

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of sympathy to Bangladeshi President

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends message of sympathy to Bangladeshi Chief Adviser

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Camp Commandant's Office offers Kathina robes to members of the Sangha

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov — The Camp Commandant's Office of the Ministry of Defence held its 54th Kathina robes offering ceremony at the Dhammayon of KanUkyang Pariyatti Monastery, here, this morn-

ing, attended by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence.

A total of 14 members of the Sangha led by



Lt-Gen Tin Aye presents offertories to a Sayadaw at the 54th Kathina robes offering ceremony of the Camp Commandant's Office of Ministry of Defence at the Dhammayon. —MNA

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

Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Viçarindabhivamsa attended the ceremony. It was also attended by Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thant Zin, Camp Commandant Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein and wife Daw Amy Khaing, servicemen and family members.

The ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa*.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Viçarindabhivamsa administered the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta and parittas.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye offered Kathina robes and alms to Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Viçarindabhivamsa.

Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thant Zin and Camp Commandant Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein and wife Daw Amy Khaing donated Kathina robes and provisions to members of the Sangha.

Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Viçarindabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and the congregation led by Lt-Gen Tin Aye shared merits gained.

The ceremony ended with three-time recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Çiram Titthatu*.

Later, they offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Expedite border area development project

The government formed the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races and the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas that lagged behind development.

The Central Committee and various committees have spent millions of kyats on raising the socio-economic life of national races in border areas since 1989 and made efforts for forging national unity with greater momentum.

The government has been implementing the tasks of human resource development and narcotic drug elimination projects while building a large number of social infrastructures. With the better transportation in the regions, education, health and economic sectors of local people have improved day by day.

Socio-economic infrastructures have emerged in the border areas and marked progress has also been made due to prevalence of peace and stability, closer relations among the national races, and mutual trust and respect.

Achievements have also been made in implementation of border area development tasks on account of the right duty assignment, strategy and tactics laid down.

It is the duty of the entire people to make endeavours for the emergence of a modern developed new nation and consolidation of national unity in cooperation with the government.

Local and foreign gem merchants inspecting jade lots.—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

Ministry of Culture organizes communal Kathina robes offering ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov — Under the aegis of Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and wife Daw Khin Pyone, the Ministry of Culture held the second communal Kathina robes offering ceremony at the ministry, here, this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and wife, Director-General U Sann Win of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department, Director-General Dr Ba Maung of Historical Research Department, Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of Fine Arts Department and staff.

They offered Kathina robes of the Ministry of Culture to the Sayadaw of Abayayama Monastery, that of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department to the

Sayadaw of Myoma Sanmyaing Monastery and that of Fine Arts Department to ShweUdaung



Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and wife Daw Khin Pyone present robes and offertories to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Sayadaw.

They donated 'soon' to members of the Sangha.

Later, lucky persons among the staff families were selected to have the

opportunities to pay homage to Maha Duk Buddha images. —MNA

Sales of gem and jade lots continue

YANGON, 18 Nov — Patron of the Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium Organizing Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint arrived at Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye

Pagoda Road here, this morning.

He viewed sales of gem lots through tender and competitive bidding system and cordially greeted local and foreign gem merchants.

At Myanma Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township, the minister also cordially greeted merchants and fulfilled the necessary requirements.

At Myanma Gems Mart, merchants bought 27 lots of gems.

At MCC, merchants bought 432 lots of jade from the morning to the evening.

Jade lots will be sold through tender at MCC tomorrow, and the remaining jade lots will be sold through tender and competitive bidding system till 26 November.

A total of 3,558 merchants—2,244 from 1,580 companies of 15 foreign countries and 1,314 merchants from 506 companies at home—attended the emporium and observed jade lots. The merchants will be arriving here.— MNA

Iran wants Western "apology" after IAEA report

TEHERAN, 17 Nov— Iran called on its Western foes on Friday to apologize to the Islamic Republic after the release of a UN nuclear agency report which Teheran said showed it had been telling the truth about its atomic plans, according to state media.

The United States, which accuses Iran of seeking to develop nuclear bombs, said Thursday's report showed Teheran still defying the international community and that Washington would proceed with allies to draft broader United Nations sanctions against it.

But Iranian officials said the country had been vindicated in the report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and that further discussion at the UN Security Council about the nuclear dispute would have no legal basis.

Iran, which has consistently rejected UN demands to halt sensitive atomic work, says its programme is aimed at generating electricity so that it can export more of its oil and gas.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad "urged the West to bravely apologize to the Iranian nation," state broadcaster IRIB said without airing a direct back-up

quote from the president, who often rails against the United States and its allies. A senior Iranian cleric also demanded a US apology in a sermon to Friday worshippers broadcast live on state radio.

Ayatollah Ahmad Khatami, a conservative member of an influential clerical body, said Iran would not back down "even one iota from defending its basic rights" in pursuing nuclear energy — echoing frequent statements by Ahmadinejad.

"America must apologize to the great Iranian nation for lying to the world's public opinion," Khatami said.

The IAEA said in its report on Thursday that Iran had made important strides towards clarifying past nuclear activities. But the Vienna-based UN body also said key questions remained unresolved and that Iran had significantly expanded uranium enrichment, a process to make fuel for power plants that can also provide material for nuclear bombs.

In August, Iran agreed with the UN agency to clear up questions about its programme in order to allay any doubts, but it has refused to suspend its most sensitive activities.— MNA/Reuters



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and his Iranian counterpart Mahmoud Ahmadinejad attend the opening session of the OPEC summit in Riyadh, on 17 Nov, 2007. —XINHUA



A foreign artist learns Zhusheng (a Chinese traditional instrument) from an old man of Miao Ethnic Group in Zhan-gao Village of Leishan County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 16 Nov, 2007. Over 30 artists from 17 countries went to the village to enjoy folk art for 5 days. — XINHUA

Schwarzenegger urges Bush to expand free trade

LOS ANGELES, 17 Nov — California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Friday urged the Bush Administration to promote US economic growth by expanding free trade.

In a letter to President George W Bush, the governor said the federal government should counterbalance the national economic slowdown by opening global markets and

expanding free trade.

"Rapidly expanding US exports are a growing source of employment and wage gains and a well-timed counterbalance to the housing slowdown," Schwarzenegger said.

Citing California, which exports 25 per cent of its annual output, Schwarzenegger said the current trends indicate that it will grow quickly and

substantially, offering more and more job opportunities to fellow Californians.

"However, I am concerned Congress may be moving to end its past commitment to opening markets and expanding trade by failing to act upon the Free Trade Agreements you have concluded," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Cyclone death in Bangladesh rises to 1,723

DHAKA, 18 Nov— The official death toll over cyclone in Bangladesh has increased to 1,723, but unofficial figure has put the number at several thousands.

Lieutenant Colonel Mainullah Chowdhury at a Press briefing at the Army headquarters said the death figure rose to 1,723 till 7 pm Saturday. He said Army, Navy and Air Force personnel are conducting relief and rehabilitation works in the affected areas. Choppers, gun-boats and naval ships were pressed into rescue and relief operations in Bangladesh's coastal districts battered by

Thursday's fierce cyclone code-named Sidr.

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society made an appeal to International Red Cross for four million Swiss francs for relief and

rehabilitation in the cyclone hit districts.

"Apart from loss of human lives, we believe a large scale damage has been caused to crops, houses and infrastruc-

ture," Devendra Tak, senior regional communications officer of Red Crescent was quoted by private news agency UNB as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



Families look at the devastation caused by the cyclone in the village Kanainagar, south of the capital Dhaka. —XINHUA

WFP allocates emergency food to cyclone-hit victims

DHAKA, 17 Nov — The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has allocated 98 tons of ready food from its emergency hub to feed 400,000 victims of cyclone 'Sidr' in the southern Bangladesh.

WFP Country Representative Douglas Broderick said "We've to move as quickly as possible to get food to the most vulnerable. People's life and health can't be endangered, we all should come forward to save lives first". — MNA/Xinhua

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Photo taken on 15 Nov shows the smallest teapot in the world. This teapot by a porcelain artist weighed only 1.4g. — INTERNET

Virulent form of cold virus worries US experts

WASHINGTON, 17 Nov — A new and virulent strain of adenovirus, which frequently causes the common cold, killed 10 people in parts of the United States earlier this year and put dozens into hospitals, US health officials said on Thursday.

A US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention report detailed cases of people ill in May of 2006 and from March to June of 2007 with a strain of the virus called adenovirus 14 in New York, Oregon, Washington state and Texas.

“Whether you’re a healthy young adult, an infant or an elderly person, this virus can cause severe respiratory disease at any age,” said John Su, who investigates infectious diseases for the CDC and

contributed to the report. “What makes this particular adenovirus a little different is that it has the capability of making healthy young adults severely ill.

And that’s unusual for an adenovirus, and that’s why it’s got our attention,” Su said in a telephone interview.

Two of the 10 people who died from the new

strain were infants, Su said.

The CDC report said about 140 people were sickened by the virus and more than 50 hospitalized, including 24 admitted to intensive care units.

One of those who died was a 19-year-old female recruit at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas where other cases were found.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam establishes plane leasing company

HANOI, 18 Nov— Vietnamese major state-run firms Friday officially formed a joint stock company, which is mainly to buy and lease aircraft to sell and re-lease them to national flag carrier Vietnam Airlines and regional airlines.

The Vietnam Aircraft Leasing Company (VALC), which is set to have chartered capital of at least 200 million US dollars from 2007 to 2014 and at least one billion dollars

in the 2015-2025 period, is scheduled to sign here a procurement contract for eight Boeing B787-8 Dreamliners from Boeing Company with the total amount of 1.42 billion US dollars on Friday evening, Pham Ngoc Minh, vice president of Vietnam Airlines and management board chairman of VALC, said at a Press conference on Friday.

VALC offers such services as aircraft procurement and leasing, on-demand air transport, airport business, terminal operation, plane maintenance, and aircraft part for rent. Its target customers include Vietnam Airlines, local joint stock carrier Pacific Airlines, and some regional carriers.

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An overweighting cat is shown in this photo released by an animal charity in Australia. — XINHUA



China, Singapore agree to upgrade relations to new height

BEIJING, 17 Nov — China would like to work with Singapore to promote the relations to a new height to benefit the two peoples and the region, said Chinese President Hu Jintao on Friday.

Hu told visiting Singaporean Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew that Sino-Singaporean relations had further developed since the two countries forged diplomatic ties 17 years ago.

The two countries had increased political trust and economic and trade cooperation, and maintained coordination in the international and regional affairs, he added.

Hu expressed gratitude for the adherence of Singapore to the one-China policy, and its opposition to “Taiwan’s Independence” as well as its support to China’s reunification cause.

He said China was pursuing what the 17th

CPC National Congress had agreed to build a well-off society, and Singapore was taking the strategy of rebuilding Singapore, thus the two countries faced the new opportunity for cooperation.

Lee Kuan Yew said China’s development benefited Asia and the

world.

Singapore would be committed to all-round cooperation with China and would play a positive role in promoting cooperation between China and the Association of South-East Asian Nation’s (ASEAN), he added.

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Vietnam targets more bankcard users by 2010

HANOI, 17 Nov— The State Bank of Vietnam expects there will be 15 million bankcards in use by 2010 and 30 million by 2020, local newspaper Saigon Times Weekly reported on Friday.

By 2020, 95 per cent of state employees and officials and 80 per cent of workers in private businesses should be receiving their pay through bank accounts.

Under a recent government decision, as of 1 January, 2007, the pay of workers and

officials in state agencies and organizations at the central level and their affiliates in Hanoi capital, southern Ho Chi Minh City and other centrally-governed cities and provinces, export processing zones and industrial parks, must go directly into bank accounts.

As of 1 January 2009, the move will be expanded nationwide as long as banking services for paying out cash are available.

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Ronaldo showed off a new hairstyle: an Afro grown during his three months off the pitch while recovering from a thigh injury. Ronaldo recently spotted shopping with his girl friend in Milan, Italy. INTERNET

Six killed in car collision in S-W Greece

NICOSIA, 17 Nov — Six people were killed in a head-on car crash early Friday in the Peloponnese Peninsula of southwestern Greece.

The accident took place in a treacherous section of the Patras-Corinth national highway, according to reports from Athens News Agency.

The drivers of the two cars and three other passengers were killed immediately while another Romanian woman died in hospital a few hours later.

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Russia to open branch bank in India

NEW DELHI, 17 Nov — Russia's VTB Bank will open a branch here in India at the end of this year with the permit of the Reserve Bank of India, according to the *Indo-Asia News Service* on Friday.

The VTB Bank will be the first Russian bank with a branch not only in

India but in Asia.

The bank has long planned a branch in India to ease things for its clients.

Russian Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov, after his meeting with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on 12 Nov, in Moscow, said the opening of a VTB branch

in India would help boost trade between the two countries.

VTB and its subsidiaries (VTB Group) is a leading Russian banking group that has operations in the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) countries, Western Europe, Asia and Africa.

VTB Bank's main shareholder is the Russian Government with a 77.5 per cent stake.

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Russia's Maria Sharapova (R) pose for photo with Hong Kong's actor Louis Koo on a commercial promotion for a new store of TAG Heuer, Swiss watchmaking company at Hong Kong, south China, on 16 Nov, 2007. — XINHUA

Third OPEC summit opens in Saudi capital

RIYADH, 18 Nov — The third OPEC summit in the organization's 47-year history opened in Saudi Arabia's capital Riyadh on Saturday afternoon amid surging oil prices. Saudi King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz al-Saud, the host of the summit, presided the opening ceremony while Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, the host of the previous summit in 2000, gave the opening speech. The leaders of the oil cartel's 12 member states, except Libyan leader Moammar Kadaffi and Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, attended the opening ceremony.

Indonesia was represented by Vice-President Jusuf Kalla on

behalf of President Susilo.

In his opening speech after a brief prayer, Venezuela's Chavez recalled the 47-year history of the OPEC and the previous two summits which was held in Algeria in 1975 and Caracas in 2000.

Chavez denounced the United State as the deep and underlined reason behind all, saying "all its aggression is for oil" and the only way to seek justice and peace in the world political system is to deepen cooperation among OPEC member states. He warned against a possible war on Iran or Venezuela, saying that "if there is a war, the world oil price would surge to 200 (US) dollars per barrel instead of the current 100

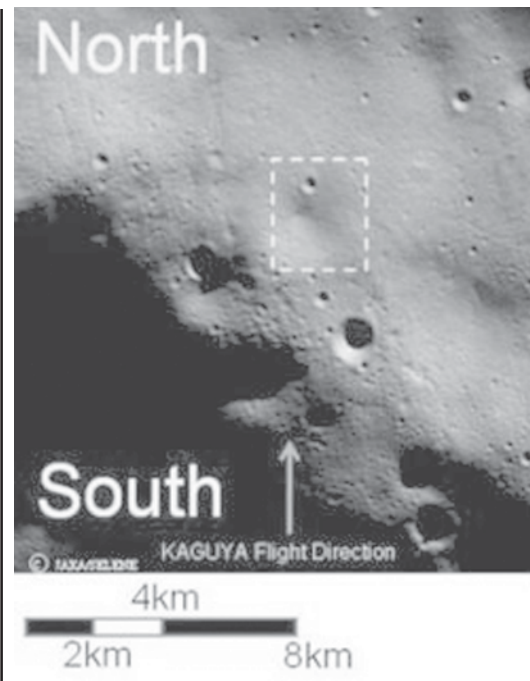
dollars".

Chavez also praised OPEC's political role in today's world, urging the oil cartel to show "leadership in the third world" to protect developing countries and encourage rational use of oil among them.

MNA/Xinhua



Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal (L) and Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ali al-Naim attend a joint OPEC Oil and Foreign Ministers meeting in Riyadh on 16 Nov, 2007. — XINHUA



ECONOMIC NEWS

Singapore's non-oil export increases 6.8% in October

SINGAPORE, 17 Nov — Singapore's mainstay export, the non-oil domestic export (NODX), increased 6.8 per cent in October, up from 2.2 per cent growth in September, thanks to an increase in petrochemical and pharmaceutical export, the government said on Friday.

The NODX recorded 15.8 billion Singapore dollars (about 11 billion US dollars) in last month, said Singapore's

trade promotion agency, the International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore).

On a seasonally adjusted month-on-month basis, NODX fell 0.2 per cent in October following a 1.5 per cent decline in the previous month. Domestic exports of electronic goods

continued to drop for the ninth straight month in a row by 7.8 per cent in this month.

But a sharp 19.8 per cent rise in non-electronic exports, made up mainly of pharmaceuticals and petrochemicals, cushioned the decline in electronics exports.

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A combined photo released by Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) on Friday shows the image of the South Pole on the Moon's backside (South latitude: 89 degrees / East longitude: 240 degrees). JAXA carried out an observation using two onboard sensors of the Moon Explorer "KAGUYA" (SELENE), the Terrain Camera (TC) and Multi-band Imager (MI) from 3 Nov, 2007 and confirmed they were functioning properly.

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China Southern Airlines joins Skyteam global alliance

BEIJING, 17 Nov — China Southern Airlines, one of China's largest air carriers, said on Thursday it had become the 11th full member of the global airline alliance, Skyteam.

China Southern Airlines is the first domestic air carrier to join such a global alliance.

With the addition of China Southern Airlines, Skyteam, which also has

three associate members, will carry about 428 million passengers annually through a worldwide system of 16,400 daily flights to 841 destinations in 162 countries.

"We are excited to welcome China Southern Airlines into our network. This move allows us to offer our customers

unparalleled access to the markets they want to reach," said Leo van Wijk, chairman of the Skyteam Governing Board, in a Press release.

"China Southern Airlines' membership strengthens the alliance's position in serving the world's fastest growing markets."

MNA/Xinhua

Dubai recorded 5.1 m tourist arrivals in first nine months

ABU DHABI, 17 Nov — Dubai has recorded 5.1 million tourist arrivals in the first nine months of 2007, representing a growth of seven per cent over the previous year, local newspaper *Gulf News* reported on Friday.

Arrivals from Asia and Africa went up 12 per cent respectively in the first nine months of 2007, while European arrivals rose eight per cent, the report said.

"The excellent performance is a reflection of our marketing and promotional initiatives, especially in the overseas markets, to position Dubai as the world's leading tourism hub," said Khalid Bin Sulayem, director-general of the emirate's Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (DTCM).

MNA/Xinhua

Ayeyawady Division USDA sets up 13,887 associations at different levels comprising 4,096,362 members in total



Executive Daw Khin Saw Mu of Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 NOV — The Annual General Meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held on the campus of the University of Veterinary Science, here, from 12 to 16 November.

On the first day session, Executive Daw Khin Saw Mu of Ayeyawady Division reported on implementation of the Ayeyawady Division USDA in a year, at University of Veterinary Science.

In her report, Executive Daw Khin Saw Mu said that Ayeyawady Division USDA has set up 13,887 associations at different levels comprising 4,096,362 members in total. The division association trained 361,712 members in 45 various training courses.

The division association donated over K 30 million for religious affairs. The funeral services of the association were provided to 370 needy families, spending over K 11.2 million. In addition, members of the division USDA participated in health care services provided to the local people.

In the social sector, the members cooperated with other social organizations to meet with inmates of five jails and 12 camps, and they donated foods, medicines, clothes and periodicals to them.

The association provided K 245,250 and other donations to 58 fire victims of Hlwasaw Village in Labutta Township. Likewise, the division association donated cash and kind to 61 storm-hit households in Hsagyin Village of Labutta Township and 586 fire victims in Phoneyithaung Village in Pyapon Township.

The CEC member managed to provide necessary assistance to storm-hit schools in Hinthada, Myanaung and Ingapu townships and flood-hit households in Hinthada District. Furthermore, the association opened training courses for 452,390

members in the national culture and moral characters multiplier course.

The USDA headquarters invested K 60 million for Ayeyawady Division USDA. Hence, the division association shared interest from the investment to needy students and schools. The division USDA distributed periodicals to 12,111 ward and village libraries.

In the education sector, the division USDA built 36 basic education schools and renovated 246 schools. In addition, the association provided over K 120 million for needy students. The association spent K 26.3 million on health care services to the rural people.

Furthermore, the division USDA organized the members to participate in the transport and rural water supply tasks under the supervision of the CEC member.

Moreover, the Division USDA organized the mass rally to support and welcome the National Convention and forthcoming constitution in Patheingyi on 4-10-2007 with the participation of over 140,000 people. The ceremonies to walk in procession were held in Hinthada, Nyaungdon, Labutta, Wakema and Bogale townships on 25-10-2007 with the participation of 160,590 people.

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Kachin State USDA firmly organizes national people upholding Our Three Main National Causes for realization of State's seven-step Road Map



Executive U Chit Oo of Kachin State. MNA

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In his report, Executive U Chit Oo of Kachin State said that Kachin State was lack of peace before 1988. At present, local people of Kachin State enjoy fruits of peace and tranquillity and development due to the fact that Kachin State Special Region (1) NDAK

and Kachin State Special Region (2) KIO had made peace with the Government.

In Kachin State, the USDA has organized 536,984 people or 55.06 per cent as its members out of 1,483,879 population. Hence, the association stands as a public organization representing the people of Kachin State, upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

The USAs at different levels provided necessary assistance to all the regions of the state in education, health, transport, agriculture and regional development sectors.

Under the leadership of Kachin State USDA, the Pyi-Khaing-Phyo "Soon" offering association cooperated with local wellwishers to donate meals and alms worth K 8,191,160 to 10,417 members of the Sangha. The association also donated foods worth K 2.6 million to homes for the orphanage and schools for the blind in a year. In addition, the association presented water purifying machine, foods and clothes worth K 5,013,740 as humanitarian aids to inmates at jails.

Furthermore, Cetana Pyi-Phyo free clinic provided medical treatment to 469 patients in Shweset Ward in Myitkyina and Shadaung Village. Youth Affairs of the association also provided health care services to 1,212 patients.

A total of 22,623 association members participated in the social welfare tasks in 228 places.

In 18 townships and nine sub-townships of Kachin State, 245,244 people attended the mass rallies to denounce acts of internal and external destructive elements in accord with the No 4 task concerning the

sector to guard against the dangers posed by internal and external destructive elements through the people's strength and unity.

Kachin State USDA spent over K 36.42 million on development of education sector. In doing so, 41 children from villages in far north of the country were enrolled at Basic Education High School in Pannandin and provided cash and kind for one year.

In 2006-07 cultivation season, a total of 35.42 million baskets of paddy was produced in Kachin State. Hence, the state is 149.59 per cent food sufficiency. Due to growing over 160,000 acres of edible oil crops, the state is 127 per cent edible oil sufficiency. In addition, the state association undertook the rural power supply task, spending over K 17.9 million.

Kachin State USDA conducted 43 training courses to 52,488 members at 461 places. A total of 9,557 members participated in the 40 youth activities. Furthermore, the state association organized the organizational and regional development programmes in Putao District. A total of 2,748 members participated in the rural development tasks.

In conclusion, he said that Kachin State USDA has organized over 63,000 members based on local youth and trained 16,270 members in USDA course, Auxiliary Fire Brigade course and Red Cross course. As such, Kachin State USDA has firmly organized the national people who will uphold Our Three Main National Causes for realization of the State's seven-step Road Map. —MNA

Plans are being made to organize young people to participate in social welfare work and to award outstanding students



Kayah State USDA Executive U Tin Oo. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov — Annual General Meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at Veterinary Science University in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin from 12 to 16 November. At the first day session, Executive of Kayah State USDA U Tin Oo

explained the work carried out in a year. He said as for the organizational task, Kayah State has mobilized 90,836 members. With a view to improving efficiency of the youth members and ensuring flourishing national policies and Union Spirit, various training courses are being conducted. A total of 14,133 members have been trained in 280 places. Twenty seven organization zones have been designated in seven townships and organizational tasks are being carried out at different levels.

The association of Kayah State gives free treatment to eye patients and rendered assistance to Loikaw Jail. In addition, it disbursed loans of K 50 million to farmers for growing monsoon paddy and loans of K 50 million to industrialists. In the one year period, four members have been sent abroad for training for gaining international experiences. Moreover, the members participated in growing physic nut. The state association has 100 acres of physic nut and district and township associations 10 acres each.

Blood donor associations and funeral service association have been formed to serve the interest of the

local people. Besides, the association members are giving a helping hand in performing social welfare tasks such as providing costs of medical treatment, money for funeral services, and cash and kind for flood victims. In coordination with other social organizations, the USDA members are taking charge of holding significant days. Plans are also being made to organize the young people to participate in social welfare work and to award outstanding students of the state. In cooperation with the Information and Public Relations Department, the association members opened libraries in seven townships and one sub-township of the state and donated various kinds of books and magazines.

The members are also participating in the tasks for opening rural health centres, upgrading schools and supplying rural water, providing loans for farmers and giving assistance for smooth transportation. In conclusion, Kayah State USDA follows the nine work programmes, the seven objectives of the AGM-2007 and guidance of the Patron of USDA as work guidelines. All in all, all the members will make more efforts in serving the interest of the people. —MNA

USDA members participate in social activities



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On the first day of the annual general meeting of the USDA Executive U Ye Myint of Kayin State USDA reported on implementation of the future tasks in the state in a year.

He said there are 805,763 USDA members in Kayin State. Altogether 39,392 were trained in the 15 various courses. A total of 48 trainees were sent to courses such as basic journalism course, advanced management course and English proficiency courses.

The members of the association actively participated in social activities including donation of food in the water festival and sanitation work. They

provided cash and medical assistance to ailing USDA members. They also took part in the disease control activities and attended the State-sponsored ceremonies.

The USDA members in cooperation with youths from all walks of life attended significant day ceremonies for keeping patriotism alive and dynamic.

Education affairs committees were formed at different levels of Kayin State USDA. Booklets issued by the Central were distributed to members at the grassroots levels for gaining knowledge. Arrangements were made for children to go to school.

The Kayin State USDA made field trips to districts and townships and carried out organizational work. He said the USDA members are to be trained for improvement of their qualifications through training courses.

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In order to improve pass rate of matriculation exam, voluntary reading rooms established in nine townships



Daw Thang Shwe Mar of Chin State USDA. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov — Annual General Meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at Veterinary Science University in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin from 12 to 16 November. At the first day session, Daw Thang Shwe Mar of Haka Township USDA explained the work carried out in a year.

She said thanks to the efforts of the executives and members, 41.76 per cent of Chin State has become USDA members and there are altogether 216,419 members. For the improvement of abilities of the members of USDA, 75 members were sent to attend six kinds of

training courses conducted by the USDA Headquarters. In the state 22,631 members have been given 13 kinds of courses at 294 different places. In 2007, three members were sent abroad for training courses to gain international experiences. In addition, university and college students participated in youth movements that have been launched for 468 times. They went down to rural areas and carried out organizational tasks.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State that Chin State must become the state of tea, the association members took part in growing tea. As a result, 761 acres of tea have been cultivated so far against the target of 1000 acres. The remaining acres of tea will be grown in 2008. A total of 171 heads of mythum are being bred during the period from 2004 to 2007.

For the smooth transportation and flow of commodities, more bus lines and watercraft lines have been launched under the leadership of the association. Moreover, rural development tasks such as providing electricity to rural villages, donating satellite receivers, TVs and stationary to schools were carried out by the association members by spending K 13.7 million. Telephones have been installed in five villages of some townships. Regarding the education sector of Chin State, there are now 1,066 primary schools, 83 middle schools, 28 high schools, 17 branch high schools, 17 branch

middle schools and 351 post-primary schools. There are 4,889 teachers and 118,837 students. This year, 16,484 students aged five have started school and the school enrollment rate constitutes 98.80 per cent. The association provided K 4.5 million for school stationery and K 21.3 million for the needy students. In order to improve the pass rate of matriculation exam, voluntary reading rooms have been established in nine townships.

For democratic transition, the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map, has been successfully completed with the participation of the delegates from all walks of life and this manifests the national unity. The 54-member Commission for Drafting the State Constitution has been formed. So, there will emerge a draft constitution soon. Next, elections will be held and sovereignty will be entrusted to the hands of the elected democratic government. This is the way to democracy. Despite the efforts of the State, destructive elements holding negative view are trying to incite unrest by employing wicked ways. The building of the nation does not need the reliance on other organizations. The strength of the nation lies within. It just calls for patriotic spirit and family spirit. All the USDA members of the state have vowed to safeguard the nation and Our Three Main National Causes. Overall, all the members are to make more efforts for the development of the nation. —MNA

Entire national people including USDA members do not wish to experience misery and distress of the past

USDA Secretary-General addresses Annual General Meeting 2007



Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo addresses the Annual General Meeting 2007.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov—The Annual General Meeting 2007 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the University of Veterinary Science on Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University Campus on 13 November morning with an address by Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo.

It was attended by the Joint-Secretary of USDA, members of the Secretariat, CEC members, representatives from the state, division, district and township USDAs and others.

USDA Secretariat member U Thaung presided over the meeting together with CEC members U Thein Nyunt and U Nyan Tun Aung as members of Panel of Chairmen.

The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting under the permission of the meeting chairman since the meeting was valid for it was being attended by 506 delegates.

In his address, USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo said that the USDA was formed on 15 September 1993 and it was now 14 years. Since its birth, the annual general meeting has been successfully held yearly. For all the USDA members this is something to be proud of. It was his deep pleasure that the Annual General Meeting 2007 of USDA representing over 24 million members from the states and divisions was to be held.

He said that the Union of Myanmar has been a sovereign nation with own culture and traditions

since years countable by the thousand. The national races have been living in the Union through thick and thin for years. It is a fine tradition that the national brethren have been making concerted efforts for development of the State and development of own regions.

A glance of the history reveals that the national brethren warded off the invasion of colonialists who sowed discord among them to put the nation under their influence with patriotic spirit during the 19th century and has been able to regain the independence, he said. When the independence was regained the national unity was in degradation and there reigned the internal armed insurgency due to ism, sectarianism and racism as well as dissension and discord sown by colonialists.

In 1988 also, there reigned anarchy in the nation due to the instigation of some persons and organizations at home and abroad that are desirous of gaining the State power through short cut. There was a spate of spiritual and physical damage along with looting, killing and beheading.

Nowadays, the entire national people including USDA members do not wish to experience such misery and distress of the past. They long for peace and stability to fulfil their food, clothing and shelter needs. At present, the process of a smooth transition to democracy aspired by the people is on-going. The emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation is our national goal. In the pursuit of the goal efforts are to be made based on the experiences from the past, present and future situations. Only then, will progress be made, he noted.

Each and every nation is putting in the fore the national interest. Countries cannot be identical in serving the national interest as they are different in culture, traditions, background history and lifestyle. Hence, each and every nation has to apply own policy, own programme and own ways.

Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty—laid down by the State is the ultimate national goal. Meantime, the 12 political, economic and social objectives being implemented by the government are a meaningful and pragmatic way for the emergence of a new modern nation.

Thanks to concerted efforts of the State, the Tatmadaw and the people unprecedented progress has

been made in all spheres of the nation. This is attributable to the practice of pragmatic programme based on common objectives and prevailing situation.

The USDA was formed with the aim of getting its members to take part in the nation-building endeavours and of getting the people to engage in national development tasks under its leadership. As its members are the people residing in different regions the association has been in perpetual service of the nation in line with the future work programmes.

Members of the USDA are the ones who joined

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the association of their own accord in order to participate in national and regional development tasks in accord with objectives, principles and future work programmes laid down by the association. Sharing common visions and objectives, the members are striving for the association to be a well-organized and united one in order that it can serve the national interest all the more.

The AGM would be held in accord with the objectives laid down with a view to participating in the building of a new nation in cooperation with the people. At the meeting, members of the association from the respective states and divisions would review the work carried out throughout the year and discuss more efforts to be made in the coming years. Discussions would be held to adopt future work programmes in order to catch up with changes. He said he believed the meeting will discuss matters related to participation of the association in nation-building tasks.

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Joint-Secretary-General of USDA U Zaw Min presents meeting report.—MNA

Entire national people including USDA members...

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All the people are born of the same land partaking water from the same source. They all cherish their motherland. They hold the belief that there is no other way but the seven-step Road Map for the emergence of a new nation. All the national people are glad that the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map, successfully completed on 3 September 2007. USDA members actively took part in the mass rallies being held across the nation in support of the NC and forthcoming constitution. The third step, the drawing of the constitution is also in progress. The association has been committed to participating in the successful implementation of the Road Map.

Like other people of the world, Myanmar people want peace and stability and prosperity. Seeking self-interest, some people and organizations at home and abroad are trying to incite civil unrest. Some powers and media are also manufacturing fabricated news with the intention of harming peace and stability of the State. And there is outside interference in Myanmar's internal affairs. So the people need to be aware of this. Those who know the prevailing situation best are only the people of Myanmar. Every disturbance will hamper peace and stability and affect the livelihoods of the people. The entire people and members of the association will guard against and overcome any destructive acts.

As the association has vowed to earnestly

participate in their respective roles in accord with the policies of the State, all the members are to hold discussions at the meeting for the emergence of a new nation.

Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min submitted the CEC report to the meeting.

Secretariat Member U Thaug announced that member of the panel of patrons of the USDA Prime Minister General Soe Win passed away on 12 October 2007. The General led the undertakings of the association with might and main for gaining of development and achievements, he added. Therefore, he said that the USDA put on record for deepest condolence and sincere sympathy on the demise of General Soe Win.

All the attendees made a two-minute silence in honour of late Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Next, Executive Daw Khin Saw Mu of Ayeyawady Division USDA, Executive U Chit Oo of Kachin State USDA, Executive U Tin Oo of Kayah State USDA, Executive U Ye Myint of Kayin State USDA, Daw Thang Shwe Mar of Haka Township USDA and Executive Daw Ei Cho Zin of Tamu Township USDA reported on accomplishment of respective State and Division USDAs within one year.

In the afternoon session, Secretariat Member U Tin Htut presided over the meeting together with members of the panel of chairmen CEC members Dr Chan Nyein and U Khin Maung Myint.

As its members are the people residing in different regions the association has been in perpetual service of the nation in line with the future work programmes.

Joint Secretary U Win Swe of Taninthayi Division USDA, Secretary U Myo of Pyay Township USDA, Executive Daw Cho Nwe Oo of Bago Division (East) USDA, Executive U Kyaw Thu Oo of Magway Division USDA, Joint Secretary U Myo Myint of Mandalay Division USDA, Executive Daw Thiri Myo of Mon State, Executive Daw Tin Tin Khaing of Rakhine State, Secretary U Min Lwin of Hline Township USDA, Executive U Kyaw Soe Hlaing of Shan State (South), Executive Dr Nang Soe Soe Aung of Shan State (North) USDA and Secretary U Sai Win Tin of Mongyawng Township USDA submitted the reports on accomplishment of respective State and Division USDAs within one year.

Later, the first-day session of the Annual General Meeting 2007 of the USDA came to a close. — MNA

Research award selected for bird flu control in rural areas of Myanmar

YANGON, 18 Nov — A ceremony to select the research award for bird flu control in rural areas of Myanmar was held at Bird Flu Control Program Office of WFO in the compound of Livestock, Breeding and Veterinary Department in Insein on 13 November.

Director Ms Jennifer Holthaus of Winrock International presented certificate of One-year Grant Winner for research to best research team led by Dr Ei Thandar Kyaw. Under the arrangements of John D Rockefeller (JRD) 3rd scholar programme, the research work was jointly sponsored by LBVD, FAO and Winrock International. The all-round research team comprised Dr Soe Win of LBVD, Dr Ei Thandar Kyaw of YCDC, Daw Tin Tin Maw of Central Statistical Organization and Agricultural technician Mr Nang Soi Lao Inn together with part time advisers and assistant researchers.

The researcher team is to submit the paper on findings of social economy and bird flu control for rural region poultry farming of Myanmar to the research work selection committee within one year.

The research period will last from December 2007 to December 2008. — MNA



Director Ms Jennifer Holthaus of Winrock International presents certificate of One-year Grant Winner for research to best research team led by Dr Ei Thandar Kyaw. —MNA

University of Forestry holds 4th convocation

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov — University of Forestry held its 4th convocation at the university, here, this morning.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung presented special gold medals to three outstanding students and gold medals to five outstanding students.

The Director-General of Forest Department, the Managing Director of Myanma Timber Enterprise, the rector of the university and officials gave prizes to gold medallists.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivered an address.

Later, Rector U Khin Maung Zaw conferred certificates of degrees to graduate students.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, departmental heads and officials.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung presents a gold medal to an outstanding student. —MNA

Vietnam-WTO Trade Fair to be held next January

HANOI, 18 Nov — Over 300 well-known companies from 20 countries and regions have already registered to showcase their best products and services at the Vietnam-WTO Trade Fair 2008 on the occasion of Vietnam's one-year WTO membership, organizers said Saturday.

The trade fair, slated for January 12-17 in Hanoi capital, is aimed at introducing to members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Vietnam's huge business and investment potential, promoting cooperation among domestic and foreign firms, and honoring most outstanding enterprises, products

and services in Vietnam, Luong Van Tu, head of the Vietnamese negotiation delegation on Vietnam's accession to the organization and former deputy minister of Industry and Trade, said at a Press conference.

The fair is to be held by different Vietnamese state agencies including the ministries of Industry and Trade, Planning and

Investment, and Culture, Sports and Tourism, and the Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations. A seminar on Vietnamese stock market development and another on WTO-related foreign investment in Vietnam, and various cultural and tourism activities will be staged during the period.

At the end of the fair,

organizers will grant Golden Globe 2007, Vietnam Star 2007, and Vietnam Quintessence 2007 awards to most outstanding enterprises, entrepreneurs, and products and services, respectively.

Vietnam officially became the 150th member of the WTO in January 2007.

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Shan State Army, Brigade (11)

Announcement

Letter No. 01/11-Special/(2007)

Date: 15 November 2007

Shan State Army, Brigade (11) returned to the legal fold on 11-6-1995 and unconditionally exchanged arms for peace, abandoning armed struggle line on 12-4-2005. Among 18 delegate groups to the National Convention, our group participated in the Delegate Group of National Races and took part in the discussions.

Our group supports the formation of the Commission for Drafting State Constitution with 54 national legal experts under the announcement No 2/2007 issued on 18 October 2007 by the State Peace and Development Council. We welcome the meetings of Minister for Relations U Aung Kyi and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. We believe that as the third step of the State's seven-step Road Map has been taken the implementation of the remaining steps will continue with momentum.

Therefore, Shan State Army, Brigade (11), hereby announces that we will firmly join hands with the Government only with Union Spirit, and we will not accept the discussions initiated by any person or any party.

Brigade (11)

Shan State Army

Kutkai People's Militia (Local)

Announcement

Letter 1-2/Pa Tha Sa/001-2007

Date: 15 November 2007

Kutkai People's Militia in Kutkai, Shan State (North) was formed on 1-3-1974 to ensure local security under the guidance of the Tatmadaw. The People's Militia is carrying out tasks on regional development and security and it is an organization that makes endeavours for national solidarity. Moreover, the organization attended the National Convention, the right national forum, to serve the interests of the national races.

The National Convention delegates constitute the graduates and well-experienced persons and the national races are the vast majority. They included those who witnessed periods of pre-independence, parliamentary democracy, Burma Socialist Programme Party and present situation. Therefore, the delegates who know well about Myanmar history and Myanmar held discussions in the interest of the national people and laid down fundamental principles and detailed basic principles with the Union spirit for drafting the constitution.

We have no reason to hold further discussions with any person or any organization except at the National Convention. We will take part in the implementation of the seven-step Road Map under the guidance of the Tatmadaw government.

Kutkai People's Militia (Local)

Manpan People's Militia Manpan Village, Tangyan Township

Announcement

Letter No. 001/Ma Pa-1/ 2007

Date: 15 November 2007

Manpan People's Militia (Local) Group in Tangyan Township was formed on 17-8-1996 with the aim of taking measures for regional development, local security and prevalence of law and order in line with the government policies. The national people are residing in all parts of the nation in unity and amity. We attended the National Convention and participated in the discussions, upholding Our Three Main National Causes with Union spirit.

Our group supports and welcomes the formation of the Commission for Drafting State Constitution with national legal experts by the government.

Likewise, we welcome the meetings of Minister for Relations U Aung Kyi and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

Manpan People's Militia (Local) Group hereby announces that as we attended the National Convention, we support only the principles concerning the affairs of the parties and national races adopted by the National Convention.

Manpan People's Militia (Local) Group

Ohmswam People's Militia (Local) Group Mongngaw Township, Shan State (North)

Announcement

Letter No. 44/ Pa Tha Sa/ 2007

Date: 15 November 2007

Ohmswam People's Militia (Local) Group in Mongngaw Township of Shan State (North) was set up on 13 November 1972. Under the leadership of the Tatmadaw, the group is carrying out regional development and local security. The group attended the National Convention.

The delegates to the National Convention comprised intellectuals, intelligentsia and the vast majority of national races. Those delegates who know well Myanmar held discussions on affairs of the entire national races and adopted fundamental principles and detailed basic principles.

Ohmswam People's Militia (Local) Group supports the formation of the Commission for Drafting State Constitution with national legal experts.

Likewise, we welcome the meetings of Minister for Relations U Aung Kyi and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

We do not agree to the statement issued on 12-11-2007 by National League for Democracy in which it said the affairs of national races are its responsibility.

Ohmswam People's Militia (Local) Group hereby announces that we cannot accept any offers that can harm the already-adopted fundamental principles and detailed basic principles, and we will steadfastly continue joining hands with the government to realize the seven-step Road Map.

U Kyaw Ohn

Leader

Ohmswam People's Militia (Local) Group

Ministry of F&R holds 11th Kathina robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 18 Nov — Families of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue held their 11th Kathina robes offering ceremony at the Dhammayon of Internal Revenue Department of the ministry this morning. Present on the

occasion were Minister for F&R Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife, heads of departments and enterprises and families. First, the ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa. Next, the minister and wife, and

heads of departments and families donated alms to members of the Sangha. Next, the congregation donated day meals to members of the Sangha. Today's donation was K 5,557,047 in total.

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Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife offer robes to a Sayadaw.

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Mr Dentist Dental Clinic opens at Hotel Yangon

YANGON, 18 Nov — The opening ceremony of Mr Dentist Dental Clinic was held at Hotel Yangon, here, this afternoon. It was the third clinic of its kind. The first one was opened at Micasa Hotel and the second one at Summit Parkview Hotel.

At the opening

ceremony, Manager Dr Min Yaung of Mr Dentist Dental Clinic explained the salient points of his clinics.

Patients can receive dental and oral treatment at the three clinics and any patient may contact these clinics any time. For further

information, dial Micasa Dental Clinic, Tel: 1-650933(30-40), Ext-171, Mr Dentist (Summit Parkview) Tel: 211888, 211966 Ext-245 and Mr Dentist (Hotel Yangon) Tel: 667708, 667688, Ext-402,404 and 09-5006692 for emergency call.

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UN climate talks agree blueprint for action

VALENCIA (Spain), 18 Nov — A UN climate conference agreed on Friday a blueprint for fighting global warming and said

governments have only a few years to avert some of the worst impacts.

Delegates at the 130-nation talks stood and applauded after chairman Rajendra Pachauri brought down the gavel on the November 12-17 meeting in Valencia, Spain, that wraps up six years of work on the most authoritative review of climate science.

Government delegates and scientists agreed a summary of some 20 pages late on Friday about the mounting risk of climate change — ranging from extinctions to rising sea levels — and condensing 3,000 pages of science published earlier this year.

“This is the strongest report yet by the IPCC

(Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) but says that there is still time to act,” said Bill Hare, an Australian climate scientist who was among the authors.

The document will put pressure on environment ministers who will meet next month in Bali, Indonesia, to do more to combat warming. Many countries hope that Bali will agree a two-year roadmap to negotiate a successor to the Kyoto Protocol, the main UN plan for fighting warming until 2012.

“The report sends a very strong signal to Bali,” said Hans Verolme, director of the WWF conservation group's climate change programme. “Now it's up to the politicians.”

MNA/Reuters



Manager Dr Min Yaung speaks at the opening ceremony of Mr Dentist Dental Clinic.

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iStudio digital film and video opens

YANGON, 19 Nov — The opening ceremony of iStudio digital film and video led by photographer Myo Yu Hlaing (a) Tang Hok Sein and video cameraman U Myint Aye was held at No 40-42, Bo Sun Pat Street, Pabedan Town-

ship, here, this morning. Patron U Pe Khin of Myanmar Photographic Society, Chairman U Pe Myint Oo, U Kyin Thet of Green Island Co Ltd, U Pa Peik of Nikko General Trading Co Ltd and photographers opened

this studio.

iStudio digital film and video opens

from 8 am to 6 pm daily and may dial Ph: 01-387695. —MNA

German amateur cracks WWII mega-code in 46 seconds

LONDON, 18 Nov — British computer experts acknowledged defeat on Friday after a German amateur radio enthusiast won a challenge to crack secret messages encoded by a World War II cipher.

Joachim Schueth, from the German city of Bonn, managed to intercept a special radio transmission and decipher a super-complex code in less than two hours using software he wrote for the challenge.

Britain's Colossus computer, built in the 1940s to break secret German transmissions during the war and painstakingly rebuilt over the past 14 years, was still racing through its

computations to come up with a solution.

Schueth's computer programme actually managed to crack the hardest part of the challenge — deciphering the code of a Lorenz SZ42 encryptor, which has approximately 16 million million permutations — in just 46 seconds.

“It's a brilliant piece of work, really really impressive,” said Andrew Clark, director of Britain's

National Museum of Computing, which designed the challenge and is overseeing the running of Colossus, based at Bletchley Park outside London.

“He's used a programme that is highly optimised for this task and he's designed it very well.

“We're really pleased and very impressed. It highlights the strength of the international community working together.”

Schueth was not immediately reachable for comment, but on his website he explained in a very low-key way how he had gone about defeating a machine that in its day was the most powerful calculator in the world and the forerunner of modern computing.

“Putting Colossus in a competition with modern computers may be a bit unfair,” he wrote.

MNA/Reuters



The opening ceremony of iStudio digital film and video in progress.— MNA

Three in hospital after Airbus test accident

TOULOUSE (France), 17 Nov — An investigation was under way on Friday after an Airbus passenger jet ploughed into a wall during testing at the planemaker's headquarters in Toulouse on Thursday. Airbus said two of the five workers injured when the A340-600 broke free and hit a noise-reduction wall during

engine tests were released from hospital late on Thursday. Three remain in hospital.

The 75 metre aircraft lay at an angle against the parapet surrounding the testbed with its cockpit sheared off. It was to have been delivered to Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways next week.

Etihad said none of the

injured was in a serious condition. An Airbus spokesman had said on Thursday 10 were injured.

Airbus said it would cooperate with an investigation launched by French authorities into the accident. "Ground tests including engine run-ups are a normal procedure on all Airbus aircraft," it said in a statement. — MNA/Reuters



Visitors view the Chinese farmers' paintings at the Zhonghong Village of Shanghai, east China, on 16 Nov, 2007. INTERNET

Scot in court after find of teenage girl's remains

LONDON, 17 Nov — A man is due in a Scottish court on Thursday following the discovery of remains of a teenage girl who vanished 16 years ago at a house in Kent.

Lothian and Borders Police said on Wednesday the remains were those of 15-year-old Vicky Hamilton, who disappeared from Bathgate, West Lothian, in 1991. Police said an unnamed man had been arrested and charged with Hamilton's disappearance in July. The discovery was made as police carry out a nationwide investigation into unsolved cases of missing girls.

Media reports said the house in Margate where

the remains were found once belonged to Peter Tobin, a 61-year-old handyman.

Detectives had been investigating whether the remains found at the house were those of another teenager, Dinah McNicol. She was 18 when she vanished after failing to return to her home in Essex after a music festival in Liphook, Hampshire, in the summer of 1991.

She was last seen hitching a lift with a man

on the M25 motorway. Neither the driver nor the car has ever been traced.

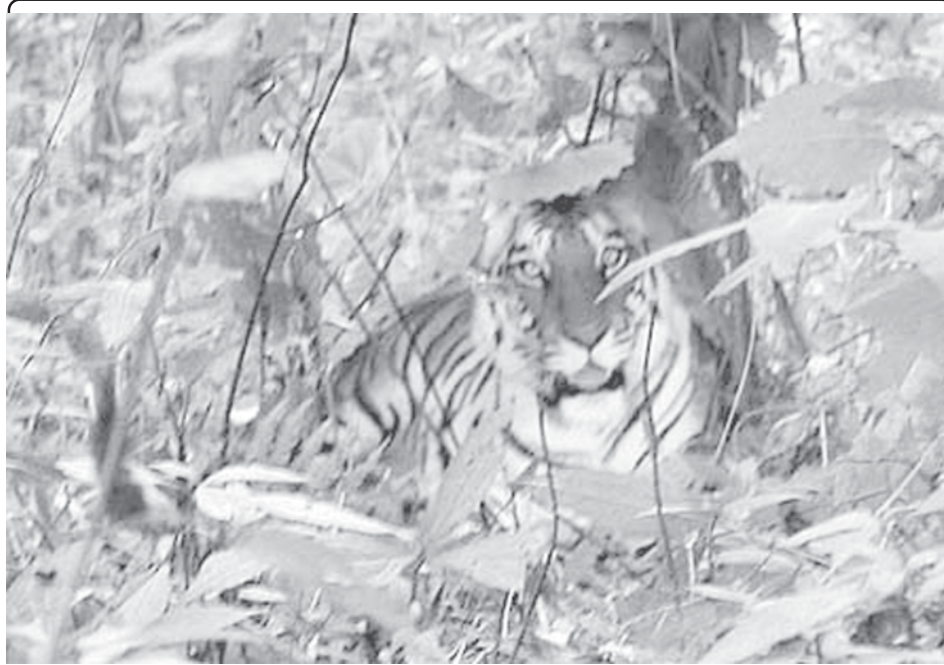
MNA/Reuters

Moderate quake hits western Indonesia

JAKARTA, 18 Nov — Another moderate quake with magnitude of 5.1 jolted Sumatra Island on Saturday, no report of damage or casualty, Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The quake struck at 12:06 local time (0506 GMT) with epicentre at 50 kilometres southwest Muko Muko town of Bengkulu Province and 10 kilometres in depth, an official of the agency said. Twenty-three people were killed in the province and a nearby province of West Sumatra after a strong quake hit Bengkulu Province in September.

MNA/Xinhua



The photograph, purporting to be the first sighting of a South China tiger for more than 30 years, has already aroused intense concern among Chinese netizens as well as scientists and scholars, after it was released recently. INTERNET

Heavy polluters punished in China

BEIJING, 17 Nov — Twelve heavy polluting enterprises have had crucial bank loans recalled, suspended or rejected as China's new "green-credit policy" kicks into action, Friday's *China Youth Daily* reports.

The report fell short of naming the companies but outlined several cases of which one involved a brewery in east China's Anhui Province whose application for a 10-million-yuan bank loan was rejected due to continued violations in waste-water discharge.

In another case, a power company in Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province, had its bank loans recalled after

it failed to pass an environmental assessment.

The 12 companies were among the 30 the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) reported to the People's Bank of China and the China Banking Regulatory Commission in July this year.

"The purpose of this move is to force enterprises to pay the price for environmental violations," the newspaper quoted an SEPA official as saying.

China's enterprises are only subject to a maximum 100,000 yuan (about 13,500 US dollars) fine for environmental violations, according to Chinese law.

MNA/Xinhua

Computer problems delay Air Canada flights

OTTAWA, 17 Nov — Air Canada flights were delayed across Canada and the world Friday morning after a major computer glitch affected the check-in and ticket-reservation systems, company officials and local media reports said.

"Air Canada is currently experiencing technical difficulties with a computer system which will likely result in some flight delays," the carrier's website said Friday morning.

The glitch, which was reported at about 4:30 am Eastern Time (0930 GMT) Friday, forced ticket agents to manually check in passengers, resulting in grounded and delayed domestic and international flights across the country, *CanWest News Service* said.

By noon time, an Air Canada spokesman said that parts of the system are up and running but the system remains unstable.

MNA/Xinhua

Seven Polish soldiers involved in Afghan civilian deaths

WARSAW, 17 Nov — Seven Polish soldiers charged with civilian deaths in an August skirmish near Wazi Khwa, Afghanistan, have been placed under arrest, prosecutors in west Poland said on Thursday.

Six of the soldiers were accused of the murder of civilians, a seventh soldier was accused of attacking an undefended civilian object.

On 16 August several civilians died north of Wazi Khwa in Afghanistan when a Polish Army patrol opened fire on alleged Taliban rebels, the Polish PAP news agency reported.

The incident occurred hours after an attack on a

Polish unit. Women and children were among civilians killed in the attack.

Karol Frankowski from the Chief Military Prosecutor's Office told reporters on Wednesday that the soldiers claimed initially that they had been attacked by the Taliban in an 16 August skirmish. Injuries showed that there was no real danger to the soldiers, the prosecutor stressed. Poland has more than 1,100 troops in the southeastern Ghazni and Patika provinces of Afghanistan as part of NATO's 36,000-strong International Security Assistance Force.

MNA/Xinhua

China to double nuclear power capacity by 2020

ROME, 17 Nov— China is to double its nuclear power capacity by 2020, the general manager of China National Nuclear Corporation said here on Thursday.

Kang Rixin told the World Energy Congress in Rome that at present China's nuclear power capacity accounts for 2 per cent of the total installed capacity of the country. By 2020, the percentage will stand at 4 per cent.

China's installed capacity of nuclear power

will hit 40 million kilowatts by 2020, he said. Kang said China has 11 nuclear power generation units in operation, 8 units are under construction and another 8 units are in their preparation stage.

He said China will invest a total of 400 billion RMB in building the 16 nuclear units, and "banks

in China are active in pouring the funds and there is no shortage of funds".

The general manager said China has already listed the nuclear power industry as a priority, and the move is to reduce the CO2 emission to tackle climate change.

MNA/Xinhua



A handout photo shows a great white shark jumps out of the water as it swallows a seal. — INTERNET

The weight of the hedgehog named George is nearly four times the average 600-700g that most hedgehogs weigh. One of the volunteers of Surrey, UK-based Wildlife Aid found the hedgehog in the garden of some friends.

INTERNET



WHO official says chronic disease death rate to rise 17%

HONG KONG, 17 Nov— "It was estimated that chronic diseases accounted for 60 per cent of all deaths worldwide in 2005, and are projected to increase by 17 per cent over the next 10 years," said an official with the World Health Organization (WHO) here Thursday.

Chronic noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) were a global problem that required comprehensive and urgent responses, said Linda Milan, director of Building Healthy Communities and Populations, Western Pacific Regional Office of WHO, at a WHO expert meeting.

"The most important fact about the leading chronic NCDs (cardio-

vascular disease, diabetes, cancer and chronic respiratory diseases) is that they share common risk factors," she said, noting that smoking, physical inactivity, unhealthy diets and unsafe sexual practices are key factors.

It has been shown that addressing these underlying behavioral risk factors would prevent 80 per cent of premature heart disease, 80 per cent of premature stroke, 80 per cent of type 2 diabetes and 40 per cent of cancer, Milan said.

"As many countries do not have comprehensive and integrated or individual strategies, policies or action plans to tackle the problem, more WHO technical support on these areas is essential in

helping them to prevent and control chronic non-communicable diseases," she said. —MNA/Xinhua

Quake hits Peru-Ecuador border

QUITO, 17 Nov— A 6.7-magnitude earthquake struck along the border between Peru and Ecuador on Thursday night, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The US Geological Survey said the quake's epicentre was 74 miles (119 kilometres) deep and 150 miles (245 kilometres) southeast of the Ecuador capital, Quito, and struck about 10:13 pm local time (0313 GMT on Friday).

Residents in Quito and the country's coastal city

of Guayaquil felt the quake, according to a Reuters witness and local media reports. A Red Cross spokesman said there were no immediate signs of injuries.

The temblor was not felt at the only big Peruvian mine near the quake zone, the Yanacocha gold deposit, said Guillermo Nina, a union official.

No important oil facilities are located in southern Ecuador, South America's fifth-largest oil producer.

MNA/Reuters

Dubai to introduce hybrid taxis in 2008

ABU DHABI, 17 Nov— Ten hybrid taxis will be introduced in Dubai in January 2008 in a bid to reduce emissions resulting

from vehicle exhaust systems, local newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported on Friday.

According to an agreement between Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) and US auto maker

General Motors (GM), an operational trial of 10 GM hybrid taxis will be started in Dubai in January 2008, the report said.

The 10 hybrid taxis will include five all-new Chevrolet Tahoes equipped with a two-mode

hybrid engine and five Chevrolet Malibus. The trial period will last for one year during which GM will provide technical training on safety and other aspects to 15 RTA technicians and 40 Dubai Taxi drivers.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia air industry pledges to improve safety

JAKARTA, 17 Nov— Indonesia's air industry signed a declaration with the government on Thursday to improve aviation safety as the country tries to get Europe to lift a ban on its carriers.

Indonesia has embarked on efforts to overhaul its airline industry after a string of deadly accidents in recent years raised questions about its aviation safety.

"This is a commitment

at the highest level of airport management and national airlines to take all action necessary to improve the safety of air travel," Transport Minister Djujuman Syaf'i Djamal said. The declaration was signed by the Indonesia National Carriers Association, the Indonesian Airport Operators Association, the Indonesian Pilots Federation and the Indonesian Aircraft Maintenance Shop

Association.

A European Union team visited Indonesia last week as part of a review of the EU ban on 51 Indonesian airlines, imposed in June after two major air accidents this year. The team has prepared a report on Indonesian air safety that will be submitted to the European Commission and used as a basis for deciding whether to lift the ban.

MNA/Reuters



A crushed car is seen under a roof that collapsed during earthquake in Antofagasta, 1,360km northwest of Santiago on 14 Nov, 2007. A powerful earthquake hit mineral-rich northern Chile on Wednesday, killing at least two people, injuring more than 100 and halting output at some of the world's largest copper mines. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Lithuania earn surprise 2-0 win over Ukraine

VILNIUS, 18 Nov — Lithuania scored a surprise 2-0 victory over Ukraine in a Euro 2008 Group B qualifier on Saturday, with Bologna striker Tomas Danilevicius sealing the win.

The teams were playing only for pride in the group, from which France and Italy qualified on Saturday for the finals in Austria and Switzerland.

Midfielder Mantas Savenas opened the scoring in the 41st minute, tucking the ball under Ukrainian keeper Olexander Shovkovsky after a defensive mistake.

Shovkovsky had to be substituted after falling awkwardly on the muddy pitch before Danilevicius secured victory in the 67th minute with a long range shot. — MNA/Reuters

Croatia qualify after Israel stun Russia 2-1

TEL AVIV, 18 Nov — Israel shocked Russia 2-1 with an injury time winner on Saturday handing Croatia qualification from Euro 2008 Group E and giving England renewed hope of also reaching the finals.

Substitute striker Omer Golan handed Israel victory against the run of play after Russia had pressed for the win most of the second half.

Genk striker Elyaniv Barda had put Israel ahead in the 10th minute after a neat through ball from defender Yuval Shpungin cut through the Russian defence. A well worked move by Russia put Diniyar Bilyaletdinov through for the equalizer in the 60th minute.

Russia almost went ahead in the dying minutes of the match when substitute Dmitry Sychev hit the outside of the post before Golan's cool finish gave Israel victory.

The result means England need a draw from their last match against Croatia at Wembley next Wednesday to be guaranteed of qualifying. Russia need to win against Andorra and hope England lose. — MNA/Reuters



Lakers' Kobe Bryant (L) vies with Detroit Pistons' Richard Hamilton during their NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, the United States, on 17 Nov, 2007. Lakers won the match 103-91. — XINHUA

Scotland's McLeish slams Italy's winner

GLASGOW, 18 Nov — Manager Alex McLeish hit out at the late refereeing decision which led to Scotland's 2-1 defeat by Italy on Saturday and the end of his team's Euro 2008 qualifying hopes.

Italy substitute Giorgio Chiellini appear to impede defender Alan Hutton, but Spanish referee Manuel Mejuto Gonzalez awarded a free-kick against Scotland with the score at 1-1 in stoppage time.

Playmaker Andrea Pirlo picked out defender Christian Panucci for a looping header over keeper Craig Gordon and into the net which qualified both Italy and France from Group B.

McLeish told a news conference: "We didn't deserve to lose today, no doubt about that.

"But I am very disappointed with the decision for their second goal. It was bitterly disappointing and I cannot understand why he gave the free-kick to Italy. "I've seen it on television and it's unbelievable."

Scotland surged forward in the nerve-shredding final stages and nearly snatched a winner when James McFadden to slid in to send a six-metre shot hurtling high and just wide of the post.

McLeish said: "In the last 10 minutes we had the Italians on the ropes and I really felt with McFadden's chance that my life flashed before me. I thought we were going to Austria and Switzerland.

MNA/Reuters

Riquelme scores twice as Argentina beat Bolivia

BUENOS AIRES, 18 Nov — Juan Roman Riquelme struck twice in the second half, including a typically exquisite free kick, to help Argentina beat Bolivia 3-0 in their World Cup qualifier on Saturday.

Teenager Sergio Aguero set the hosts on their way by scoring his first international goal four minutes before halftime while Javier Zanetti made a record-breaking 116th appearance for Argentina.

The win gave Argentina a maximum nine points from their three games in the South American group. Bolivia have one point and have yet to score.

Bolivia, who slumped to their 11th successive defeat in Argentina despite the backing of a noisy contingent at the River Plate stadium, failed to muster a serious shot on Roberto Abbondanzieri's goal.

Aguero, 19, was surprisingly included in Argentina's team by coach Alfio Basile who picked him in a three-man attack with Carlos Tevez on the left and Lionel Messi on the right.

The hosts struggled against a packed Bolivia defence for the first 40 minutes and only Messi's individual efforts worried the visitors. — MNA/Reuters

Gekas hat-trick eases Greece to victory over Malta

ATHENS, 18 Nov — A hat-trick by Greece striker Fanis Gekas steered the European champions to a 5-0 win over Malta in their Euro 2008 qualifier in Group C on Saturday.

Gekas struck first in the 33rd minute as Greece, who had already qualified for the finals next year, struggled to shrug off the party atmosphere at the Olympic Stadium.

Angelos Basinas and Ioannis Amanatidis gave Greece a comfortable lead early in the second half and Gekas popped up with two goals in the space of three minutes to complete his hat-trick.

Malta, who will finish bottom of group C with just one win over Hungary, could have taken the lead in the 19th minute when Andre Schembri got behind the Greece defence, slipped the ball past goalkeeper Andonis Nikopolidis and then watched as it went agonizingly past the upright.

Gekas broke the deadlock

when he reacted first to drive home the rebound after Malta goalkeeper Justin Haber had done well to parry a sharp header from Stelios Giannakopoulos.

Haber then made an excellent double save to deny Gekas and Basinas just before half-time.

MNA/Reuters

Czechs too strong for Slovakia in Prague

PRAGUE, 18 Nov — Czech Republic, already assured a place at Euro 2008, defeated Slovakia 3-1 in their Group D qualifier on Saturday.

Zdenek Grygera opened the scoring in the 13th minute when his long-range shot curled past goalkeeper Kamil Contofalsky.

Marek Kulic, a 71st-minute substitute for Milan Baros, pounced for the second goal six minutes later when Contofalsky lost control of the ball as he fell to the ground. — MNA/Reuters



In this undated photo Zenit St Petersburg's new Dutch coach Dick Advocaat gestures during a soccer match against Dynamo Moscow during a Russian Premier League game in St Petersburg on 6 July, 2006. Dutchman Dick Advocaat has turned down offers from Football Federation Australia to coach the Socceroos for next year's World Cup qualifiers, local reports said on Saturday. — XINHUA

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Jenny Wolf of Germany skates to first place and a new world record, in a time of 34:02 seconds in the ladies 500m race during the 2007 ISU World Cup Speed Skating Championships at the Calgary Olympic Oval in Calgary, Alberta, on 16 Nov, 2007. — XINHUA

Most Turks back N Iraq incursion, dislike US

ANKARA, 18 Nov — A large majority of Turks support a military incursion into northern Iraq to crush Kurdish rebels using the region as a base, according to an opinion poll published on Friday.

The survey, conducted in October by Pollmark, also showed a continued decline in Turkish support for joining the European Union and reconfirmed Turks' negative view of the United States, viewed here as the main threat to Middle East peace.

The number of people saying Turkey should conduct a cross-border military operation against militants of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) stood at 81 per cent, up sharply from 46 per cent in the last poll in July.

The poll was

conducted before 12 soldiers were killed in an October 21 clash with PKK rebels near the Iraqi border and before Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan held crisis talks in the White House with US President George W Bush. Ankara has massed up to 100,000 troops near the border in the past month in preparation for a possible

incursion after about 50 security personnel were killed in PKK attacks.

Turkey's second highest-ranking general, Ilker Basbug, said on Thursday Turkey is already "in the process of implementing" a cross-border operation, but did not elaborate. There were no signs of increased military activity in the area,

however, and no indication matters had progressed beyond preparation.

Washington and Baghdad have urged Ankara not to make a major incursion, fearing this would destabilise the whole region. But Bush has pledged to share intelligence with Turkey to help it identify and tackle the guerrillas. — MNA/Reuters

Chile struck by 6.0 magnitude aftershock

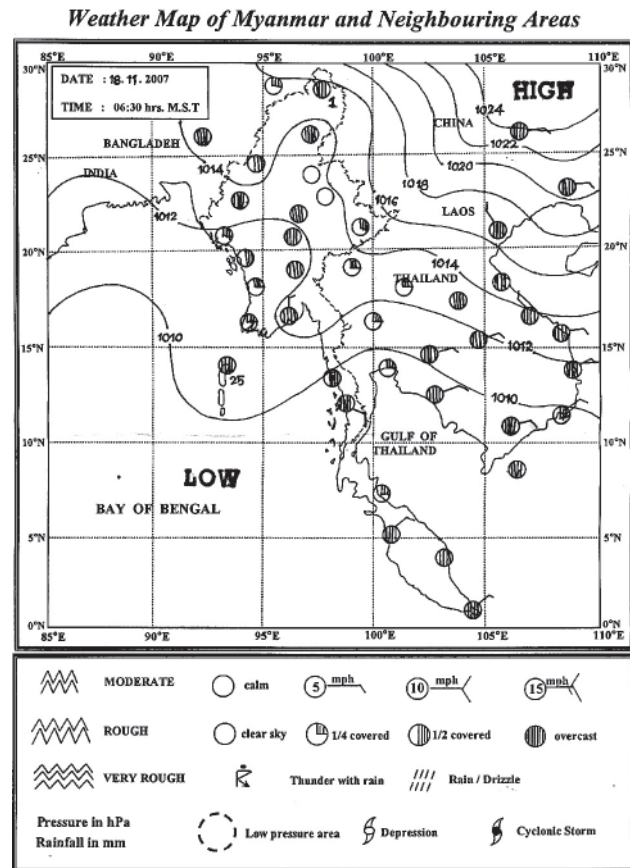
SANTIAGO, 18 Nov — A 6.0 magnitude earthquake struck northern Chile on Saturday, the latest in a series of aftershocks to hit the mineral-rich Andean country since a powerful temblor on Wednesday.

The epicenter was 41 miles (66 kilometres) north-northwest of Antofagasta, Chile, the US Geological Service reported.

The quake, near the coast and Chile's border with Peru, struck just 4.3 miles (seven kilometres) below the surface, but Chilean and Peruvian media did not report any damages or injuries.

A Reuters witness said the aftershock was not felt hundreds of miles south in Santiago, the capital.

Earthquakes frequently strike Chile, where most residents live in valleys sandwiched between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes. — MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Sunday, 18 November, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and Yangon Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (6°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin and Mon States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, (5°C) above November average temperatures in Shan State and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Co Co Island (0.98) inch. The significant night temperatures was Haka (0°C).

Maximum temperature on 17-11-2007 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 18-11-2007 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 18-11-2007 was 80%. Total sunshine hours on 17-11-2007 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 18-11-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (136.46) inches at Mingaladon, (140.83) inches at Kaba-Aye and (144.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from North at (16:30) hours MST on 17-11-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 19-11-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers are possible in Taninthayi Division, Rakhine and Mon States and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (40)%.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-11-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-11-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-11-2007: Partly cloudy.



Monday, 19 November
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း
ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊
နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယက
အဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊
အဘိဓမ္မာရတနာ၊
အဘိဓမ္မာအဂ္ဂမဟာ
သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊
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ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံ၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. Song of national
races

8:05 am

6. Cute little dancers

8:15 am

7. ယာကြီးရေထိန်းတံခံ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Grammar made easy

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold
National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in reading

4:40 pm

4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်
ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား
သင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ်
(စိတ်ပညာအထူးပြု)
(စိတ်ပညာ)

4:55 pm

5. Dance variety

5:00 pm

6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:25 pm

7. "လုံလုံလုံ" (ဖိုးညက်၊
မေကဗျာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မလိခ
စိုးထိုက်အောင်)

5:35 pm

8. မြန်မာ့တောခလေး
ကျေးလက်တေးသံများ

5:45 pm

9. Musical programme
(The Radio
Myanmar Modern
Music Troupe)

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. အလှရှာမယ်၊ လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:00 pm

13. တိုးချဲ့ကာကွယ်ဆေးထိုး
လုပ်ငန်းများအကြောင်း
သိကောင်းစရာ

7:05 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"ချစ်သောရွှေနေခြည်"
(အပိုင်း-၃၀)

8:00 pm

15. News

8:05 pm

16. International news

8:10 pm

17. Weather report

8:15 pm

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"ပြုံးလှည့်ပါချစ်သူရယ်"
(အပိုင်း-၂၄) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

8:20 pm

19. The next day's
programme



Monday, 19 November
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music

-Paradise

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music

-There you'll be

8:50 am National news/ Slogan

9:00 am Music

-Oxygen

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music

-What's it gonna be

1:30 pm News/ Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music

-Who do you love

-For your love

9:00 pm Spotlight on the stars

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Drug / women affairs

9:35 pm Golden Land melody/Vocal gems

-Anticipating

-Home

9:45 pm News /Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife attend 44th Kathina robes offering ceremony of Taunggyi Pariyatti Monastery

YANGON, 18 Nov— The 44th Kathina robes offering ceremony of Taunggyi Pariyatti Monastery was held at its monastery, Sasana Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township this morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay.

Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Uttama of the monastery and other members of the Sangha attended the ceremony.

Also present at the ceremony were Daw Mar Mar Wai, wife of Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and wife Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and wife, members of the committee, officials and staff families.

First, the congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay received the Five Precepts from Sasanadhaja Dhammacariya Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kalyanadhamma.

Next, members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay presented Kathina robes to the Presiding Sayadaw.

Daw Mar Mar Wai, wife of the commander, the Mayor and wife, the Vice-Mayor and wife and



Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay offer Kathina robes to a Sayadaw. —MNA

members of the committee offered Kathina robes and provisions to members of the Sangha.

The Presiding Sayadaw delivered a sermon.

The congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife shared merits gained. Later, they offered 'Soon' to members of the Sangha.—MNA

Shan State Army-Brigade (11), Kutkai People's Militia Group, Manpan People's Militia and Ohmswam People's Militia (Local) Group issue announcements

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Nov — Mr Gambari, the special adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General, released a statement of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on her behalf in Singapore on 8 November.

Political parties and national race armed groups, which have returned to the legal fold, are releasing announcements to express their disagreement and

objection to the points stipulated in the statement.

Among the announcements sent to the dailies, those of Shan State Army-Brigade (11), Kutkai People's Militia Group, Manpan People's Militia and Ohmswam People's Militia (Local) Group are as follows:-

(See page 10)

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