

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attends Communal Kathina robes offering ceremony of Kyakhatwaing Pariyatti Sarthintaik



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence and congregation receive the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—The 59th Communal Kathina robes offering ceremony of Kyakhatwaing Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Bago took place at the monastery this morning, and member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of

the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony and offered Kathina robes to members of the Sangha.

Also present on the occasion were Phaungdawthi Sayadaw of DaikU Township Shwegyin Nikaya Rattanyu Maha Nayaka Agga Maha

Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Pandita, Presiding Nayaka of Kyakhatwaing Pariyatti Sarthintaik Shwegyin Nikaya Upaokkatha Maha Nayaka Joint Shwegyin Sangha Raja Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru
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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 5 November, 2007

For total elimination of polio disease

Polio is a highly infectious viral disease that chiefly affects children and, in its acute forms, causes inflammation of motor neurons of the spinal cord and brainstem, leading to paralysis, muscular atrophy, and often deformity. It is a very dangerous disease that may cause the children to be disabled and even death. It may occur due to impure water, unclean surroundings and poor personal hygiene.

The disease transmitted to the children through impure hands and food. The symptoms of the disease are slight fever, fatigue, headache, vomiting and leg and arm pain.

Polio disease is most common among newborns and children under five so oral polio vaccine are to be given to them. In Myanmar the National Immunization Days have been launched widely for elimination of polio disease since 1996. Myanmar was free from this kind of disease from 2000 to early 2006.

However, wild viral polio disease transmitted to Maungtau Township, Rakhine State from a neighbouring country recently. There were similar cases in Kayan Township in Yangon Division, Hpa-an Township in Kayin State and Pyu Township in Bago Division.

The National Immunization Days for 2007 are launched with the aim of controlling the spread of polio virus and making children more resistant to the disease. The first phase of NID was held on 3 November and oral polio vaccine will be given again to the children on 2 December for the second time.

There are over seven million children under five throughout the nation. Officials concerned, health personnel and the entire people are to make efforts to give oral polio vaccine to the children for total elimination of polio disease in Myanmar.

UMFCCI President meets Bangladesh guests

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint met with President Mr Syed Mahmudul Hoque of Bangladesh Myanmar Business Promotion Council of Bangladesh together with Commerce Counsellor Mr Md Aftabuzzaman of the Embassy of Bangladesh at the UMFCCI building, here, on 30 October.

Also present at the meeting were responsible persons of Myanmar Rice Dealers Association, Myanmar Rice Millers' Association and Myanmar Rice and Paddy Producers Association.

They cordially discussed trade promotion between the two countries, trade of agricultural produce, personal goods, household goods, pharmaceuticals and construction materials. — MNA

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

FM arrives back from Lao PDR

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Win arrived back here this morning after attending the Eighth Meeting of the Myanmar-Lao Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation held in Laung Prabang in Lao PDR on 30 and 31 October and paying an official goodwill visit to Lao PDR from 31 October to 2 November 2007 at the invitation of Dr Thongloun Sioulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lao People's Democratic Republic.

During their stay in Laos, the Myanmar delegation led by U Nyan Win held the Eighth Meeting of the Myanmar-Lao Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation on 31 October following the Senior Officials Meeting held on 30 October. During the meetings, Myanmar and Lao delegations reviewed progress of previous cooperation and explored ways to enhance cooperation in the future. At the end of the meeting, the two ministers signed an Agreed Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the Myanmar-Lao Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation.

After the meeting, the minister and the delegation left Laung Prabang for Vientiane and called on Mr Choummaly Sayasone, President of LPDR and discussed with Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs matters relating to the bilateral relations and cooperation. In the evening, Dr Thongloun Sisoulith hosted a dinner in honour of U Nyan Win and Myanmar delegates.

Yesterday morning, the minister and the delegation called on Mr Bousane Bouphavanth, Prime Minister of LPDR.

Members of the delegation, U Phae Thann Oo, Director-General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, U Sai Thein Maung, Deputy Managing Director of Public Works, Lt-Col Win Min Tun of Ministry of Defence, Police Lt-Col Soe Myaing of Ministry of Home Affairs, Deputy Director U Soe Lynn Han and Assistant Director U Naing Htoon of Political Department and Head of Branch-1 U Soe Consul and Legal Affairs Department also arrived back here.

U Nyunt Hlaing, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR, U Min Thein, Counsellor, and First Secretary U Zaw Win Tun also attended the Eighth Meeting of the Myanmar-Lao Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation. — MNA

Horizon League Basketball Tournament continues

YANGON, 4 Nov — the Horizon League Basketball Tournament, jointly organized by Myanmar Basketball Federation and Horizon Int'l Education Centre, continued at Kyaikkasan Gymnasium, here at 12 noon today.

In the men's events Cow Boy crashed Kandawglay Club with 101-73 points; KKS passed through GB with 87-72 points; the Gyuts won over Shadows with 53-49; Blue Boy defeated Project-X with 59-29 and MOM saw off Rabbit Boy with 49-3. In the women's events, Sky won over Glory with 66-29.

In the men's event held yesterday, KKS won over Rabbit Boy with 81-51; Cow Boy defeated Filipino 65-40; Red Star passed through CCY with 65-50; Furious saw off Kandawglay Club with 69-24 and WHO won over O' vickon with 46-37. In the women's event, Sky won over 82-56.

Blue Boy goes top in the men's group-A

on 12 points, two points ahead of KKS on 10 points and GB on 10 points. Cow Boy stood atop in the men's group-B on 10 points, one ahead of Red Star and two points ahead of Furious on 8 points. Sky reached top in the women's group on 8 points, three points ahead of Precious on 5 points and five points ahead of Kandawglay Club.

The tournament continues at 12.30 pm on 10 and 11 November.

NLM

Ministry of Rail Transportation donates Kathina robes, alms to Sayadaws

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — The Second Communal Kathina Robes Offering Ceremony of the families of Ministry of Rail Transportation was held at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, this morning.

It was attended by members of the Sangha led by Vice-Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana Town-

ship Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nanavamsa of Thanlan monastery.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaug Lwin and U Pe Than, directors-general and managing directors under the ministry and staff.

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and wife Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha donated Kathina robes and alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nanavamsa. Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin and wife Dr Daw Yi Yi Htwe and Deputy Minister U Pe Than and wife Daw Cho Cho Tun, departmental heads and staff presented provisions to members of the Sangha.

Later, the minister and wife and officials offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha. — MNA

Players of Blue Boy and Project-X teams challenge for a ball during Horizon League Basketball Tournament at Kyaikkasan Gymnasium.

NLM



Turks hold anti-US rallies in Istanbul upon Rice's arrival

ISTANBUL (Turkey), 3 Nov — Sporadic rallies were held on Friday across Istanbul to protest against what the Turks called the US double standards on terrorism.

The rallies were held when US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived here for an international meeting on Iraq after holding talks with Turkish leaders in Ankara. A group of protestors gathered amid heightened securities near the Ciragan Palace Kempinski Hotel, where Rice is to stay for the night before the Iraq conference, wielding banners and slogans saying "Rice (Yankees) go home".

Turkey has threatened a military incursion into northern Iraq, from where the PKK launched attacks, but so far the United States has been dissuading Turkey from launching any major military action.

The US stance has aroused anger among the Turks, who accused Washington of having double standards on



Protesters shout slogans to protest a visit by US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in Istanbul on 2 Nov, 2007. —XINHUA

campaign against terrorism.

While the US launched the so-called anti-terror wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, it is dragging its feet in helping its NATO ally Turkey to crush the PKK, branded as a terrorist group by Washington and the European Union, they denounced.

A recent poll by the Pew Research Centre in Washington put the US

favourability rating in Turkey at 9 per cent, down from a height of 52 per cent in year 2000. It also found that Turks see the United States as the single biggest threat to their national security.

Media reports held that Rice's Istanbul trip is also tasked to boost Turkey's confidence on the United States.

Meanwhile, Turkish Prime Minister Recep

Tayyip Erdogan is to meet US President George W Bush on Monday over the rising tensions between the two governments on the PKK issue.

Erdogan has warned that relations between the two NATO allies hinge on whether Bush agrees to take "concrete, urgent steps" against the PKK.

MNA/Xinhua

Thousands flee, 800,000 homeless in Mexico floods

VILLAHERMOSA (Mexico), 3 Nov — Thousands of people fled a Mexican city on Friday after flood waters burst through sandbag barriers in a disaster that left 800,000 people homeless and most of the state of Tabasco under water.

One person has been killed in the worst flooding the low-lying, swampy state has seen in more than 50 years.

The Grijalva River, which winds through state capital Villahermosa, swelled over its banks earlier this week after days of heavy rains.

People and livestock swam through the streets on Friday after a murky, brown deluge surged into Villahermosa, home to about half a million people.

Hungry and thirsty residents stood in long lines at supermarkets, although some stores closed after running out of food, water and medicine.

"There isn't much on the shelves and what is left is very expensive," said Juan Pablo Rosas.

The Army evacuated most of the city centre on Thursday night after a levee broke despite being piled with thousands of sandbags by Army troops and volunteers. —MNA/Reuters

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



An old woman reads a book in the Beijing Autumn Book Fair at the Ditan Park of Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Nov, 2007. The 2007 Beijing Autumn Book Fair opened on Friday. Around 200,000 species of books from over 500 enterprises were displayed in the fair. —INTERNET

Musharraf imposes emergency rule

ISLAMABAD, 4 NOV — Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf imposed a state of emergency in a bid to end an eight-month crisis over his rule stoked by challenges from a hostile judiciary, Islamist militants and political rivals.

General Musharraf said he decided to act on Saturday in response to a rise in extremism and what he called the paralysis of government by judicial interference.

"I fear that if timely action is not taken, then God forbid there is a threat to Pakistan's sovereignty," he said in a midnight televised

address, after purging the Supreme Court and rounding up lawyers opposed to him.

"I cannot allow this country to commit suicide."

Opposition figures have been rounded up and the nationwide crackdown continued on Sunday.

Musharraf did not say how long the emergency would last, but said he still planned to move Pakistan to civilian-led democracy without saying when elections, which had been expected in January, would take place.

MNA/Reuters

Foreign tourists visit the Dashilan commercial street in Qianmen, downtown Beijing, capital of China, on 31 Oct, 2007. — XINHUA



Two US policemen arrested for endangering boy

NEW YORK, 3 NOV — Two Staten Island policemen were arrested Friday afternoon by New York Police Department (NYPD) Internal Affairs

after allegedly trying to teach a Halloween prankster a lesson. Officer Thomas Elliassen and Officer Michael Danese, both 28, were charged with

unlawful imprisonment and endangering the welfare of a 14-year-old boy, police said.

Deputy Police Commissioner Paul Browne said the two officers caught the boy throwing eggs at cars in St. George Wednesday night. They then took the boy into their police vehicle and dropped him off two miles away in a swampy, desolate area.

Reports saying that the police stripped the boy's clothes off before dropping him off were not confirmed. —MNA/Xinhua

UN says most of Chad case children “not orphans”

ABECHE (Chad), 3 Nov — Most of the 103 African children which a French group had planned to fly out of Chad were not orphans as the group had claimed, the United Nations children’s agency UNICEF said on Thursday.

A UNICEF spokeswoman in Chad said information derived from interviews with the children carried out by UN agencies and the Red Cross contradicted statements by the French group Zoe’s Ark which had described them as sick and destitute orphans from

Sudan’s war-torn Darfur region. “They are not orphans and they were not sitting alone in the desert in Chad, they were living with their families in communities,” Annette Rehr of UNICEF in Chad told *Reuters*.

Nine French nationals, most of them members of the Zoe’s Ark group, were arrested in the eastern Chadian town of Abeche last week after authorities stopped them from flying the children to Europe, saying they had no authorisation.

They have been charged with abduction

and fraud and face possible forced labour terms of up to 20 years if convicted. Seven Spanish crew members of the plane chartered by Zoe’s Ark, a Belgian pilot and at least two Chadians have also been detained and charged as accessories.

Officials from the UN children’s agency UNICEF, the UN refugee agency UNHCR and the International Committee of the Red Cross have been caring for the children, 21 girls and 82 boys aged between one and 10 years, at an Abeche orphanage.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Uzbek President Islam Karimov meet in Tashkent on Friday, vowing to promote the win-win cooperation between the two countries “to a higher level”. —XINHUA

Anbar leaders seek US compensation for Al-Qaeda fight

WASHINGTON, 3 Nov — Sunni leaders from Iraq’s Anbar Province on Friday said they want billions of dollars as compensation for joining US forces in the fight against Al-Qaeda militants.

Sheikh Ahmed Abureeshah, a local tribal leader, said Anbar needs some 2-billion-US-dollar to rebuild roads, communications networks and other infrastructure that were destroyed before tribal leaders sided with American troops to fight Al-Qaeda in Iraq militants.

Anbar Province was once a stronghold for Al-Qaeda in Iraq and the site of some of the worst fighting during four years of war. But it is now relatively safe, thanks to

cooperation between local residents and US authorities.

“Al-Qaeda followed your Army to Iraq after they attacked you here in the United States,” Abureeshah said through an interpreter. “The people of Anbar united with the American Army and they started

fighting Al-Qaeda together, and they have been successful,” he said. “So we are asking now that we compensate this province for all of the destruction they have faced.”

Pentagon spokesmen were not immediately available to comment on the request to compensate

Anbar for cooperating with US and Iraqi troops.

Abureeshah was part of an eight-member Anbar delegation that met this week with President George W Bush, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Defence Secretary Robert Gates and members of Congress. —MNA/Ruters

Police across Europe arrest 26 in drugs bust

ROME, 3 Nov — Police across Europe have arrested 26 people and seized some 15 million euros (21.7 million US dollars) worth of assets in raids on a suspected international drugs ring, authorities said on Friday.

The raids, conducted

on 30 October and targeting 34 homes, were part of an investigation begun in August 2005 in the Trento Region in northeastern Italy, with police from Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Croatia involved, according to

Germany’s Federal Crime Office (BKA).

The suspects taken into custody were from the former Yugoslavia and Albania and Italian police said they imported heroin and cocaine into Europe from Turkey and South America. Among assets seized were drugs, large amounts of cash, cars, a yacht, valuable jewellery, weapons and ammunition and falsified identity documents, the BKA said.

Because the suspects were considered violent and likely to be armed, a special response unit and an elite counter-terrorism unit were deployed in the German states of Hesse and North Rhine-Westphalia, it added.

Italian police said they recovered 76 kilos (168 pound) of cocaine and 26 kilos of heroin.

MNA/Reuters

Roadside bomb explosion kills US soldier in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Nov — A US soldier was killed by an explosion near his vehicle in north of Baghdad, the US military said on Friday.

The attack took place on Wednesday while the soldier’s unit was conducting operations in Salahudin Province, a military statement said. Earlier, the military said that two more soldiers were killed and two others were wounded on Wednesday by a roadside bomb explosion near their vehicle in the northern province of Nineveh. —MNA/Xinhua

Four Italians killed in road accident in Egypt

CAIRO, 3 Nov — Four Italians were killed and five others wounded in a road accident in Egypt’s Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh on Thursday, the official MENA news agency reported.

The accident took place when a truck collided with a tourist minibus in Sharm el-Sheikh in South Sinai governorate, security official Haron Hassan was quoted as saying. —MNA/Xinhua

Polish soldier wounded in Afghanistan

WARSAW, 3 Oct — A Polish soldier was wounded in a mine explosion in Afghanistan on Wednesday, spokesman for the Polish contingent in Afghanistan Miroslaw Ochyra told Polish PAP news agency.

Captain Artur R. from the 11th Lubuska Armoured Cavalry Division was wounded in the leg when a patrol vehicle he was in struck a mine. His life is not endangered. —MNA/Xinhua

UN says two dead in Liberia helicopter crash

MONROVIA, 3 Nov — A United Nations helicopter crashed in a remote town in northern Liberia on Friday, killing at least two of the three people on board, the UN mission in the West African country said.

The helicopter took off from the town of Ganta near the border with Guinea before coming down in the town of Dingamo, according to Ben Malor, spokesman for the UN mission in Liberia (UNMIL). The cause of the crash was not immediately known. —MNA/Reuters



A Bedouin guide, stands on the edge of a rock high above the al Khazneh (Treasury) in the ancient city of Petra on 30 Aug, 2007 file photo. The Treasury is Petra’s most famous monument, whose name reflects the local legend that the urn on top of the monument held the pharaoh’s treasure. —XINHUA

Ukrainian President urges govt bodies to curb inflation

KIEV, 3 Nov — Ukrainian President Victor Yushenko said here Friday that all the governmental bodies should unite to overcome the uncontrolled inflation.

Speaking at a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers on price formation, Yushenko noted that uncontrolled inflation is not advantageous to anybody and makes the Ukrainians poor.

“If Ukraine could curb the inflation, the living standards could be doubled without changing the budget and all the economic

parametres,” he said. Yushenko stressed that all the branches of government should unite efforts to overcome the inflation problem, which is the priority goal for Ukraine.

He also ordered the National Bank of Ukraine to hold a board meeting soon to take measures to exclude monetary factors from inflation. “I would ask the National Bank of Ukraine to hold a board meeting soon and take tactical measures necessary to minimize monetary influences,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Morocco's trade deficit worsens during first 9 months

PARIS, 4 Nov — Morocco's trade deficit rose to 94.8 billion dirhams (about 12.2 billion US dollars) during the first nine months of 2007 compared to 74.9 billion dirhams the previous year, an increase of 26.6 per cent, Morocco's trade office announced Friday.

According to the office, which attributes the sharp rise in the deficit to the 15.1-per-cent increase in imports, the country's export sector recorded a subdued increase of 4.7 per

cent. During the period, the value of all commercial transactions realized in the North African country stood at 268.7 billion dirhams compared to 241 billion dirhams recorded in 2006, the office says.

MNA/Xinhua

This is a work of glass art by artist Dale Chihuly at the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh as a part of the Chihuly at Phipps gardens and art exhibit on 31 Oct, 2007 file photo. —INTERNET



ECONOMIC NEWS



Photo taken on 2 Nov, 2007 shows the meeting venue of the sixth Meeting of Prime Ministers of the Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan. —XINHUA

Jordan, EU sign energy cooperation deal

AMMAN, 3 Nov — Jordan and the European Union (EU) have signed an agreement on energy cooperation, including nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, said a statement by the delegation of the European Commission released here on Thursday.

EU Commissioner for

External Relations Benita Ferrero-Waldner, EU Commissioner for Energy Andris Piebalgs and Jordanian Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Khalid Shraideh signed the “Joint Declaration on Priorities for Energy Cooperation” on the sidelines of the conference on energy security in the Egyp-

tian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh on Wednesday, it said. “This joint declaration will help us work together more closely with Jordan to increase its energy security and support the beneficial reforms in the energy sector,” Ferrero-Waldner was quoted as saying in the statement. —MNA/Xinhua



Yu Yongping (L3), general manager of the newly-founded China Netcom (Europe) Operations Limited attends its opening ceremony together with his supervising team in London, on 1 Nov, 2007. —XINHUA

China's economic crimes rise in first nine months

BEIJING, 3 Nov — Economic crimes in China increased 7.2 per cent during the first nine months of the year to 59,000 cases, a spokesman for the Ministry of Public Security said here on Thursday.

“A total of 2,036 crimes involved production of fraudulent and shoddy products, up 25.7 per cent from the same period of 2006,” said ministry spokesman Wu Heping.

A total of 6,187

financial fraud cases and 744 smuggling cases, up 15.9 per cent and 13.8 per cent respectively, were also reported. Intellectual property rights piracy cases reached 1,758, up 7.6 per cent.

Wu said special attention needed to be paid to the sharp rise in credit card fraud. In the first half of the year, credit card fraud cases in China grew 29 per cent to 1,171 and involved 4.46 million yuan (about 602,000 US dollars).

He said criminals were frequently found installing monitoring equipment at automatic teller machines (ATM) to steal account numbers and passwords. They then made fake cards to withdraw money.

They were also found using spy software or in setting up fake websites of financial institutions or banks to fish for credit card account numbers and passwords.

Wu advised the public to check their credit card

Indonesia's foreign trade up in first nine months

JAKARTA, 3 Nov — Indonesia's export in the first nine months this year increased by 12.88 per cent to 83.02 billion US dollar compared to the same period last year, the National Statistic Bureau announced here Thursday.

The head of the bureau Rusman Heriawan said that the rise was contributed to the increase of export of non-oil-and-gas products by 17.47 per cent to 67.65 billion US dollars.

But, he said that the export of oil-and-gas products decreased by 3.70 per cent to 15.38 billion US dollars.

Japan, followed by the United States and Singapore, was the most designated country for the export of Indonesia's non-oil-and-gas products in September, said Heriawan.

At the same time, the country's import rose by 17.43 per cent to 53.67 billion US dollar, he said.

The rise was contributed to the increase of import of non-oil-and-gas products by 23.24 per cent to 38.51 billion US dollars and oil-and-gas products by 4.70 per cent to 15.167 billion US dollars, said Heriawan.

The head of the bureau said that China, followed by Japan and the United States, was the most contributory country for supplying non-oil-and gas products to Indonesia.

MNA/Xinhua

Ban urges accountability for security firms

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Nov — Following a shooting in Iraq involving US firm Blackwater, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called on Thursday for private security companies operating in war zones to be held more accountable.

Private US security firms have come under scrutiny since a shooting last month in which Blackwater security guards working for the State Department were accused of killing 17 Iraqis in Baghdad.

Ban's report to the UN Security Council on the protection of civilians in armed conflict did not mention the Blackwater incident.

It said that as of March 2006, there were an estimated 181 private military security companies in Iraq with 48,000 employees involved in activities that frequently bring them into direct contact with civilians.

"It is well established that employees (of private security companies) must comply with international

humanitarian law," Ban said, adding that the responsibilities of the states that hire them were also well established.

"However, far more needs to be done to promote compliance with the law and accountability of employees and hiring states for any violations thereof," he said.

US officials said this week the Pentagon and US

State Department have agreed to tighten rules governing private security contractors in Iraq, giving a greater oversight role to the US Military.

The killing of the Iraqis created tensions between the Iraqi Government and Washington, and the Iraqi Government took its own steps on Tuesday to tighten controls on contractors.

MNA/Reuters

Oscar-winner Meryl Streep is to play legendary cookbook author Julia Child in a comedy about a secretary attempting to become a master chef, entertainment press reported on Thursday.

INTERNET



Deadly cattle disease breaks out in eastern Uganda

KAMPALA, 4 Nov — An infectious livestock disease has broken out in eastern Uganda's Nakapiripirit District bordering Kenya, killing hundreds of animals, District Production officer Godfrey Orogen has said.

Orogen was quoted by *Daily Monitor* on Friday as saying that bovine pleural pneumonia has hit mainly Karita sub-county, leaving several livestock especially cattle and goats infected dead instantly.

The disease is believed to have started two months ago. About 100 animals have so far died in the last one month.

He revealed that whereas the disease is usually dormant, it flares up during the dry season when the pastoralists move long distances in

search for water and pasture.

Once infected, the livestock gets diarrhoea, nasal discharge, emaciates and later dies.

Efforts are already in high gear to control the disease, said Orogen.

MNA/Xinhua

US programme unveils man behind Iraq weapons story

NEW YORK, 3 Nov — An Iraqi defector made up his claim that Saddam Hussein had biological weapons, a threat cited by the Bush Administration as a key reason for the US invasion of Iraq in 2003, the US news programme "60 Minutes" said on Thursday.

Rafid Ahmed Alwan, codenamed "Curve Ball" in intelligence circles, claimed to be a chemical engineering expert but was instead an accused thief and a mediocre student, the programme said. He arrived at a German refugee centre in 1999.

"To bolster his asylum case and increase his importance, he told officials he was a star chemical engineer who had been in charge of a facility at Djerf al Nadaf that was making mobile biological weapons," "60 Minutes" said in a statement.

President George W. Bush and senior US officials argued that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was harbouring weapons of mass destruction that threatened the security of the United States.

But no such weapons have been found and what was supposed to have been a short US engagement in Iraq is now in its fifth year, with more than 3,800 US soldiers and tens of thousands Iraqis killed.

"60 Minutes" said it found an arrest warrant for Alwan in relation to a theft

from the Babel television production company in Baghdad where he once worked. It said he studied chemical engineering at university but got low marks.

The report, a culmination of a two-year investigation by journalist Bob Simon, is due to be broadcast on the CBS network on Sunday.

"The (then) CIA director George Tenet gave Alwan's information to Secretary of State Colin Powell to use at the UN in his speech justifying military action against Iraq," "60 Minutes" said.

That was, the programme said, despite a letter from German intelligence officials saying that although Alwan appeared to be believable, there was not evidence to verify his story.

MNA/Reuters



A girl at Southwest University in Chongqing Municipality, southwest China displays colorful cocoons produced through using gene engineering technology on 1 Nov, 2007.—INTERNET

Tropical storm Noel kills at least 81 in Caribbean

SANTO DOMINGO, 2 Nov — The death toll caused by Tropical Storm Noel rose to at least 81 in the Caribbean region on Wednesday, as mudslides and floods were triggered in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, officials said.

"The situation is still dangerous and the

number of deaths could rise. "Luis Luna Palino, the head of the Dominican Republic's National Emergencies Centre, told local radio.

In flooded regions of the country, where at least 56 people were killed, people were forced by floods to seek safety where they could, including on

roofs and in trees.

On Wednesday, Noel continued to affect Hispaniola, the island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti, as it moved across Cuba and aimed towards the Bahamas.

The storm hit the Dominican Republic Sunday and flooded

Haiti Monday.

"Rescuing people is becoming difficult because the rains are continuing," Palino said, adding that floods had cut off 39 communities in the south of the country, where one third of the population was left without power.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian foreign tourist arrivals up in September

JAKARTA, 3 Nov — The number of foreign tourist arrivals in Indonesia increased by 13.87 per cent to 382,500 people in September, compared to the same period last year, the National Statistic Bureau said Thursday.

The number of tourists coming to Bali Island, the centre of Indonesian tourist industry, rose by 28.17 per cent to 159,610 people in September, compared to the same month last year, said the head of the bureau Rusman Heriawan.

The official said September was a low season for travelling after the peak season in June and July.

MNA/Xinhua

Do you really love your motherland?

Kyaw Min Aye

In my school days, I read a remark made by a leader that during the period of anti-colonialist struggles and national liberation movements, he was worried about the future of Myanmar every day; and that he often wept in bed at night, visualizing what the future of the Myanmar's political affairs would be like. However, I did not understand well what he meant then. Now, I have realized that he urged the people to carry out party politics and national politics separately.

I also learnt that when military operations were being launched with tenacity to repulse internal and external attacks so that Myanmar would not lose sovereignty and independence, a leader said, "I wish Myanmar were an island nation in a sea or an ocean". At that time, I did not know well what he meant. Now, I understand well that he highlighted the strategic location of Myanmar.

It is time we, people, realized that the words of these two leaders reflect the Myanmar's political affairs. **The people should be capable enough of choosing and marching on the most appropriate path in the interests of the nation, taking into consideration the nation's strategic location, national politics, and party politics.**

According to the globalization process, it is said that the world is flat. It means that due to the advancement of Information Technology, the information communication covers every part of the world, and everyone in the world has access to the benefits of IT. In other words, the world is now like the plain owing to the IT.

The world, home to more than 6000 million people, consists of more than 190 countries. According to the concept "The world is flat", it is questionable whether each of the over 190 countries has equal access to the political, economic and social affairs, whether each of the over 6000 million people has equal access to the political, economic and social benefits.

The correct answer is that stemming from the power imbalance in the world, many countries are subject to evil consequences of hegemony. Some nations are repulsing hegemony. Meanwhile, nearly more than half of the world population live below the poverty line. Efforts are being made under the leadership of the United Nations to alleviate poverty. (It is perceived that this assumption is the same, that of every international political watchdog.)

Therefore, it is badly required of every citizen actively participating in the Myanmar politics to cooperate with the government with correct

national outlook in order to avert a situation in which the result comes out against the expectation. Considering the nation's strategic location, the people are to try their utmost to be able to withstand all forms of outside interferences so that the nation will not become a minion one. And according to the national politics, it is needed to build a firmly consolidated nation.

Now, Myanmar's population is over 56 million only, but the number of national races is more than 100. Myanmar's geographical features can be categorized into two kinds—hilly regions and plains. In the post-independence period, the number of armed insurgent groups was so many in Myanmar that the world branded these groups multi-coloured insurgent groups.

Since late 1988, the Tatamadaw government has striven for national reconsolidation, and as a result 18 major national race armed groups and many small armed groups have returned to the legal fold. They are now working hard hand in hand with the government to restore peace. That is, in fact, a breakthrough in the nation's political sector.

In a bid to seek better ways through coordination to improve Myanmar's political affairs, it is required to give up outdated ideas of viewing things with Yangon or Mandalay in the centre. **Only when the affairs of national races living in far-flung and border areas are taken into consideration in discussing or seeking ways and means to address issues on Myanmar's democratic process and human rights, will it be possible to serve the interests of the entire people.**

Although it is said that the world has become flat due to the process of globalization, there are still a big gap between rich and poor. In Myanmar also, there were disunity and conflicts among political parties due to their malpractices of party politics. Consequently, the nation lagged behind in development in various sectors. All are to be well aware that among the regions that lagged behind in development, border areas and rural areas lagged behind much more than such cities as Yangon and Mandalay.

It means that many global countries are still different in all aspects although the world is said to have become flat. So also, plains and hilly regions of the nation are still different in terms of development. Therefore, it is found that the government is taking necessary steps in all sectors to bring about equitable development across the nation including rural regions.

Nowadays, fundamental principles and detailed basic principles have been laid down for the writing of the new State constitution after holding the National Convention in the process of transition

to democracy. And work is well under way for the drafting of an enduring State constitution. All are to be convinced of the fact that the forthcoming constitution is designed to serve the interest of the State and the people under the nation's prevailing situations.

Likewise, the Tatmadaw government is building a large number of economic and social infrastructures at every opportunity for the soon-to-emerge civilian government in order that the latter can build a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation without any difficulty.

At present, a string of roads and bridges have been built the length and breadth of the nation for better transport. There are also many roads and bridges under construction. For development of the agricultural sector a cluster of dams and reservoirs were built and some are under construction in line with geographical condition.

For development of the industrial sector a large number of industrial zones and special economic zones sprang up throughout the nation. For improvement of the living standard of the people a spate of hydroelectric power projects are being implemented.

In the health sector, hospitals and dispensaries have been opened across the nation including border areas for better health care services. Previously, people had to rely on hospitals in Yangon and Mandalay in receiving medical treatment. At present, they are in a position to receive medical treatment at hospitals in most major cities of the states and divisions.

In the education sector, extended opening of basic education schools was carried out throughout the country for rural people to be able to enjoy equal opportunity in their pursuit of education. In the past, people of different regions had to go to Yangon and Mandalay for studying technology and computer science. Now, they are able to pursue subjects of their choice at higher learning institutions in the 24 special development zones.

In the past, rural people were unable to enjoy economic and social opportunity on equal terms due to poor transport in their regions. At present, with the emergence of new roads and bridges they are able to enjoy the fruits of development in various sectors. As the government strove for narrowing the gap between the plains and hilly regions there have emerged a large number of qualified human resources capable of serving the national interest. All should rejoice at the achievements of the government.

Otherwise, if they are dissatisfied with and jealous of the achievements of the government and are deceived by lackeys of neocolonialists who are practising hegemony, it is sure that they will be unable to overcome the situation like 40 years ago. With dissension and discord sown by colonialists they will constantly be in a sea of troubles.

Therefore, the entire national people are to make concerted efforts in protecting the already achieved peace and stability, national development and success in the process of transition to democracy. Only then, will a peaceful, modern and developed nation aspired by the people emerge.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attends...

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Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Agga Maha Pandita State Ovadacariya Bhaddanta Jotipala and members of the Sangha, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and wife, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, departmental officials, wellwishers, disciples and guests. The ceremony was opened with the recitation of *Namo Tassa* three

times.

Next, the congregation led by Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko received the Five Precepts from Bhaddanta Pandita.

Afterwards, Supervisor Sayadaw of Kyakhatwaing Pariyatti Sarthintaik, on behalf of Bhaddanta Jotipala, gave Ovadakatha.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than supplicated on religious affairs and presented Kathina robes and offertories to Presiding Nayaka of Kyakhatwaing Pariyatti

Sarthintaik Bhaddanta Jotipala.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and wife, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and wellwishers presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, Presiding Nayaka of Kyakhatwaing Pariyatti Sarthintaik Bhaddanta Jotipala delivered a sermon and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander, the ministers and wellwishers shared merits gained.

The ceremony came to a close with the



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence donates robes and provisions to the Sayadaw.— MNA

recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu three times.

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Commander attends OPV feeding ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — A ceremony to feed oral polio vaccine to children under-5 of regiments and units from Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Station was held at No 7 Transit Centre (Nay Pyi Taw), here, yesterday.

It was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife Daw Swe Swe Oo, staff officers of the command headquarters, the station commander and families of regiments and units.

The commander fed OPV to children.

Daw Swe Swe Oo and wives of senior military officers gave OPV to the



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin gives vaccine to a child.— MNA

children.

The commander and wife cordially greeted children and their

mothers.

OPV were fed to 226 children in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Station, 332

children in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Station and 200 children in Taungnyo Station.—MNA

Minister inspects tasks of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Power Station

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov—Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint accompanied by Managing Director U Tin Aung and officials of Electric Power Supply Enterprise inspected 230/33/11 KV Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana main power station on 31 October. Officials of the power station reported to the minister on supply of power from the station.

In his instructions, the minister said that Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana main power station is one of four important stations in Nay Pyi Taw. As the power station has been installed with one 100 MVA transformer and one 60 MVA transformer, electricity will be supplied to Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana region. Arrangements are to be made for linking power lines with one more 230 KV national grid from Shweli and

Yeywa hydropower projects. Emphasis is to be placed on communication system at the power station and the head of the station is to supervise functions of the power station.

Next, the minister viewed transformers at the Switch Yard and input and output of power lines and left necessary instructions.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

3rd Plenary Meeting of Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee 1-2 Dec

YANGON, 4 Nov — The Religious Affairs Department issued an announcement that the 3rd Plenary Meeting of Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee will be held on 1 and 2 December.

Invitations have been extended, and Member Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee are to contact the Maha Nayaka Monastery on Kaba Aye Hill, not later than 27 November.

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CEC member attends ceremony to enshrine religious objects in Maha Wizaya Pagoda in Kwanmoedein Village of Kayan Township

YANGON, 4 Nov — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein attended the ceremony to enshrine religious objects in Maha Wizaya Pagoda built by the CEC member and family in the precinct of Sasana Zawtika Masoeyein Monastery in Kwanmoedein Model Village, Kayan Township, yesterday.

The CEC member and Chairman of Kayan Township Association U Than Lwin accepted K 22.45 million from wellwishers for construction of the pagoda, the umbrella and water tank including K 10 million for construction of Dhammathukha Refectory.

The wellwishers put religious objects into the reliquary of the pagoda.

Next, the CEC member met departmental personnel and local people and explained regional development. The Kayan Township Association donated K 7 million for construction of the station hospital in Kyinichaung Village-tract to officials.

At Kaingkon Monastery, the CEC member and family donated 10 bags of rice and President U Htay Myint of Myanmar Fisheries Federation, 50 viss of edible oil to the Sayadaw.—MNA

Commander inspects paddy harvesting, ploughing



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects paddy harvesting in Hlegu Township.—MNA

YANGON, 4 Nov — The monsoon paddy harvesting and cultivation of summer paddy was held at the farm of U Thaung Win at Barlar village in Hlegu Township today attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

The acting chairman of Hlegu Township PDC and the official of the Agricultural Mechanization Department briefed the commander on harvesting and ploughing in the township.

Afterwards, the commander and party viewed paddy harvesting and ploughing. While in Hlegu, the commander and party inspected the site of Sitpin river water pumping project under the Water Utilization Department. At the project site, the official of the Department reported to the commander on carrying out of the tasks.

On completion, the project will supply water to 1000 farmland near North Sitpin Village of Hlegu Township.—MNA

Progress of Swa Creek Bridge supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun yesterday morning inspected progress in construction of Swa Creek Bridge on Yangon-Toungoo-Mandalay Highway.

Senior Engineer U Kyaw Lin reported on construction of the bore piles on both sides of the bridge. The minister gave instructions on tasks to be carried out meeting set standards and attention to be paid to worksite safety.

Swa Creek Bridge is of reinforced concrete and it will be 270 feet long. The bridge will be 48 feet wide and it has four-lane motor road flanked by three-foot-wide pedestrian ways. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

At the construction site of 126-foot Panlaung Bridge on Myingyan-Yaywun Road, the minister heard reports on maintenance of the bridge presented by Deputy Chief Engineer (Road) (Upper Myanmar) U Kyu Hin. After giving necessary instructions, the minister attended to the needs. — MNA

Air Bagan Ltd marks Third Anniversary with cash donation

YANGON, 4 Nov—The Air Bagan Ltd today donated cash to hospitals and social organizations in commemoration of its Third Anniversary which falls on 5 November 2007.

The company runs regular domestic and international flightservices at reasonable prices. Since its birth, the company has donated cash to social organizations under its donation programme. Under the programme, the donation comes from the sale of tickets at the rate of one US\$ each from an international passenger and K 500 each from a domestic passenger.

This year also, it donated K 5 million each to Children's Hospital, Hninzigon Home for the Aged, North Okkalapa Hospital, Mary Chapman School for the Deaf and Shwegondaing Orphanage. The cash donation was K 25 million in total.

Moreover, it also donated US\$ 15,000 to Myanmar Development Foundation.

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PRC to donate 10,000 tons of rice to ex-poppy growers

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov — China-Myanmar senior officials' meeting on donation of 10,000 tons of rice by the People's Republic of China to peasants who gave up poppy cultivation from Myanmar border areas for the second time and cooperation in opium-substitute development projects was held at Shwethiri Hotel in Muse on 30 October.

Present on the occasion were Director-General U Than Swe of Department for Progress of Border Areas and National Races Development, Police Col Tin Maung Maung of Central Committee for Drugs Abuse Control, Director Lt-Col Yan Naing Oo of Directorate of Border Trade, Chairman of Muse District Peace and Development Council U Kyi Aye and officials and 14 Chinese officials of the People's Republic of China.

The meeting reviewed China's



China-Myanmar Senior Officials Meeting in progress at Muse.—MNA

donation of 10,000 tons of rice to the peasants who gave up poppy cultivation for the first time in 2006-2007 open season. The meeting also discussed acceptance of 10,000 tons of rice to be donated by China in 2007-2008 open

season and next programme to distribute rice, alternative agriculture and breeding tasks and bilateral ties.

The Chinese delegation who attended the meeting left for China on that day afternoon.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was

20 years ago.

The second best time is now.



Donation ceremony of Air Bagan Ltd at Mary Chapman School for the Deaf in progress.—MNA

China, Uzbekistan vow to promote bilateral cooperation

TASHKENT, 4 Nov — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Uzbek President Islam Karimov vowed to promote the win-win cooperation between the two countries “to a higher level” when they met here Friday.

During the meeting, Karimov congratulated China on its successful convening of the 17th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

He said he was confident that China will achieve greater achievements along the path of the socialism with Chinese characteristics and contribute more to the world’s peace and

development.

Karimov hailed the growth of the bilateral relations and expressed his appreciation for China’s support and assistance to the country’s economic and social development.

Uzbekistan is satisfied with the high-standard cooperation in economy, trade and investment between the two countries, and hopes to expand cooperation in electromechanical technology and energy, he said.

The Uzbek President reiterated his country’s adherence to the one-China policy, pledging continued support for China on the issues of Taiwan and the combat against the “East Turkistan” separatist forces.

Echoing the views of Karimov on bilateral ties, Wen called the two countries “friendly neighbours and good partners” of mutual trust and sincere cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam’s pepper export earnings up in first 10 months

HANOI, 4 Nov — Vietnam reaped pepper export revenues of 224 million US dollars in the first 10 months of this year, a year-on-year rise of 28.1 per cent, despite smaller export volume.

Vietnam, the world’s biggest pepper exporter, shipped abroad 70,000 tons of the product in the period, down 36.2 per cent, according to the Vietnam Pepper Association on Friday.

The higher pepper

export earnings were attributed to increasing prices of pepper in the world market, which stood at 3,140 dollars per ton on average in October, said the association.

Vietnam’s pepper output is estimated at 80,000-90,000 tons this year, lower than last year, mainly due to unfavorable weather situations.

The country, which used to export raw pepper, has in recent years intensified investment in

employing advanced production lines to turn out high-grade pepper, capable of meeting strict requirements set by such big markets as the European Union, the United States, Russia, China, Japan and Singapore.

Vietnam now houses 52,500 hectares of pepper, with an average output of 2.3 tons per hectare. Southern Binh Phuoc Province alone has nearly 13,500 hectares.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (Back, L3) and his Uzbek counterpart Shavkat Mirziyaev (Back, L4) attend the signing ceremony after talks on bilateral relations and other regional and international issues of common concern, in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on 3 Nov, 2007. China and Uzbekistan signed 10 agreements on closer cooperation in various fields including economic and technology, public health, finance, transportation, water supply and environmental protection. — XINHUA

Giuliani takes another shot at British health care

WASHINGTON, 4 Nov — Republican presidential front-runner Rudy Giuliani acknowledged on Friday his cancer statistics were outdated but said his point remained the same — beware of British health care.

Giuliani, who has suffered prostate cancer, has taken criticism from British and US health officials for saying in a radio ad this week the US survival rate for the disease was 82 per cent while the survival rate under Britain’s “socialized

medicine” was 44 per cent.

Health officials in both countries say the most recent statistics show five-year survival rates for prostate cancer are 99 per cent in the United States and 74 per cent under Britain’s National Health Service.

Giuliani told reporters he was using statistics from 2000 and said “those statistics have changed slightly today” — but he did not back away from the broader comparison.

MNA/Reuters

Diarrhoea leaves 21 dead in eastern Nepal

KATHMANDU, 4 Nov — The number of deaths from diarrhoea in Dhanusha District in eastern Nepal has reached 21 in recent days.

According to the national news agency, RSS Saturday’s report, those who died are mostly children and 11 children have died so far.

The epidemic is seen in many villages in the district, some 200 kilometres east of Kathmandu, the RSS said.

The causes of the epidemic are consumption of small polluted fishes of the paddy fields, dried fish, lack of use of toilets, and lack of awareness.

At a Press meeting organized by the District Public Health Office, Office Chief Bijaya Kumar Jha said some 14,000 people were affected from this disease.

Now the situation is under control by mobilizing health workers soon after receiving information, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Missile strike kills at least 5 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 4 Nov — A missile attack launched by a drone aircraft on Friday killed at least five people and wounded several more near a madrasa run by pro-al-Qaeda Mujahadin in Pakistan’s volatile Waziristan Region, witnesses said.

“A drone was flying very low and fired the missile. It destroyed three houses,” a resident of Dandi Darpakheil Village told Reuters, requesting anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information, as drone attacks are typically launched by US forces across the border in Afghanistan.

The missile hit dwellings close to a sprawling religious school or madrasa founded by a veteran Mujahedin commander, Jalaluddin Haqqani.

“I have seen human flesh scattered all over the area near the houses,” the resident said.

The village is about two kilometres (one mile) from Miranshah, the main town of North Waziristan, and residents said the explosion rocked the whole area.

Six wounded men were admitted to Miranshah’s main hospital.

MNA/Reuters

New York mayor proposes “pollution pricing” plan

LOS ANGELES, 4 Nov — New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Friday proposed a plan aimed at punishing polluting companies for releasing greenhouse gases.

Calling his plan “polluting pricing”, Bloomberg said his proposal would help reduce carbon emissions.

“If you really want to reduce carbon emissions, tax carbon at the source, which would mean at the mine head, at the oil well, whatever,” he said at a climate summit of US mayors in Seattle.

Bloomberg suggested a fee of 15 US

dollars for every ton of greenhouse gas companies emit, with the money used to reduced payroll taxes and finance tax credits for companies that reduce their greenhouse gas pollution.

The mayor criticized President George W. Bush’s voluntary and unenforceable emissions targets, saying Bush’s plan was “like voluntary speed limits — doomed to failure”. — MNA/Xinhua



This undated photo shows the white tortoise found in Lake Poyang in eastern China’s Jiangxi province recently. — INTERNET

British astronomers discover 3 new planets

LONDON, 4 Nov — Britain's astronomers of the Wide Angle Search for Planets (WASP), a leading planet-hunting team, have announced the discovery of three new planets, according to a Press release issued Friday by the Keele University.

These extra-solar planets named WASP-3, WASP-4 and WASP-5 were seen to pass in front of, or transit, their host star.

WASP-3 is the third planet that the team has found in the Northern hemisphere, using the SuperWASP camera sited in the Canary Islands.

WASP-4 and

WASP-5 are the first planets discovered by the WASP project's cameras in South Africa, and were confirmed by a collaboration with Swiss and French astronomers.

WASP-4 and WASP-5 are now "the brightest transiting planets in the Southern hemisphere" according to Coel Hellier of the Keele University.

"When we see a transit we can deduce the size and mass of the planet and also what it is made of, so we can use these planets to study how solar systems form," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



British singer Amy Winehouse holds the MTV Europe Award 2007 trophy after winning the 'Artist's choice' category at the MTV Europe Award gala in Munich on 1 Nov, 2007.— INTERNET

Ford, UAW marathon talks close in on labour pact

DETROIT, 4 Nov — Negotiators for Ford Motor Co and the United Auto Workers talked into Friday evening as the two sides closed in on a labour deal that would cap a historic round of bargaining between the union and the embattled US auto industry.

Contract negotiations at Ford's Dearborn, Michigan, headquarters entered their 32nd consecutive hour, extending the longest-running bargaining session since UAW President Ron Gettelfinger returned to the talks on Tuesday.

The marathon

session had begun at around 10 am EDT (1400 GMT) on Thursday, said a person briefed on the talks.

In four days of intensive talks, the two sides have made progress on key issues centred on health care costs and Ford's planned plant closings, putting a deal within reach as soon as Friday, the person said.

Ford, which has some 58,000 UAW-represented workers, is widely seen as having developed the most collaborative relationship of any of the three Detroit-based automakers with the union in recent years.

MNA/Reuters

Three Gorges power production reducing carbon emissions

YICHANG, 4 Nov — The Three Gorges project, the world's largest hydro-power plant, has generated 200 billion kilowatts hour of electricity, officials in charge of the project announced on Friday.

As of Friday morning, the plant had produced electricity worth 50 billion yuan (6.7 billion US dollars) since it started operation in 2003, officials with the China Yangtze Three Gorges Project Corporation (CTGPC) said.

The huge amount of electricity production, equal to the power

generated by 120 million tons of coal, has led to a reduction of 240 million tons of carbon emissions, said Ma Zhenbo, general manager of the plant operated by the CTGPC.

China has been

trying to encourage the use of renewable and clean energy to curb worsening pollution amid a booming economy.

The electricity generated by the project, located on the middle

reaches of the Yangtze, the country's longest river, has fuelled 15 provinces in central, eastern and southern China, easing a severe power shortage in the industrial regions.

MNA/Xinhua

Pizza recall affects 10 US states

LOS ANGELES, 4 Nov — The recall of five million frozen pizzas affected 10 states where about 21 people were reported to be sick after eating the E coli-contaminated food, a CNN report said on Friday.

The recalled pizzas

were sold under the Totino's and Jeni's labels, according to General Mills Co, which ordered the recall on Thursday.

The problem may have come from pepperoni on pizzas produced at a General Mills plant in Ohio, the suburban Minneapolis-based

company said.

It said the pepperoni itself came from a separate supplier, not produced at the plant itself, but it declined to release the name of the pepperoni distributor.

The first of 21 E. coli illnesses was reported in July, and nine of them reported eating Totino's or Jeni's pizza with pepperoni topping at some point before becoming ill. The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said that eight of the victims have been hospitalized, and four have developed a type of kidney failure.

MNA/Xinhua

DNA shows ancient ship carried olive oil, oregano

WASHINGTON, 4 Nov — DNA scraped from inside clay vessels show that a ship that sank off the coast of Greece 2,400 years ago was carrying a cargo of olive oil, oregano, and probably wine, researchers reported on Friday.

The new research may offer a way to analyze the long-gone contents of hundreds of containers, said Brendan Foley of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Writing in the *Journal of Archeological Science*, Foley and colleagues at Lund University in Sweden said they were able to get DNA sequences from the insides of two amphoras

recovered in 230 feet (70 metres) of water in 2005.

The clay containers appeared empty, but the researchers decided to try testing for DNA anyhow. To their surprise, they got some — and not the DNA they were expecting.

The island of Chios where the shipwreck was found was well-known in the ancient world as a major exporter of highly prized wines. But the two amphoras in fact carried DNA from olives and oregano.

They also found evidence of wine and perhaps pistachios, they said.

Foley hopes to use the technique to find out more details about the ancient shipping trade.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesia has difficulties in identifying number of rare species

JAKARTA, 4 Nov — Indonesia has said it had difficulties in identifying the number of native species in danger of extinction.

Director for biological diversity affairs

at the Indonesian Forestry Ministry Toni Suhartono said much of the information on the number of endangered species was based on predictions made before 2000.

"The inventory data

on endangered species is a traditional problem. We even don't have exact data on the animal species kept in the country's zoos," Toni said.

MNA/Xinhua



Kurdish women flash the V-sign during a gathering in Silopi near the Turkish-Iraq border. Some 5,000 Turkish Kurds on Saturday protested against a military incursion into Iraq, saying such a move would enflame ethnic tensions in the region and plunge the local economy into ruin.

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Arizona nuclear plant normal after pipe bomb found

PHOENIX, 3 Nov — The Palo Verde nuclear power plant, the largest in the United States, was sealed off for much of Friday after guards found a pipe

bomb in a worker's truck as he tried to enter the facility, officials said.

The lock-down of the plant, about 50 miles (80 kilometres) west of Phoenix, Arizona, was lifted on Friday afternoon. Operations were not affected, said the plant's operator, Arizona Public Service.

The driver of the truck, an engineer who had worked at Palo Verde as a contractor for a year, was detained as his apartment was searched but he was not under arrest and was cooperating with authorities, the Maricopa

County Sheriff's Office said.

"Our examination and preliminary testing shows it is a viable improvised explosive device," said Captain Paul Chagolla.

The pipe bomb was probably powerful enough to damage the vehicle but not the power plant, Sheriff Joe Arpaio said.

The engineer, identified as Roger Hurd, 61, of South Carolina, told investigators he was unaware the pipe bomb was in the bed of his pickup truck, the sheriff said.

"The mystery is how

did it get in the truck and how he knew nothing about it. It's all very puzzling," Arpaio told *Reuters*, adding that a search of Hurd's Phoenix-area apartment turned up no clues. "There was nothing there that would connect him to the pipe bomb." With a combined production capacity of about 3,900 megawatts, Palo Verde's three nuclear reactors can make enough electricity to serve 1.5 million to two million homes in Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas.

MNA/Reuters

Argentine police arrest 16 for alleged luggage theft

BUENOS AIRES, 3 Oct — At least 16 people were arrested on Wednesday for alleged baggage theft at the Ezeiza International Airport, Argentina's main airport in the capital, said the police.

Among the arrested were airport employees of the Intercargo loading and unloading enterprise, Search private security firm and the Cielos de Peru airline, said the police.

An airport policeman

and an Argentine Air Force non-commissioned officer were also among the arrested, said the police.

The suspects were also accused of selling their booty, including laptops and cell phones, to others.

The Argentine police traced the suspects through telephone conversations and determined that many of them worked on concrete orders, said the police. — MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian plane skids during landing, 5 injured

JAKARTA, 3 Nov — An Indonesian plane skidded on the runway after it broke its front wheel while landing at an airport in East Java on Thursday, lightly injuring five passengers, an airport official said.

The *Boeing 737* operated by private Indonesian carrier Mandala Airlines carried 89 passengers from the capital, Jakarta, to the city of Malang, airport official Suradi told *Reuters*.

"The plane now lies abandoned on the runway ... Its head is slightly tilted down because the front wheel broke off," Suradi said by telephone. Indonesia's air safety record has come under fire after two accidents this year.

In March, a Garuda

Indonesia plane with 140 people on board over shot the runway in Yogyakarta in Java and burst into flames, killing 21 people.

In January, a plane belonging to budget carrier Adam Air crashed into the sea off Sulawesi Island. All 102 on board are presumed dead.

MNA/Reuters



Residents are evacuated from a flooded neighbourhood in Villahermosa on 1 Nov, 2007. Thousands of homes were flooded after several rivers burst their banks in the southern Mexican state of Tabasco and heavy rains left 70 percent of the swampy region under water. — INTERNET

Cambodia gets \$80m funding for Thailand rail link

SINGAPORE, 3 Nov — Cambodia will build a rail link to Thailand after it received 80 million US dollars in funds from the Asian Development Bank and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Cambodia's Transport Minister said on Friday.

Work on the 48 kilometre (30-mile) connection between Sisophon

in Cambodia and Poipet near the Thai border will start early next year and be completed by 2010, said Minister of Public Works and Transport Sun Chanthol.

The 80 million US dollars funding will also cover improvements to other parts of the Cambodian railway system, he told reporters on the sidelines of a meeting of

transport ministers from the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nation, or ASEAN.

The link between Cambodia and Thailand is part of plans for a 5,500 kilometre (about 3,420 mile) railway linking Singapore to Kunming, which was first proposed by ASEAN in 1995.

The project, which envisages connecting

domestic rail networks to form a continuous link from Singapore to Kunming in China, is aimed at easing travel between various Southeast Asian countries and China.

Besides the connection to Thailand, Cambodia will also have to build 257 kilometres (160 miles) of tracks linking its capital Phnom Penh to Loc Ninh in Vietnam. — MNA/Reuters

India's richest man gifts jet to wife on birthday

MUMBAI, 3 Nov — India's richest man, Mukesh Ambani, has bought his wife a luxury jet with entertainment cabins, a sky bar and fancy showers for her birthday, a newspaper said on Friday.

Ambani, who owns the country's biggest private company, Reliance Industries Ltd, gifted the 60 million US dollars Airbus plane to wife Neeta on her 44th birthday on Thursday, the *Mumbai Mirror* newspaper said.

The jet is custom-fitted with an office and a cabin with game consoles, music systems, satellite

television and wireless communication, the report said. It also has a master bedroom, a bathroom with a range of showers and a bar with mood lighting.

The newspaper said Airbus sources had confirmed the sale and the jet had arrived at New Delhi's airport and would be brought to Mumbai soon.

A spokesman for Reliance, estimated to have a market capitalization of nearly 100 billion US dollars told *Reuters*, "we are neither denying nor confirming the report".

With business interests

ranging from oil to retail and bio-technology, Ambani is not known to shy away from conspicuous consumption.

He is building a one-billion US dollars home in India's financial capital of Mumbai, considered to be one of the world's most expensive houses, local media reports have said.

MNA/Reuters

Surge in tremors at Indonesia's Kelud Volcano

SUGIHW ARSAS (Indonesia), 3 Nov — Hundreds more people have been evacuated from around Indonesia's Mount Kelud Volcano in East Java on Thursday after more than 600 hundred tremors were recorded, an official said.

Authorities raised the alert at Mount Kelud, one of Indonesia's deadliest

volcanoes, to maximum two weeks ago amid signs of an imminent eruption.

"There have been more tremors than at the time we increased the alert to the highest level last month," said Umar Rosadi, a volcanologist at the volcano monitoring post. After the alert was raised, thousands of people were evacuated from a 10-kilometre (six-mile) zone around Kelud, but many had returned home, fearing for the safety of their possessions.

Rosadi said magma was 700 metres (2,296 feet) below the crater and could shoot out if it had enough energy.

Some residents living on the slopes of the volcano have refused to leave, saying they know how to take care of themselves in the event of an eruption.

MNA/Reuters



Picture of the Ferrari logo, "Il Cavallino", at the Ferrari production line in the factory of Maranello, on 22 Oct, 2007 file photo. Abu Dhabi on Saturday began work on building the world's first Ferrari theme park, another step in the wealthy Gulf emirate's ambition to become a global centre for leisure, sport and culture. — INTERNET

Hospital superbug infections fall in England

LONDON, 3 Nov — Cases of Clostridium difficile have fallen, but it is too soon to say whether the corner has been turned on tackling the hospital superbug, according to the Health Protection Agency (HPA). The number of people over 65 reported to have the potentially deadly intestinal infection in England fell 13 per cent in the three months to June compared to the previous quarter.

But the level had jumped 22 per cent three months previously and an agency spokeswoman said it was not possible to determine a

trend on just a quarterly basis. The agency released annual figures for 2006 showing that incidents of the bug were still rising, up 7 per cent at 55,620 cases, but at a slower rate than the previous year.

The government is under pressure to show success in reducing the level of superbug infections in NHS hospitals.

It has announced a 50 million pound ward-by-ward deep clean of hospitals and ordered medics to wear short-sleeved tunics to prevent accidental spread of infection. — MNA/Reuters

California Department of Corrections prison inmate firefighters remove burned trees from the shoulder of highway 78 on 30 Oct, 2007 file photo in Ramona, California. Authorities urged Californians to be on alert all weekend as conditions favorable for more wildfires prompted firefighters to deploy as a precaution, after last week's deadly blazes. — INTERNET



Special session of Miss Earth 2007 completed in Vietnam

NHA TRANG CITY (Vietnam), 3 Nov — Thirty candidates of Miss Earth 2007 pageant exhibited their grace and goodwill in a special session of the international beauty contest concluding here Thursday evening.

Miss Truong Tri Truc Diem from Vietnam grabbed the title Miss Fashion, Miss Yoo Ji-Eun from South Korea the title Miss Charm, Miss Patricia Silva from Brazil Best in Ao Dai (Vietnam's

traditional long dress), and Miss Odilia Garcia from Peru Miss Fitness. The winner of the title of Miss Beauty for a Cause will be announced on the coronation night of Miss Earth 2007 pageant in Manila, the Philippines, on 11 November.

After arriving in the central coastal city of Nha Trang on 30 October, the candidates participated in social welfare events there.

On 31 October, they met and offered presents

to some local orphans, disabled children and elderly people, and walked barefooted on hot sandy beach to collect rubbish and plant trees, in a move to enhance public awareness about environmental protection.

The special session of Miss Earth 2007 aimed at promoting the image of Vietnam abroad, and encouraged people around the world to better protect the environment.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia sets Malaysia-Indonesia Research Institute

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Nov — Malaysia's Universiti Industri Selangor (Unisel) has set up the Malaysia-Indonesia Research Institute (IKMI) which will focus on studies and discussions on issues affecting both countries.

IKMI, which was set up last month, would act as a research centre where issues of both countries, including social, economic, political, international ties and other relevant topics, were discussed academically, its vice-chancellor, professor Mohd Razali Agus told reporters in Shah Alam,

capital city of central Selangor State on Thursday.

IKMI members included professors and lecturers from Unisel and academicians from Indonesia's private institutions of higher learning (IPTS), he said.

It would conduct studies and organize conferences and workshops to create better understanding between Malaysia and Indonesia.

Conclusions made from the studies will be documented and handed over to the respective governments.

IKMI is needed because

although we are of the same stock, there seems to be little understanding on issues. We also suffer from lack of information," the national news agency Bernama quoted Mohd Razali as saying.

"IKMI will also give an opportunity to government officials from both countries, politicians, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), corporations and interested parties to express their views on the issues discussed. Students will also be involved," he said. — MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Torino add to Milan's San Siro blues

ROME, 4 Nov — Torino held AC Milan to a goalless draw in Serie A on Saturday as the European champions misfired again in front of their home crowd. Milan, who are seventh with 14 points from 11 games, have not won a league game at the San Siro since April.

Alberto Gilardino, who scored twice in Wednesday's 5-0 rout of Sampdoria, wasted two excellent chances laid on by Clarence Seedorf in the first 20 minutes. Kakahita right-footed shot just wide from outside the area in the 31st and Torino keeper Matteo Sereni saved a powerful

Andrea Pirlo effort just before halftime.

Torino's David Di Michele, playing for the first time after serving a three-month ban for illegal betting, gave the home side a scare with an angled effort in the 51st. —MNA/Reuters



Athletes compete in the men's 4X100m relay race at the 6th Chinese City Games in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 2 Nov, 2007. Nanjing and Guangzhou teams finished 1-2 with record-breaking run in the men's 4x100 meters relay here on Friday, the final day of the track and field competitions at the 6th Chinese City Games. —XINHUA

Olympiakos close gap on leaders AEK Athens

ATHENS, 4 Nov — Olympiakos Piraeus came from a goal down to beat PAOK Salonika 2-1 in the Greek Super League on Saturday. The win means the champions leapfrog Panathinaikos, who did not play, to go second in the table, three points behind leaders AEK Athens who host Iraklis on Sunday.

Former Panathinaikos midfielder Pantelis Konstantinidis stunned the home crowd when he put PAOK in front three

minutes before halftime.

Olympiakos, who meet Real Madrid in the Champions League on Tuesday, hit back in the second period.

Vassilis Torosidis headed the equalizer in the 52nd minute and another header 14 minutes later from Darko Kovacevic secured the points for the hosts. In the other game played on Saturday, Panionios moved up to fourth after drawing 1-1 at struggling Ergotelis. —MNA/Reuters

Lyon beat Valenciennes to keep Nancy at bay

PARIS, 4 Nov — Olympique Lyon maintained their four-point lead at the top of Ligue 1 with a clinical 2-0 victory over Valenciennes on Saturday.

Brazilian midfielder Juninho struck five minutes from the interval, tapping in a Karim Benzema cross from the left.

Striker Sidney Govou put the result beyond doubt when he lobbed the ball over Valenciennes goalkeeper Nicolas Penneteau three minutes from time.

Six-times champions Lyon, who host German champions VfB Stuttgart to keep alive their hopes of progressing from the Champions League group stage on Wednesday, have 31 points

from 13 matches.

Second-placed Nancy celebrated their 40th anniversary with a 1-0 win over Girondins Bordeaux earlier on Saturday.

The Lorraine side, who have a game in hand, wrapped up victory in the 29th minute when midfielder Chris Malonga headed in a cross from Youssouf Hadji.

Bordeaux remain fourth with 22 points from 13 games after suffering their first away defeat of the season.

Nancy dominated in front of watching UEFA president Michel Platini, who started his professional career at the club in 1976.

MNA/Reuters

Fiorentina beat Lazio to go second

ROME, 4 Nov — Fiorentina moved up to second in Serie A with a 1-0 win at struggling Lazio on Saturday.

Giampaolo Pazzini pounced to score after a blunder by Lazio's 43-year-old keeper Marco Ballotta, who let go of the ball as he tried to stop a back header going out for a corner in the 19th minute. Pazzini almost made it 2-0 in the 74th when he shot against the crossbar.

Fiorentina's French keeper Sebastien Frey then did well to keep out an angled Massimo Mutarelli effort eight minutes from time.

Mutarelli was sent off in stoppage time after picking up a second yellow card.

Unbeaten Fiorentina have 23 points from 11 games and are one point behind leaders Inter Milan, who visit fourth-placed Juventus on Sunday.

Lazio, who entertain Werder Bremen in the Champions League on Tuesday, are two points above the relegation zone after suffering their third consecutive league defeat. —MNA/Reuters

Zenit beat FK Moscow 1-0 to close in on Russian title

MOSCOW, 4 Nov — Zenit St Petersburg beat FK Moscow 1-0 in the penultimate round of the Russian Premier League on Saturday to stay firmly on track for their first title in nearly a quarter of a century.

Russia captain Andrei Arshavin fired home from close range midway through the first half to give Zenit their ninth victory in the last 10 league matches.

The win kept Dick Advocaat's team two points ahead of second-placed Spartak Moscow, who crushed bottom club Rostov 3-0 to maintain their slim title hopes alive.

Zenit, who won their first and only league title in the old Soviet Union in 1984, can clinch first place by beating mid-table Saturn Ramenskoye next Sunday.

MNA/Reuters

McDonald double earns Celtic 2-1 victory at Kilmarnock

GLASGOW, 4 Nov — Two first-half goals from Scott McDonald earned champions Celtic a 2-1 win at Kilmarnock in their Scottish Premier League clash on Saturday.

The Australian striker swept home the first goal in the 34th minute following a terrific run down the left before cutting in to shoot from 20 metres.

He knocked home a second just two minutes later to virtually secure the win. —MNA/Reuters



Jiang Chuan (Front) and Bai Yan of Wuhan compete in the men's doubles finals of tennis at the 6th Chinese City Games in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 2 Nov, 2007. Jiang and Bai beat Zhang Ze and Li Yifeng of Nanjing 2-0 and won the gold medal. —XINHUA

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Injury time goal gives Arsenal draw with United

LONDON, 4 Nov — An injury-time goal by skipper William Gallas gave Arsenal a 2-2 draw with Manchester United at the Emirates Stadium on Saturday to preserve their unbeaten record this season and keep them top of the Premier League.

Gallas' strike was adjudged to have crossed the line by the linesman and referee Howard Webb as the match reached a frenetic finale. It was even more special for Gallas who had scored an own goal at the end of the first half to give United the lead.

With only a minute of stoppage time remaining, Arsenal had looked destined for defeat after Cristiano

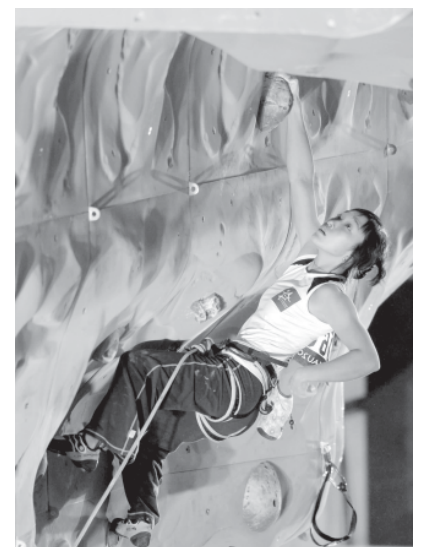
Ronaldo put the champions 2-1 up from close range in the 82nd minute.

Instead, Arsenal stay top with 27 points from their 11 matches, while United, who have scored fewer goals, remain second on 27 from 12 games.

A vast global television audience watched Arsenal's 25th match in all competitions without defeat, a club record, while the draw ended United's run of eight successive league wins.

While United went in 1-0 up at the interval it took Arsenal only three minutes of the second half to equalize when Cesc Fabregas chose his spot for his 11th goal of the season.

MNA/Reuters



Gold medalist South Korea's Kim Ja In competes during the women's lead climbing final at the 2nd Asian Indoor Games, Macao, China, 2007. —XINHUA

Official says Indonesia's volcano Mt Kelud erupts

SUGIHWARAS (Indonesia), 4 Nov — Indonesia's Mount Kelud volcano has erupted, according to seismographic signals, but no signs of ash or lava could be seen because of heavy cloud cover, a top official said on Saturday.

An estimated 350,000 people live within 10 kilometres (six miles) of the volcano, which is about 90 km southwest of Surabaya, Indonesia's second-largest city and one of its busiest airports.

In Sugihwaras, a village eight kilometres from the crater that suffered casualties and was badly damaged during an eruption in 1990, many people panicked when they heard the reports.

"The mosque announced that Kelud had erupted and there was a half hour to evacuate," said Ngatijo, a villager.

When Mount Kelud erupted in 1990 at least 30 people were killed. In 1919, about 5,000 died as Kelud ejected scalding water from its crater lake.

Saut Simatupang, an official at Indonesia's

Centre for Vulcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation, told Reuters continuous tremors had been detected, indicating an eruption, but this was impossible to confirm visually because of the heavy cloud in the area.

"There is heavy cloud over there, so even ash could not be seen. But instrumentally it has erupted, as shown by the seismographic records that were over the scale," he said.

MNA/Reuters

Lu Shwin Kyin @Mrs. Yang Kyein Sai (Mahadevi of Kokang) (1925-2007)

Lu Shwin Kyin @Mrs. Yang Kyein Sai (Formerly Mahadevi of Kokang) of No.5 Melikha Rd, Mayangon, Yangon, beloved wife of (Yang Kyein Sai @Edward Yang-Formerly Saophalong of Kokang), beloved mother of Jackie Yang (David Rettie), Laura Yang- Tom, Lena Yang, Oscar Yang, Helen Yang, Faith Yang- Guenther E. Wolf, Elfreda Yang- James Goodro and Ernest Yang, beloved grandmother of Lee Yang Rettie, Meiling Reetie, Pailing, (Melissa), Lynn Wolf, Ming Wolf, Marcus Wolf, EJ. Goodroe, John Goodroe, Cathy Goodroe and Ronnie Goodroe, beloved sister of Nancy passed away peacefully at her residence on October 25, 2007 (Thursday) 4 am.

Funeral cortege will leave the above residence for Yayway Cemetery for burial on 5th November 2007.

Bereaved family

Rubber tapper shot dead, ice-cream vendor wounded in Thai south

BANGKOK, 4 Nov — A rubber tapper was shot dead and an ice-cream vendor critically wounded Saturday in separate shooting attacks in Thailand's restive deep south.

Police said Salam Plonghoi, 29, a resident of Karubi sub-district in Pattani Province, was shot in the head Saturday morning when he was returning from the rubber plantation where he had been working, news network *The Nation* reported.

Two gunmen approached Salam from behind on a motorbike and shot him at close range, police said.

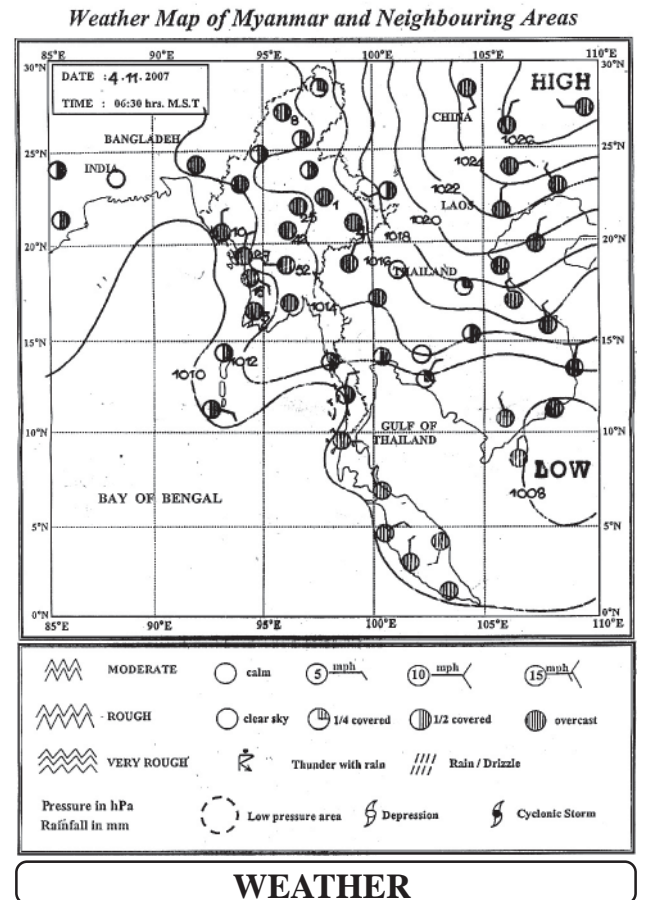
In mid-afternoon, in Puyoot sub-district on the highway that links Pattani and nearby province Yala, an ice-cream vendor was found soaked in blood next to his motorbike.

Police identified him as 47-year-old Prapan Kasibin. He had been shot in the neck.

Authorities believed the

two attacks as part of a renewed round of insurgency-related violence that has troubled Thailand's three southernmost provinces, Narathiwat, Yala and Pattani, for nearly four years and has seen more than 2,500 people killed in the region.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Sunday, 4 November, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, Lower Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay and Bago Divisions. Night temperatures were (5°C) below November average temperature in upper Sagaing Division, (4°C) below November average temperature in Magway Division, (4°C) above November average temperatures in Mon State, (6°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin State and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.02) inches, Toungoo (Aviation) (3.82) inches, Toungoo (2.05) inches, Meikhtila (1.65) inches, Yangon (Central) (1.38) inches and Taungwingyi (1.34) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-11-2007 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 4-11-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 4-11-2007 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 3-11-2007 was (1.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 4-11-2007 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (1.38) inches Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (136.46) inches at Mingaladon, (140.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (144.21) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southeast at (15:20) hours MST on 3-11-2007.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 4-11-2007: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, scattered in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated 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: Likelihood of rain or thundershowers in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-11-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-11-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-11-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Monday, 5 November
View on today

7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟာရဋ္ဌာရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:25 am
3. Morning news

7:30 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:40 am
5. Song of national races

7:55 am
6. Cute little dancers

8:10 am
7. ရွှေလင်ပန်းတံတား

8:20 am
8. International news

8:20 am
9. Grammar made easy

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. Praticce in reading

4:45 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

5:00 pm
5. Dance variety

5:10 pm
6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:25 pm
7. Songs and dance of national races

5:35 pm
8. "ဖြတ်လျှောက်ရုံလေးပဲ လျှောက်ဖြစ်တော့မှာပါ"



Monday, 5 November
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music
-Take your chance

8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music
-Obsession

8:50 am National news/Slogan
9:00 am Music
-Love is all round

9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music
-Base of love

1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Lady
-When I'll see you again

9:00 pm Spotlight on the stars
-(Trisha Yearwood)

9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Drug / women affairs
9:35 pm Golden Land melody/vocal gems
-Another day in paradise
-Cuts both way

9:45 pm News /Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

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People's Desire

- ★ We favour stability.
- ★ We favour peace.
- ★ We oppose unrest and violence.

- ★ RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies
- ★ RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!
- ★ The public be warned of
killers in the air waves —
RFA, VOA and BBC

- ★ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
- ★ BBC lying
VOA deceiving
RFA setting up hostilities
- ★ Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers

Who are the winners, and who, the losers from recent violent protests?

- ★ Due to the violent protests,
The people are in a state of panic
Artless persons get into bad company and run into trouble
Trade and commerce hit hard
Vendors and shopkeepers have hard times
Tourism industry in bad shape
- ★ Due to the violent protests,
Colonialists' lackey expatriates earn dollars
Touts were provided with funds
Criminals and opportunists are happy with the unrest
National traitors from agitator media gained a lot of dollars