contains matters which the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has no right to make decision according to the Constitution, the ordinance ceases to have effect.

12. The President shall

(a) in coordination with the National Defence and Security Council, formed within the framework of the Constitution, take suitable military action in the face of aggression against the State;

(b) submit the action so taken to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval if it is in session or call an emergency meeting to present the matter for approval if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not in session.

(c) declare war or make peace only with the assent of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

13. "The President shall sign the laws passed and enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after taking action according to the provisions of the Constitution. Such signed laws shall be promulgated in the official Gazette."

14. The President shall not be responsible for answering to any Hluttaw or to any Court for the exercise or performance of the duties and functions vested in him by the Constitution or any of the existing laws or for any of his actions in the exercise and performance of these powers and functions. But the exemption should not concern the stipulations contained in the constitution in connection with the impeachment made against him.

Delegate group of nationalities, delegate group of peasants, delegates group of workers, delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates group of State service personnel and delegate group of other invited persons, and delegate group of political parties — Union Pa-O National League, Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party discussed that the detailed basic principles should be laid down in accord with the clarifications of the Work Committee Chairman.

I will now present the separate presentations of the delegate groups. The National Unity Party of the delegate group of political parties said that the Work

Committee Chairman had explained that as the President is the Head of State, he will have to carry out daily the tasks including politics, administration, economy and security. As the economy is the most basic and important sector, the President may need an economic support group. Thus a President-led National Economic Council, with ministers as members should be formed.

Concerning the suggestion, I will explain that the formation of the National Defence and Security Council is for the President to establish or sever diplomatic relations with foreign nations with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and take suitable military action in the face of aggression against the State in consultation with National Defence and Security Council. On the other hand the economic issues do not need immediate action. They are the matters that can be implemented through coordination within the Union government.

Both the 1947 Constitution and the 1974 Constitution did not include a stipulation stating the formation of the National Economic Council with the President at the helm. The constitutions of some nations do not form the body either. The President may form economic advisory boards as necessary. Thus, I will like to inform the party concerned that the formation of a National Economic Council is not necessary.

The NUP also said that the sub para (f) states, "If such an ordinance contains matters which the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has no right to make decision according to the Constitution, the ordinance ceases to have effect". But it seems that the matter, which the region Hluttaw or the state Hluttaw has no right to make decision, is not included in the para (f). The matter should be added to the detailed basic principle. Thus a detailed basic principle "If such an ordinance contains matters which the region Hluttaw or the state Hluttaw has no right to make decision according to the Constitution, the ordinance ceases to have effect" should be added to the original detailed basic principle."

Concerning the suggestion, I would like to explain that the Ordinance is stipulated in the 1947 Constitution, the 1974 Constitution and constitutions of some nations for the head of state to have the right to issue an ordinance in times of emergency when the stability of State, community peace, and the rule of law are facing encroachment.

In the detailed basic principles of the executive Power of the Union government it is stated, "The Union Government shall uphold and maintain stability, peace, and the prevalence of law and order in the country". The detail basic principles of the executive power of the region of state government say, "The region and state governments shall have the responsibility to assist the Union Government in its drive to ensure the stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law".

As the sub para of the para 11 covers all the objectives of the ordinance, no addition is needed to it.

Representatives-elect of the political parties present the opinion of the own parties U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township constituency 2, U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township constituency 1, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township constituency 2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay Township constituency 2, U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township constituency 1 and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township constituency 2 of the delegate group of representatives-elect said that sub para (c) and (d) of the para 3 state as follows:

(c) The President shall make rules for the transaction of the business of the Union Government, and for the allocation of the said business among the ministers of the Union Government or to the official responsible under a certain law, except matters conferred on him by this Constitution to act in his own discretion.

(d) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the allocation of business by the President may be region-wise as well as subjectwise.

As the said two paras concern the functions of the President they should be included in the chapter "the Powers and Functions of the President".

Concerning the matter, I would like to say that the definitions of the sub paras 1 and 2 and sub paras 3 and 4

of the para 2 will be more comprehensive and complete only if they are stated in the same para. If the sub para 3 and 4 are stated in the chapter "The Power and Functions of the President, their definition can also change. The two said paras are also stated under the Chapter "The Union Government" of the 1947 Constitution. Thus, it is not appropriate to state them under the chapter "Powers and functions of the Union Government".

Hence, in accord with the suggestions of the delegates the following detailed basic principles concerning the heading "The Powers and Functions of the President" of the sector for sharing the executive and judicial powers are adopted:

1. The President shall be responsible to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The Vice-Presidents shall be responsible to the President and also to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through the President.

2. To be able to discharge the duties assigned in accord with the Constitution or any of the law, the National Defence and Security Council led by the President shall be formed with the following persons:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Vice-President
4. Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw
5. Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw
6. Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
7. Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
8. Minister for Defence
9. Minister for Foreign Affairs
10. Minister for Home Affairs
11. Minister for Border Affairs.

3. The President shall have

- (a) the right of pardon
- (b) the right of amnesty in accord with the recommendation of the National Defence and Security Council.

4. The President shall

- (a) confer titles, honours and awards
- (b) revoke titles, honours and awards.

5. The President shall establish or sever diplomatic relations with foreign nations with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. But in the cases which need immediate action, the President shall coordinate with the National Defence and Security Council to sever diplomatic relations with foreign nation, and he shall seek the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw concerning the action taken by him.

6. The President of the Union, in accord with law,

- (a) shall appoint and recall the diplomats of the country;
- (b) shall agree on the appointment of foreign diplomats and send information on the recall

(c) shall accept the letters of accreditation presented by foreign diplomats."

7. The President of the Union, in accord with law, shall appoint and dismiss heads of bodies of public services.

8. The President of the Union, in accord with law,

- (a) shall enter into, ratify or annul international, regional or bilateral treaties, or withdraw from such treaties with the approval of the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw; and
- (b) shall enter into, ratify or annul international, regional or bilateral treaties which do not require the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, or withdraw from such treaties.

9. The President of the Union shall have the right to occasionally deliver an address or a message to the meeting of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, or to the meeting of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw, or to the whole country on any matter regarding the policies and conditions of the State.

10. The President of the Union shall communicate with the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to

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As it is the duty of the Union government to draft the bill on Union budget and present it to the Union Hluttaw for approval, no addition will be needed for the para 7 and the wording is already compact and complete

YANGON, 12 Dec—The following is the presentation of clarifications of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman on adoption of detailed basic principles on The Executive Powers of the Union Government and The Executive Power of Region or State government included in the sharing of executive and judicial powers for formulating State Constitution by Vice-Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee U Aye Maung at the plenary session held today at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.

At the plenary session of the National Convention, held on 7 March 2005 the Work Committee Chairman explained the detailed basic principles concerning the executive power of the Union government of the sector for sharing the executive and judicial powers that should be laid down.

Delegate group of Nationalities, delegate group of peasants, delegates group of workers, delegates group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates group of State service personnel and delegate group of other invited persons, and delegate group of political parties — Union Pa-O National Organization, Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party suggested that the following detailed basic principles should be laid down in the executive powers of the Union Government.

1. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the executive power of the Union extends to the matters with respect to which the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has power to make laws.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the executive authority of the Union, shall be vested in the President; but nothing in this section shall prevent the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw from conferring duties and functions upon any authoritative body, or any person in authority, or be deemed to transfer to the President of the State any functions vested in any authoritative body concerned, or any other person in authority concerned by existing laws.
3. (a) All executive actions the Union Government shall be expressed in the name of the President.
(b) Orders and instruments made and executed in the name of the President shall be authenticated in such manner as may be specified in rules to be made by the President. In addition, the validity of an order or instrument which is so authenticated shall not be called in question on the ground that it was not done by the President.

(c) The President shall make rules for the transaction of the business of the Union Government, and for the allocation of the said business among the ministers of the Union Government or to the official responsible under a certain law, except matters conferred on him by this Constitution to act in his own discretion.

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I will now present the separate presentations of the delegate groups. The National Unity Party of the delegate group of political parties said, according to the para 7, the party proposes that the right is vested in the Union government to use the funds within the allotment of the normal expenditure if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw cannot approve and issue the Union

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

11. (a) Except Union budget matters, the President shall have the right to issue an ordinance on administrative matters that need immediate action during intervals between sessions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
(b) If the President has not withdrawn the ordinance issued under sub para (a), he shall submit the ordinance for approval to the nearest session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw within 60 days after the promulgation of the ordinance. If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has not any schedule to hold a session within 60 days, the President shall cause to convene a special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval.

(c) The ordinance shall cease to have effect from the date on which it is disapproved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

- (d) The ordinance issued by the President will be in force with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw till the required date.
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 - (b) submit the action so taken to the Pyidaungsu

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- (c) declare war or make peace only with the assent of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
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14. The President shall not be responsible for answering to any Hluttaw or to any Court for the exercise or performance of the duties and functions vested in him by the Constitution or any of the existing laws or for any of his actions in the exercise and performance of these powers and functions. But the exemption should not concern the stipulations contained in the constitution in connection with the impeachment made against him.— MNA

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not deterrent, adding that "after the culprits are fined, they go elsewhere and open another shop. This makes life difficult for us (NDA)".

NDA prefers to confiscate drugs, which it then sells to legitimate shops if they are not expired through auction. Mukasa advised patients to get treatment from the government-aided medical centres where services were free.

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Spanish police arrest eight Algerians linked to militants
MADRID, 11 Dec— Spanish police have arrested eight Algerians on Spain's southern coast suspected of helping fund Islamist militants linked to al-Qaeda, state radio said on Friday.

Police confirmed they were involved in an operation to crack down on suspected Islamist militants on Spain's Costa del Sol, but declined to give details.

Police arrested the suspects—seven men and a woman—on the order of a Spanish court and are holding them in the southern city of Malaga, the radio said, citing sources close to the investigation.

The arrest operation started on Thursday night in houses in different coastal locations, including the holiday resorts of Torremolinos and Marbella, it said.

The detainees are accused of funding the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat, Algeria's largest outlawed militant group, the report added.

Last month, Spain arrested 10 people linked to the same group in raids in the country's south following a 10-month investigation by police.

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MEXICO CITY, 11 Dec— Two alleged kidnappers were arrested and three kidnapping victims rescued when police on Friday raided a house on the outskirts of Mexico City, the country's capital.

The raid was made in the morning by the Federal Agency of Investigation, an organ similar to the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The detainees include Israel Vallarta, a Mexican and Marie Louise Cassez Florence, a French woman, the Federal Attorney General's Office confirmed in a news

release.

The office said the two suspects were members of "Zodiac", a gang involved in at least 10 abductions and one murder.

The victims, a man, a woman and her eight-year-old daughter, all abducted on the outskirts of Mexico City, had been held for more than two months.—MNA/Xinhua

Peacekeepers likely involved in police shooting in Haiti

HAVANA, 11 Dec— The United Nations acknowledged on Thursday that its peacekeepers were likely involved in a shootout that left two Haitian policemen wounded, according to reports reaching here.

Initial investigation showed that the UN

peacekeepers could have done the shooting, said Damian Onses-Cardona, a UN spokesman in Haiti.

A car carrying five Haitian police officers was shot at on Monday on the outskirts of Cite Soleil, north of the capital Port-au-Prince, leaving two policemen wounded.

The UN peacekeepers might have confused the officers with armed gang members, Onses-Cardona said, explaining that although the officers appeared to have been in uniform, their car did not appear to be clearly identified as a police vehicle when peacekeepers shot at them.

Cite Soleil, where gunfight between peacekeepers and gangs takes place nearly every day, remains a serious threat to security ahead of the national elections scheduled for 8 January.

One of the two wounded Haitian police officers remains hospitalized after undergoing an operation. He is in stable condition.

Illegal S Lanka moonshine kills 14
COLOMBO, 12 Dec — Fourteen Sri Lankans have died after drinking illegally-produced moonshine, including an official tackling the trade, and another 74 are in hospital, officials said on Monday.

Several taken ill in the southern coastal town of Matara were suffering from blurred vision after drinking the brew, which officials said contained methanol—a toxic liquid used as a solvent and in antifreeze.

Moonshine, known locally as kassippu, is usually made from sugar, starch and yeast, but becomes potentially lethal if methanol is added to cut costs.

Moonshine is popular in rural Sri Lanka, where many people earn as little as \$2 a day. A bottle of kassippu costs around 60 cents, a fraction of the cost of a bottle of local whisky.

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Government-submitted bill before the end of fiscal year.

Concerning the matter, I would like to explain that the stipulations contain in the para 7 mean that the Union government shall have the right to use the funds of the current expenditure to continuously run the administrative machinery, if the Union Hluttaw cannot pass the bill on the budget.

The para 6 has already stated the matter concerning the submission of the budget bill by the Union government. As it is the duty of the Union government to draft the bill on Union budget and present it to the Union Hluttaw for approval, no addition will be needed for the para 7 and the wording is already compact and complete.

The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia suggested the setting up of a separate trust fund in the budget bill for emergency financial cases.

Concerning the matter, when the new constitution comes into force, the Union government after consulting with the Financial Commission will have the right to draw a separate fund in drafting the budget bill. Mr Chairman,

Representatives-elect agreed to the detailed basic principles the Work Committee Chairman had explained.

Thus, in accord with the suggestions of the delegates, the following paras and sub paras are adopted as the detailed basic principles for the chapter "The executive powers of the Union Government" of the sector for sharing the executive and judicial powers.

1. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the executive power of the Union extends to the matters with respect to which the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has power to make laws.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the executive authority of the Union, shall be vested in the President; but nothing in this section shall prevent the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw from conferring duties and functions upon any authoritative body, or any person in authority, or be deemed to transfer to the President of the State any functions vested in any authoritative body concerned, or any other person in authority concerned by existing laws.
3. (a) All executive actions of the Union Government shall be expressed in the name of the President.
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6. Based on annual budgets of the Union, drawn after coordinating with the Financial Commission, the Union Government shall draft the bill on Union budget, and shall submit it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in line with the stipulations contained in the Constitution for approval.
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11. The Union Government, save constitutional disputes and the disputes over the re-delineation of territorial boundary, shall —
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The Work Committee Chairman explained the detailed basic principles for the executive power of region or state government at the plenary session of the Convention held on 7 March 2005.

Delegate group of nationalities, delegate group of peasants, delegate group of workers, delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegate group of State service personnel and delegate group of other invited persons, and delegate group of political parties — Union Pa-O National Organization, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party suggested that the following detailed basic principles should be laid down in the executive power of the region or state government.

1. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the executive power of the region or state government extends to the matters with respect to which the region or state hluttaw has power to make laws. Moreover, in such manner, the executive power of the region or state government also extends to the matters with

respect to which the region or state government has been allowed to carry out in accord with any of the Union laws.

2. The region and state governments shall have the responsibility to assist the Union Government in its drive to ensure the stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law.
3. Subject to the policies adopted by the Union Government and Union laws, the region or state governments shall implement the projects in connection with the task to be implemented in the respective regions or states with the approval of the Region or State Hluttaws.
4. Region or state governments shall submit to the respective Hluttaws of the regions and states the budget bill of the regions and states concerned based on the annual budget of the Union Government in accord with the provisions in the Constitution.
5. If the Region or State Hluttaw cannot pass the bill on the budget of the region or state submitted by the region or state government concerned, the said region or state government shall have the right to use the funds of the current expenditure included in the last-enacted budget law of the region or state hluttaw.
6. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the region or state government shall have the right to submit to the Region or State Hluttaw the necessary Bill relevant to the matters embodied in the Region or State Legislative List.
7. The region or state government shall —
 - (a) manage, guide, supervise and inspect the performance of the region or state ministries and their subordinate government departments and organizations to ensure that they conduct their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, or with those of the existing laws.
 - (b) supervise, inspect, cooperate and coordinate in accordance with law the performance of the civil service organizations discharging duties in their respective regions or states.
8. To implement the tasks under its charge in accordance with the Union Law for State Civil Service, or through coordination in advance with the Union government, the region or state government shall —
 - (a) establish civil service organizations of the region or state as necessary;
 - (b) appoint the required number of civilian staff.
9. The region or state government shall —
 - (a) implement the resolutions occasionally passed by the Region or State Hluttaw concerned, and submit the report on the measures taken to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.
 - (b) submit the report on the entire affairs of its area to the Union government and to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.
10. The region or state government shall implement the tasks occasionally assigned by the Union government.

I will now present the separate suggestions of the delegate groups. The National Unity Party presented a suggestion, saying, the issuance of the budget bill in time is important for region and state governments. The para 5 concerning the rights of the region and state governments should be amended as follows to be in line with the party's suggestion for the executive power of the Union government.

The region or state government shall strive to enact its budget bill before the end of the fiscal year. Only if for any reason the region or state Hluttaw cannot pass the bill, the region or state government shall have the right to use the funds of the current

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expenditure included in the last-enacted budget law of the region or state Hluttaw.

Concerning the matter, I would like to explain that the region or state government shall have the right to use the funds of the current expenditure to continuously run the administrative machinery, if the region or state Hluttaw cannot pass the bill on the budget.

The para 4 has already stated the matter concerning the submission of the budget bill by the region or state government. As it is the duty of the region or state government to draft the bill on Union budget and present it to the Region or State Hluttaw for approval, no addition will be needed for the para 5. The wording is already compact and complete.

Mr Chairman,

Delegates group of the nationalities presented a suggestion, saying, it is clearly stated in the financial sector that monetary assistance and loans will be provided to the regions and states as a special privilege. Thus, the regions and states should also provide extra funds to the Union budget if they enjoy surplus income. In 1992-93, Taninthayi Division contributed K 148.14 million to the State funds as its income during the fiscal year was K 361.37 million and expenditure K 213.33 million. In the future, Regions and States may enjoy more surplus income depending on their efforts. Thus, the Regions and States should contribute an appropriate amount of funds to the Union budget.

We would like to say that it is a fitting suggestion. The Regions and States may contribute their surplus income to the Union funds on own volition, and the Union may also provide more loans to them. The inclusion of the provision stating that the Union will provide financial aids and loans to the regions and states is to highlight the Union's taking of their financial responsibility.

Hence the nation will exercise the policy of contributing the surplus funds of the regions and states

to the Union fund and providing loans to the Regions and States from the Union fund.

The representatives-elect of the political parties presented the opinions of their own parties.

The independent representative group has agreed to the detailed basic principles presented by the Work Committee.

In accord with the suggestions of the delegates the following detailed basic principles are adopted for executive power of the region or state government of the sector of the sharing of the executive and judicial power.

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current expenditure included in the last-enacted budget law of the region or state hluttaw.

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



Dennis Burnett and Simon Sharpe from Kenya put their BMW through its paces in the last leg of the East African rally on Saturday.—INTERNET

Osasuna extend perfect home record with win over Mallorca

MADRID, 12 Dec — Primera Liga high-fliers Osasuna extended a perfect home record this season to eight wins as they beat struggling Real Mallorca 1-0 at the El Sadar on Sunday.

The victory left Osasuna three points clear at the top, although champions Barcelona could overtake them on goal difference if they win their late match at home to Sevilla. Javier Aguirre's side got off to a dream start when Cameroon striker Pierre Webo clipped the ball over Toni Prats after the Mallorca keeper scuffed a clearance into his path with just five

minutes on the clock. Osasuna dominated throughout and regularly threatened with their slickly worked counter-attacks, but despite a host of clear scoring chances they were unable to extend their lead.

The Navarans lead the standings with 34 points from 15 games, three clear of Barca and eight ahead of third-placed Villarreal who won 3-1 at Real Sociedad on Saturday. Deportivo joined Villarreal and Valencia, who were held 1-1 by visitors Athletic Bilbao on Saturday, on 26 points after a Diego Tristan strike gave them a 1-0 win at home to Cadiz. Real Madrid can move up to third if they win at Malaga in their first Primera Liga match under caretaker coach Juan Ramon Lopez Caro after Vanderlei Luxemburgo was sacked last weekend.

In the second half, both title candidates battled for every metre with Feyenoord having the best chances to double the lead. After an hour, PSV coach Guus Hiddink replaced Belgian midfielder Timmy Simons with striker Robert and therefore lost control of midfield.

MNA/Reuters

Juve beat Cagliari 4-0 to move 10 points clear

ROME, 12 Dec — Champions Juventus moved 10 points clear at the top of Serie A after David Trezeguet struck twice in a 4-0 victory over Cagliari on Sunday.

Juve have 42 points from 15 matches ahead of Fiorentina, who beat Treviso 1-0 on Saturday.

AC Milan are a further point adrift in third but can reduce Juve's lead by beating fourth-placed city rivals Inter Milan (29 points) in Sunday's late match (kickoff 1930 GMT).

Having earned just one point from seven away matches this season, Cagliari were expected to offer only token resistance at Turin's Stadio delle Alpi.

So it proved, with Pavel Nedved putting the home side ahead after just 10 minutes.

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Feyenoord's early goal sinks leaders PSV

ROTTERDAM (Netherlands), 12 Dec — Dirk Kuijt struck after seven minutes to inspire Feyenoord to a 1-0 home win over First Division leaders PSV Eindhoven on Sunday.

After 15 matches AZ Alkmaar, Feyenoord and PSV all have 35 points. AZ, 3-1 winners at Twente Enschede on Saturday,

moved top on their goals tally, while Feyenoord are second above PSV, who slipped to third.

In a compelling match, Feyenoord started out better and took a deserved lead when Kuijt changed the direction of a Salomon Kalou shot to beat goalkeeper Gomes.

Midway through the first half, a well organized

PSV took control and forced the home side back in defence.

Jefferson Farfan came close to an equalizer shortly before the interval when he outwitted goalkeeper Patrick Lodewijks after a fine combination with Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink, but Pascal Bosschaart cleared the ball off the line.

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“From Russia to the world” new channel goes live

Moscow, 12 Dec— A 24-hour, English-language, state-funded television channel went live from its Moscow studios on Saturday, designed to broadcast news from a Russian perspective around the globe.

At 4 pm (1300 GMT) the countdown clock and swirling orange graphics melted away and the anchor welcomed viewers to Russia Today — “from Russia to the world”.

The launch comes amid growing Western criticism of Moscow's attitude to democracy and the rule of law, while Kremlin officials complain the foreign media misrepresent Russia.

The first bulletin led

on a health scandal close to home — an investigation into how blood supplies in the southern Russian city Voronezh became contaminated with the HIV virus.

Bird flu in Ukraine and the fate of four Western hostages being held in Iraq followed before the channel ran teasers for some of its feature programmes, including a German artist who lives on the ruins of a Soviet collective farm.

As well as looking at how some former Soviet countries are rewriting children's history books now they are independent from Moscow, it ran an exclusive interview with Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

“We aren't just another global news channel that simply reports international events. Above all we are a Russian channel that reports what is happening in Russia,” said Margarita Simonyan, Russia

Today's editor-in-chief.

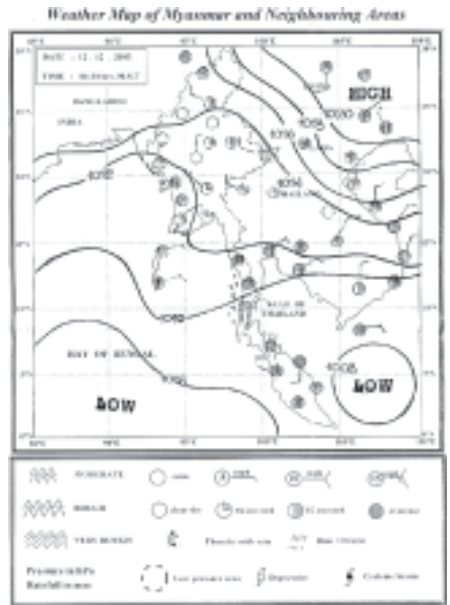
“Naturally we will shed light on international events as well, but we will say how those events reflect on Russia and what people think about them in Russia,” she said in remarks broadcast on Russian television.

The first high-profile guest did not face tough questions.


Speaking in fluent English, Lavrov reiterated Russia's position on a range of foreign policy issues, for example that Iran was cooperating with international nuclear inspectors.

The channel has offices in London, Washington, Paris and Jerusalem and plans to open more soon, said Simonyan, a former Kremlin correspondent for state TV channel Rossiya.

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In this photo released by Philippine Airforce, houses remain under water as flood water continue to rise due to monsoon rain on 9 Dec, 2005 in Mindoro island southeast of Manila. —INTERNET



Tuesday, 13 December
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံသယ ဖောဇာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာရာဇဝင် ဝေဖန်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာရာဇဝင် ဝေဖန်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာရာဇဝင် ဝေဖန်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာရာဇဝင် ဝေဖန်</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am</p> <p>5. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်</p>	<p>8:05 am</p> <p>7. အတုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>8. Song of yesteryears</p> <p>8:15 am</p> <p>9. အတုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>10. ဓမ္မာစာတော်</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>11. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>12. Let's Go</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. English for Everyday Use</p> <p>4:40 pm</p> <p>4. Musical programme</p> <p>4:50 pm</p> <p>5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ငန်းရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဝတ်ယူနစ် (ရုက္ခဗေဒအဖွဲ့ပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>6. အတုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:20 pm</p> <p>7. Dance of national races</p>
<p>5:30 pm</p> <p>8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:35 pm</p> <p>9. ခံစားနားဆင် တေးဇာတ်ဝင်</p> <p>5:45 pm</p> <p>10. Sing and Enjoy</p> <p>6:25 pm</p> <p>11. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်ရယ်ဆော့ဗွား" (အပိုင်း-၄၆) ဝုဂ္ဂိုဏ်းဝင်စား" (အပိုင်း-၄၆)</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>12. Evening news</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>13. Weather report</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်လေ့ကားဆန်ကလေး" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)</p> <p>7:35 pm</p> <p>15. အတုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>7:45 pm</p> <p>16. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>17. News</p> <p>8:15 pm</p> <p>18. International news</p> <p>8:30 pm</p> <p>19. Weather report</p> <p>8:45 pm</p> <p>20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုန်းသူ့လက်ဆောင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)</p> <p>9:00 pm</p> <p>21. The next day's</p>	<p>Tuesday, 13 December</p> <p>Tune in today</p> <p>8.30 am Brief news</p> <p>8.35 am Music: -The young ones</p> <p>8.40 am Perspectives</p> <p>8.45 am Music:</p> <p>8.50 am National news/Slogan</p> <p>9:00 am Music: Walk right in</p> <p>9:05 am International news</p> <p>9:10 am Music -What is life</p> <p>1:30 pm News / Slogan</p> <p>1:40 pm Lunch time music - (Honey) 2 - Bobby Gold - Feeling ... Moris Albeot</p> <p>9:00 pm English Speaking Course Level III Unit (21)</p> <p>9:15 pm Article/Music</p> <p>9:25 pm Weekly sports reel</p> <p>9:35 pm Music for your listening pleasure -Sad movie</p> <p>9:45 pm News/Slogan</p> <p>10.00 pm PEL</p>

WEATHER

Monday, 12 December, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninhayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (4°C) below normal in Kachin State and (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin States and upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was Haka (4°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthong (0.43) inch.

Maximum temperature on 11-12-2005 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 12-12-2005 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 12-12-2005 was 80%. Total sunshine hours on 11-12-2005 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 12-12-2005 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 (6) mph from Northwest (14:00) hours MST on 11-12-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 13-12-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Mon State and 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 moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-12-2005: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-12-2005: Generally fair weather.

Progress of road sections, bridges agriculture and water supply functions inspected in Lashio, Hsenwi

YANGON, 12 Dec — Construction tasks are to be carried out systematically for durability of Namhkaing Bridge by spending a large amount of money with a view to ensuring smooth flow of commodity for border trade functions. Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence said at Namhkaing Bridge construction site on Muse-Kutkai-Hsenwi-Lashio Road on 9 December after inspecting preservation of reserved forests,

protected public forests and pine and eucalyptus plantations along Muse-

Kutkai section.

In Hsenwi, he attended the ceremony to

spread quality strain of Hsinshweli paddy seeds on 4,400 acres of land. Lt-

Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on cultivation of paddy to be increased and

water supply tasks by officials.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets departmental personnel, social organizations and local national races in Hsenwi.— MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects regional development tasks in Bago Division (West)

YANGON, 12 Dec — Accompanied by departmental officials, member

of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of

the Ministry of Defence arrived at Meenin Creek in Thayawady township,

Bago Division, yesterday morning. They were welcomed there by Bago Di-

vision PDC Chairman Southern Command Commander Maj-Gen

Ko Ko, Bago Division (West) PDC Chairman Brig-Gen Hla Min and Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo of Innma Station and officials. After inspecting the harvesting of monsoon paddy and thriving plantations of beans and pulses along Letpadan township by train, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party attended a ceremony to hand over a new school building of Khamonseik BEHS (Branch).

At the ceremony, documents related to the school building donated (See page 9)



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than speaking at the ceremony to hand over new building of Khamonseik BEHS (Branch) to Ministry of Education in Letpadan Township.— MNA

The Union Government shall uphold and maintain stability, peace, and prevalence of law and order in the country

YANGON, 12 Dec — The following is the clarifications of National Convention Convening Work

Committee Chairman U Aung Toe on adoption of detailed basic principles on Powers and Functions

of the President included in the sharing of executive and judicial powers for formulating State Constitution at the plenary session held today at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.

The delegates have already understood the clarifications made by the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman and the discussions and suggestions

made by themselves concerning the sharing of the executive and judicial powers at the plenary session held from 17 February to 31 March 2005. The suggestions are appropriate and within the framework of the Fundamental Principles and detailed basic principles already laid down by the National Convention.

The Work Committee after thoroughly studying (See page 9)

Presentations at NC will be published

YANGON, 12 Dec — Presentations made today at the National Convention by Secretary of National Convention Convening Work Committee (NCCWC) U Thaug Nyunt, Member of the NCCWC Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein and Member of National Convention Convening Commission Judge of the Supreme Court Dr Tin Aung Aye will be presented. — MNA

Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe. MNA

