

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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Thai Military Attachés

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov— Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received new Military Attaché of Thailand to Myanmar Colonel Ekachai Harnpoonvittaya, Deputy Military Attaché (Navy) Captain Choomsak Nakwijit and Deputy Military Attaché (Air) Group Captain Cherdpong Iamsamut at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greets incoming Military Attaché of Thailand Col Ekachai Harnpoonvittaya in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with Deputy Military Attaché (Navy) of Thailand Captain Choomsak Nakwijit in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with Deputy Military Attaché (Air) of Thailand Group Captain Cherdpong Iamsamut in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 22 November, 2007

Strive for IT development

Nowadays computer studies and information technologies have been advancing in the world and Myanmar has been making efforts for development of these fields in the national interest.

Workshops, talks and IT products and related exhibitions are being held for wider application and development of sophisticated IT in building a modern developed nation.

The government has extended its economic relations in international field for successful adoption of market-oriented economic system in the nation. It has also been providing technology of international level in trade, investment and banking sectors.

The youth today take great interest in IT and they can now utilize the latest technology in practical field. IT-based services will contribute much towards economic progress of the country.

Economic and IT sectors are related to each other. We are confident that more development can be made in IT and economic sectors with the help and cooperation of IT technicians.

2,213 jade lots sold in five days at Mid-year Gems Emporium

YANGON, 21 Nov—The Mid-year Gems Emporium 2007 continued for the fifth day at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road, Mayangon Township, here, this morning.

Patron of Myanmar Gems Emporium Central

Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint visited the emporium and cordially greeted the gem merchants.

Altogether 508 jade lots were sold through tender at MCC today. So far, 2,213 jade lots have been sold through tender from

17 November to date.

A total of 3,600 gem merchants at home and abroad are attending the sales. More gem merchants will arrive. The remaining jade lots will be sold up to 26 November.

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Local and foreign merchants inspect lots of jades at Mid-year Gems Emporium 2007. — 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



Local people attend opening ceremony of Mongpun Bridge in Loilem Township in Shan State. — MNA

Commander, Minister open newly-built Mongpun Bridge in Loilem Township

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov — Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development

Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaug Aye and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally opened newly-built Mongpun Bridge crossing Mongpun Creek situated on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Road at the pandal near the bridge in Loilem Township, this morning.

Commander Maj-Gen Thaug Aye made a speech on the occasion, saying that the newly-opened Mongpun Bridge plays a leading role on Union Highway. The previous Mongpun Bridge was old and thus Public Works of the Ministry of Construction has built it. It is reinforced concrete type with 208 feet in length. Its motorway is 24 feet in width. It can withstand 60 tons of load and has two 3-foot walkways. The bridge will ensure speedy flow of commodities in the cities between Shan State (East) and (South). Moreover, education, health, economy and transport sectors will

develop and friendship among national brethren will further be strengthened.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun delivered an address on the occasion, saying that a total of 229 bridges of over 180 feet have been built all over the country. Of them, the Ministry of Construction had built 209 bridges, the Ministry of Defence 11, the Ministry of Rail Transportation seven and the Ministry of Electric Power two. Thanks to completion of the bridge, local people in Shan State (South) will have easy access to the central area of Myanmar and Shan State (East). Hence, all the people are to take part in the regional development tasks while guarding against dangers posed by internal and external destructive elements.

A local spoke words

of thanks.

The commander and the minister formally opened the bridge. The commander unveiled the stone plaque of the bridge and sprinkled scented water on it.

The lower structure of the bridge is steel shell cassion foundation type and the upper structure, the reinforced concrete type. The 208 feet long bridge has a 24-foot-wide motorway flanked by three feet wide pedestrian ways. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

The old bridge is bailey type and it withstood 20-ton loads. Thanks to completion of the new bridge on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway, local people in Shan State (East) and (South) enjoy fruits of transport facilities.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China strongly opposes US recent report

BEIJING, 20 Nov—Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao refuted here Monday a recent US report that he said smeared China and interfered in China's internal affairs.

"China sternly opposes the report and has lodged strong representations to the US side," said Liu when asked to comment on the recent annual report presented to the US Congress by the US-

China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The report criticized China's economic and trade policies, intellectual property rights and other issues, saying China has posed threat to the United States in the security sector. It suggested the US Government and Congress to take actions and exert more pressures on China.

Liu said the commission ignored

China's progress and development in politics, economic, social affairs and other causes and stuck to bias.

It flagrantly interfered in China's internal affairs and smeared China, Liu said. Their intended to set obstacles for the China-US cooperation in extensive fields through misleading the general public, Liu said, warning that such a plot is doomed to fail. — MNA/Xinhua



A Beijing man talks next to a billboard showing the Chinese made Chang'e 1 blasting off. China is aiming to replace all its imported communications and broadcast satellites with home-made ones by 2010 as part of efforts to reduce its reliance on overseas technology.—INTERNET

Broadway strike talks fail, shows off a second week

NEW YORK, 20 Nov—Most of Broadway's theatres will remain dark for a second week after weekend talks between owners and producers and striking stagehands broke down, theater producers said.

Some 25 Broadway shows have been canceled, including profitable productions like "Chicago", "The Phantom of the Opera", "Wicked" and "Hairspray" since the stagehands, working without a contract since July, went on strike on 10 November.

The League of American Theaters and Producers said the strike is costing about 17 million US dollars for

every day it lasts. New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has called on both sides to resolve their differences, saying that the economic impact of the strike is felt far

beyond the closed theaters. Broadway shows are a major tourist attraction, bringing hundreds of millions of dollars into the city.

MNA/Reuters

Dutch police catch most wanted British criminal

AMSTERDAM, 21 Nov—Dutch police have arrested one of Britain's most wanted criminals, James Hurley, 13 years after he escaped from British custody after killing a policeman.

In a statement on Monday, Dutch police

said they found him in The Hague on November 9 when investigating a house which had raised suspicions due to its high energy use, sometimes a sign of illegal drugs factories.

"Officers expected to find a cannabis farm but

instead found a large quantity of hard drugs," the police said.

The Dutch public prosecutor will discuss with British authorities whether and when Hurley is to be handed over.

MNA/Reuters

Grand jury opens Blackwater shooting probe

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov—A US grand jury has opened an investigation into the shooting deaths of 17 Iraqi citizens in September by Blackwater private security employees guarding a US Embassy convoy in Baghdad, ABC News reported on Monday.

ABC said on its website that several Blackwater guards were

subpoenaed in the probe by the federal grand jury in Washington.

US Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd declined to comment.

Blackwater spokeswoman Anne Tyrrell said she could not confirm any probe. The company has said its guards acted lawfully after being shot at in the 16 September incident, when Black-

water guards opened fire as they conducted a convoy through Baghdad.

Blackwater has about 1,000 personnel to protect the US mission and its diplomats from attack.

"We will cooperate with all investigations and we've always supported strong accountability," Tyrrell said. "If anyone was complicit in wrongdoing we want that person held accountable. Otherwise, we're withholding further comment until anything is final." A grand jury determines whether a crime has been committed and there is enough evidence to bring a case to trial.

There are at least three investigations into the incident. The Iraqi Government has called the killings deliberate. The US military has said the guards acted without provocation. *The New York Times* reported that an FBI investigation found at least 14 of the 17 deaths were unjustified.

MNA/Reuters

Suicide blast outside governor house kills seven in S-W Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 Nov—A suicide bomber exploded himself outside the governor's house compound in Zaranj, capital of southwestern Afghan province of Nimruz, killing one of the governor's son and six security bodyguards, the governor of Nimruz said.

Some 14 others including bodyguards and civilians were injured in the blast, Governor Ghu-lam Dastagir Azad said. "The explosion occurred just about two minutes before I entered the compound," the governor told *Xinhua* via phone.

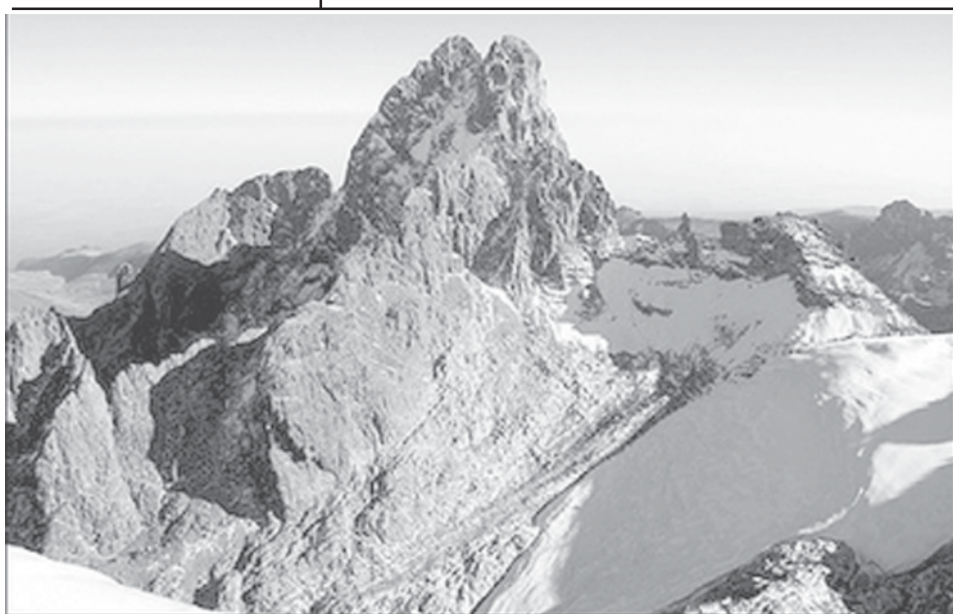
The governor was unhurt in the explosion which obviously targeted him. Malang Rasouli, deputy governor of Nimruz, earlier told *Xinhua* that the attacker while approaching the compound by foot suddenly exploded himself. The injured civilians included some civilian workers at the governor's house, officials said. — MNA/Xinhua

Eight killed, nine injured in truck accident in Peru

LIMA, 12 Nov—At least eight people were killed and nine more were injured on Monday when a truck turned over in a mountainous area in Peru, the National Police said.

The accident, which occurred near a village some 1,400 kilometres southeast of Lima, may have been caused by speeding and overloading, police said.

The dead and injured were all passengers on the truck, which was also carrying a large amount of goods, police said. — MNA/Xinhua



An aerial view of Mount Kenya. Kenyan rescuers on Sunday scoured a forested Mount Kenya region in search of the country's chief wildlife pilot and his helicopter missing for four days, an official said recently.—INTERNET



Uruguay President Tabare Vazquez, left, talks with his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Minh Triet, right, in Hanoi, Vietnam on 19 Nov, 2007. Vazquez, the first Uruguay president to visit Vietnam, is on a two-day official visit to boost ties between the two countries.— INTERNET

US says troops involved in shooting of Iraqis

SAMAWA (Iraq), 20 Nov—An Iraqi provincial governor accused US forces of opening fire on civilian cars south of Baghdad on Sunday, in an incident in which two people died, and threatened to suspend ties with US officials. US officials confirmed that a military convoy was involved in “an incident” that resulted in the death of two Iraqis and wounded four others, but gave no further details.

The governor of the southern Shiite province of Muthanna, Ahmed Marzok, earlier said six people were wounded in the attack, including two policemen, near Rumaita, north of the provincial capital Samawa, 270

kilometres (170 miles) south of Baghdad.

A minibus driver said two of his passengers were wounded when soldiers in a military convoy opened fire. “We were driving on one side of the road and when they came we pulled aside, but they opened fire,” the driver, who did not give his name, told Reuters.

Marzok called the attack “barbaric, brutal and illegal” and summoned provincial officials into a meeting, where he demanded a full investigation of the incident by the Iraqi Government.

He also called for Muthanna officials to suspend work with multinational forces in the province, including

military engineers and a US provincial reconstruction team.

A statement from the US military and the US Embassy in Baghdad said that initial reports indicated that an incident involving the US military convoy led to the Iraqis’ deaths, but did not give additional details.

MNA/Reuters

Dominican disease outbreak kills 25 after storm

SANTO DOMINGO, 20 Nov—An outbreak of the waterborne disease leptospirosis has killed at least 25 people in the Dominican Republic and sickened nearly 200, the Caribbean nation’s Health Minister said.

Bautista Rojas Gomez confirmed the toll to reporters late on Sunday

after talks with President Leonel Fernandez on ways to fight the disease, which spreads through exposure to water contaminated with the urine of infected rats and other animals.

The outbreak, linked to flooding caused by Tropical Storm Noel last month, was initially limited to a region along

the banks of the Ozama River north and east of the capital. But Rojas Gomez said cases had now been confirmed as far away as the Barahona beach resort on the southern coast.

In addition to the 25 deaths, Rojas Gomez said 193 people had fallen ill with the disease.

MNA/Reuters

Bush’s homeland security adviser resigns

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov—US President George W Bush’s White House adviser on counter-terrorism and homeland security has resigned, he announced on Monday, the latest in an exodus of top aides with 14 months left of his presidency.

Bush said in a statement that Fran Townsend “has always provided wise counsel on how to best protect the American people from the threat of terrorism”.

“She has been a steady leader in the effort to prevent and disrupt attacks and to better respond to natural disasters,” the President said. He gave no reason for her departure.

Townsend, who served 4-1/2 years in a post created after the 11 September attacks on the United States in 2001, had also been a prosecutor in New York and deputy national security adviser.

Her resignation adds to a list of high-profile departures from the administration in recent months. Senior Bush adviser Karl Rove left in August, White House Press secretary Tony Snow resigned in September and White House counsellor Dan Bartlett stepped down in June. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, another member of Bush’s inner circle, resigned under pressure in August.

MNA/Reuters

Floods claim 48 in central Vietnam

HANOI, 20 Nov—Flooding sparked by torrential rain in Vietnam’s central region has killed 48 local people, left four missing, and injured 209, since 10 November, local newspaper Vietnam Agriculture reported on Monday.

The floods also inundated hundreds of thousands of houses, damaged thousands of hectares of paddy rice, and isolated some areas in the region, causing total property losses of trillions of Vietnamese dong (VND) (hundreds of

millions of US dollars). The Vietnamese Government has decided to fund the central localities 205 billion VND (over 12.8 million US dollars), 8,200 tons of rice and 250 tons of instant noodle.

Last weekend, Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Hoang Trung Hai came to some central localities to direct the work of overcoming the floods’ aftermath. He has asked local relevant agencies to provide sufficient supply of food and clean water for flood-victims, ensuring that no people would face starvation, and keep environmental hygiene to prevent diseases. The region may face a new wave of flooding in the next few days, after a spell of torrential rain, according to the National Hydro-Meteorology Forecast Centre. Water in some rivers in the region is rising due to heavy rain.

MNA/Xinhua

Seven dead as tropical storm “Lando” sweeps Philippines

MANILA, 21 Nov—At least seven people were killed in the heavy rains and landslide in central and southern Philippines brought by tropical storm “Lando”, local newspaper the Philippine Daily Inquirer said on Tuesday.

According to National Disaster Coordinating Council, five other people were injured while two others were still missing. Floods and landslides also displaced 3,310 people, prompting officials in certain central Philippine provinces to declare a state of calamity, the report said.

“Lando”, which packs winds of 65 kilometres per hour and gusts of up to 85 kilometres per hour, entered the Philippines on Monday and kept moving west at 19 kilometres per hour.

The storm was expected to cross the Sulu Sea, heading towards the South China Sea, the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Astronomical Services Administration said.— MNA/Xinhua



A woman wearing a veil to cover her face, to protect it from cold wind, walks behind another pedestrian in Beijing on 19 Nov, 2007. Temperatures in China’s capital continue to get colder as the winter months approach.— INTERNET

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Announcement of national race delegates from Shan State (East) to National Convention

Date: 21 November 2007

Altogether over 1000 national race delegates from 325 townships in the country attended the successfully-completed National Convention and eight delegate groups participated in the discussions. Out of the eight delegate groups, the delegate group of national races comprises 641 delegates and it is the largest in number. A total of 29 delegates from Shan State (East) participated in the discussions of the delegate group of national races.

We view the meetings between Minister for Relations U Aung Kyi and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as positive move to national reconsolidation.

Mr Gambari, special adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General released the statement of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi written in English on her behalf in Singapore on 8 November.

Obviously the usage contained in the statement is seen as arrogance and does not reflect Myanma customs and Myanmar way of life. We are opposed to the statement in such a time.

Those who are going to draft the State Constitution must be the ones who have a wide range of knowledge of Myanmar history, culture and customs. During the period of independence struggle, the constitution was drawn with the assistance of foreign experts. However, nowadays we believe that the constitution capable of serving the interests of Myanmar nationals will emerge as educated and experienced Myanmar citizens are going to draft it.

Therefore, we hereby declare that we support the Commission for Drafting State Constitution formed on 18 October 2007.

**Delegates from Shan State (East)
Delegate Group of National Races**

Announcement of Monhin/Monha People's Militia (Local) Group

Letter No. 100/Ma Ha/ 2007**Date: 15 November 2007**

Monhin/Monha People's Militia (Local) Group in Mongyai Township of Shan State (North) was set up on 29-11-2001 with a view to implementing regional development and security tasks according to the government programme. Upholding Our Three Main National Causes for perpetuation of the Union, we discussed the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles with Union Spirit and adopted them at the National Convention represented by all the national race delegates.

The 12-11-2007 statement issued by National League for Democracy implies that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi represents all the national races as her duty. In reality, it is against our wishes and therefore we do not accept it.

Monhin/Monha People's Militia (Local) Group hereby announces that we will participate in realization of the seven-step Road Map under the leadership of the Tatmadaw Government, and we support the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles concerning the affairs of national races that the National Convention has already adopted.

Monhin/Monha People's Militia (Local) Group

Announcement of Monekoe/Phaunghsai People's Militia (Local) Group

Letter No. 10/ Ma Ka-Pha Hsa/ 2007**Date: 15 November 2007**

Monekoe/Phaunghsai People's Militia (Local) Group in Monekoe Township of Shan State (North) was formed with local national races in 1972. As ours is a border region, we are constantly carrying out tasks for regional security, prevalence of law and order and regional development.

We support and welcome the formation of the Commission for Drafting State Constitution by the State with national legal experts to draft a State constitution based on fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that the National Convention has already adopted.

Likewise, we welcome meetings between Minister U Aung Kyi appointed as Minister for Relations on behalf of the government and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

The 12-11-2007 statement by National League for Democracy implies that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi represents the wishes and interests of all the national races as her duty. In reality, it is against our wishes and therefore we do not accept it.

Monekoe/Phaunghsai People's Militia (Local) Group hereby announce that upholding Our Three Main National Causes, we will steadfastly continue joining hands with the government in the realization of the seven-step Road Map.

**Monekoe
People's Militia (Local) Group** **Phaunghsai People's Militia (Local) Group**

Peinhsar (Lahu) People's Militia (Local) Group Announcement

Letter No. 101/Pahsa (Laha)/2007**Date: 15 November 2007**

Peinhsar (Lahu) People's Militia (Local) Group in Hsenwi Township, Shan State (North), was set up on 21 February 1979 and is carrying out regional development works and security in collaboration with the Tatmadaw.

Our group firmly believes that all national races residing in the Union of Myanmar are to uphold Our Three Main National Causes for perpetual existence of the State.

Our group does not agree and is totally opposed to the point included in the statement of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi released by National League for Democracy on 12 November 2007 that she represented the wishes and interests of all national races and it was her duty.

Our group hereby declares that under the guidance of the Tatmadaw Government, we will steadfastly participate in the successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map of the State.

Peinhsar (Lahu) People's Militia (Local) Group

Yangon Division USDA disburses K 506.09m in cultivation loans to 6,511 farmers



**Secretary of Hline Township USDA
U Min Lwin. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov — The Annual General Meeting 2007 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held on the campus of the University of Veterinary Science, here, from 12 to 16 November.

Secretary U Min Lwin of Hline Township USDA reported on accomplishments of the tasks of the USDA undertaken in a year. He said that so far, Yangon Division USDA has organized 3,426,189 members or 64.26 per cent of the population in Yangon Division. On 13 October, Yangon Division USDA organized the mass rally to support and welcome the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution at the Thuwunna National Indoor Stadium attended by over 120,000 people.

In 45 townships of Yangon Division, mass rallies to support and welcome the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution and denounce external and internal destructive elements were held with the participation of over 630,000 people from 24 to 30 October.

In the administration sector, telephones and facsimile machines have been installed at 50 division, district and township USDA offices. With regard to the social welfare task, blood donors associations were set up. Likewise, free funeral services were provided with 11 hearses for the needy people.

The division association managed to install pipelines from Gyobu Reservoir to residents in water supply task. In the education sector, the association cooperated with wellwishers in renovating the schools and donating school equipment in Thanlyin and Kyauktan townships.

For providing health care services to the city dwellers, a total of 14 Phyto Cetana free clinics in 13 townships including Myodaw Clinic in Mayangon Township were kept open with 57 doctors and 45 traditional medicine practitioners.

Beginning 1 October 2007, the association has donated provisions to 80 monasteries and one nunnery in 15 townships. In addition, the association presented cash and kind to inmates of Insein Jail.

The division association disbursed K 506.09 million in cultivation loans to 6,511 farmers in six townships. Furthermore, the division association sold 34,040 bags of rice to the people at reasonable price. Moreover, the association performed power supply task for rural areas of the division.

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Shan State (South) USDA organizes 803,363 members, cultivates 1.7m saplings at 63 farms in 2007 to distribute them to villages



**Executive of Shan State (South) USDA
U Kyaw Soe Hlaing. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov — The Annual General Meeting 2007 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held on the campus of University of Veterinary Science, here, from 12 to 16 November.

Executive of Shan State (South) USDA U Kyaw Soe Hlaing reported on accomplishments of the tasks of Shan State (South) USDA in a year.

In his report, he said there are seven township USDAs and 550 village USDAs under Shan State (South) USDA. The number of members of Shan State (South) USDA has reached 803,363 accounting for the 56 per cent of those who are eligible to become USDA members in the state.

Altogether 59 members were sent to courses conducted by the USDA (Central) and 9,475 attended the courses in the state. Two were sent to a foreign

country as scholars and three went on an excursion of a foreign country.

The prevalence of community peace and stability, strong economy of the State and the people and the high education standard are necessary for building a democracy. Shan State (South) USDA has made efforts for producing one product from every village in the state since 2005 so that the people can enjoy the strong economy. Local people have enjoyed the fruits of the association's efforts.

The association set up 63 farms in Shan State (South) in 2007 to distribute saplings to all villages in the state. There are over 1.7 million of saplings of 14 species of perennial trees in the farms and these saplings would be distributed to farmers in the coming planting season. The in-charge of the Shan State (South) USDA provided K 50 million to the association to disburse agricultural loans to farmers.

As part of supplying electricity to rural areas, the association, spending K 10 million provided by the USDA (central), could supply power to six village-tracts in six townships in the state. Township USDAs in the state also carried out power supply tasks and water supply tasks in rural areas. Upon completion of a self-reliant hydropower station in Kaungbo Village-tract in Yaksawk Township, the station will supply power to over 500 households.

In cooperation with Information and Public Relations Department, the association has established 3,503 self-reliant libraries in Shan State (South) and donates publications to libraries every month.

For the development of youths in the state, the association conducted IT tests, contests for English proficiency skills and On-line tests. Besides, the

association made arrangements for excursions in which 320 students in the state participated. Moreover, members of the association took part in hiking arranged by USDA (Central). Shan State (South) USDA had spent over K 9.6 million on social welfare tasks.

Regarding the Information and Communication Technology sector, the association also established the Public Internet Access Centre, and the association earns over K 1 million every month from the centre. The association also set up IT Development Research Department with the participation of outstanding youths and has published Taunggyi Internet News journal covering international news translated from English into Myanmar.

Moreover, news happened in the state are put in the association's taunggyiinternetnews.blogspot.com. The association has to report up-to-date news in the state to the headquarters of USDA daily.

Shan State (South) USDA established Computer Professionals' Association (Shan State) and Computer Industrialists' Association (Shan State). Three members of the association also attended the ICT Conference in the Republic of Korea.

Arrangements were made to stage ICT Exhibition in Taunggyi from 16 to 18 November. It was the second such exhibition.

Executives of the association have carried out regional development tasks joining hands with personnel of social organizations.

Arrangements are being made to organize the Shan State (South) Association to conduct research on economic, agricultural, political, industrial, environment and natural resources and cultural issues and dialects in the state.—MNA

All citizens firmly believe that forthcoming constitution will lead to golden land in future



**Executive of Shan State (North) USDA
Dr Nan Soe Soe Aung. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov— The annual general meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the Veterinary Science University in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin from 12 to 16 November.

State and Division USDAs reported on

implementation of the tasks in a year.

Executive Dr Nan Soe Soe Aung of Shan State (North) USDA said the USDA has turned 14 years. The association formed with national brethren with the same belief and concept organized 456,896 persons who wish to carry out regional development.

In order to enhance their qualifications, 70417 members were trained and 109 executives were sent to courses conducted in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon.

Shan State (North) is a region where various national races reside. With the assistance of the commander, water supply was undertaken in eight villages in Hsenwi Se-u region. On 19 January 2007, the government upgraded Lashio Degree College, Technological College and Computer College to university level.

On 1 July 2007, the Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council (now the Prime Minister) himself formally opened Lashio Technological University.

Free medical treatments were performed in villages where most Danu nationals live in cooperation with USDA and traditional practitioners of Shan State. Officials of traditional practitioners provided medical care to inmates in Hsipaw and Lashio prisons.

Mongyulay Bridge in Kutkai Township was destroyed by the floods. The bridge was rebuilt at a cost of K 38.5 million within three months under the instructions of the commander.

The Patron of the USDA Head of State gave guidance that a new modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation cannot be built in haste and it is necessary to take time for step-by-step implementation. Firm foundations must be built for long-term interest. This is why the seven-step Road Map is being implemented step by step. All the citizens firmly believe that the forthcoming constitution will lead to the golden land in the future.

On 2 October, a ceremony to support the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution was held in Lashio. Over 120,000 people including Mr Gambari, the Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General, attended it.

In last September some protests took place in Yangon and Mandalay. We do not want to see the situation that leads to trouble. Therefore, the people from 10 townships in Shan State (North) expressed their opposition to the disturbances. All the local people are determined to march towards the golden land.—MNA

Members of USDAs at different levels determined to participate in tasks for implementation of seven-step Road Map



**Secretary of Mongyawng Township USDA
U Sai Win Tin. — MNA**

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State and Division USDAs reported on implementation of the tasks in a year.

Secretary of Mongyawng Township USDA U Sai Win Tin said altogether 450 youths took the training courses conducted by Shan State (East) USDA in Monghsat and Kengtung Townships. The association opened other courses including computer and cultural courses.

The association presented K 250,000 to outstanding students in Shan State (East). It also provided K 399,380 to primary schools in ten townships.

The USDA provided cash assistance to students

from middle and high schools. For rural region development K 5.26 million was spent on hydro power project, construction of school and water supply projects in four villages. The USDAs at different levels organized ceremonies to support the National Convention and forthcoming constitution in the townships.

Cash and kind worth K 1,288,000 were provided to the prisons in Monghsat and Kengtung Townships in cooperation with Myanmar Red Cross Society, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization and War Veterans Organizations.

Members of USDAs at different levels of Shan State (East) are determined to participate in the tasks for implementation of the seven-step Road Map upholding Our Three Main National Causes in cooperation with the government whatever role they are in.—MNA

Nutritious food, sports wears provided to Myanmar women's football and Futsal teams

YANGON, 21 Nov—A ceremony to provide nutritious food and sports wears to Myanmar Selected Women's Football Team, Myanmar Selected Women's Futsal Team, and Myanmar U-19 Women's Selected Team was held at Y.T.C (Thuwunna) this morning, attended by Chairperson

of Central Work Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye, Patrons In-Charge, Secretary Daw L Khun Yi, officials and selected players.

Patrons Dr Daw Sandar Aung, Daw Thidar Win, Daw Aye Aye Kyi, Daw Htay Htay Khaing

presented nutritious food and sports wears worth K 300,000 to the players. The players spoke words of thanks.—NLM

Patrons of Myanmar Women's Sport Federation present fruits to women athletes.

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Union Solidarity and Development Association Annual General Meeting concludes



Members of Panel of Chairmen chanting slogans at final day session of AGM 2007 of USDA. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—The fourth and final day session of the Annual General Meeting 2007 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association took place at the University of Veterinary Science on Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University Campus on 19 November.

The attendees were the USDA Secretary-General, the Joint-Secretary-General, secretariat members, CEC members, secretaries of State/Division USDAs, and representatives of state/division, district, township and town USDAs.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo chaired the meeting together with CEC members U Ohn Myint and U Maung Pa.

After seeking the opinion of the representatives, U Htay Oo announced that the resolutions of the meeting were approved and put on record.

At the meeting, two resolutions were passed, one matter approved and four matters were recorded.

The Secretary-General in his speech said that at the meeting, the representatives have held discussions and passed resolutions in accordance with the seven objectives of the Association.

He praised USDA members for their brilliant performances in social welfare services, organizing measures and realization of the future plans adopted by last year's annual general meeting, calling for the members to join hands with the people in maintaining the already-achieved development momentum.

He quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, as saying that the task for building a new nation was a noble one and it was the concern of the entire people. The Association was established to help organize the people to participate in the task with a sense of duty, he said.

He added that the associations at all levels are to

uphold and implement the guidance of the Patron as work guidelines.

In conclusion, he said that the resolutions, future tasks and work guidelines the meeting had passed would benefit the people, urging the representatives to clarify them for other members in the region concerned. He also exhorted them to work hard to mobilize the active

participation of the entire people in the building of a new nation. He said he believes that all members will always stand as a strong national force on which the State and the people can place their reliance.

The attendees chanted slogans and the meeting ended in the afternoon.

MNA

USDA AGM 2007 passes two resolutions, approves one matter, puts four matters on record

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov — The Annual General Meeting 2007 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association took place at the University of Veterinary Science from 12 to 16 November. The meeting passed two resolutions, approved one matter and put four matters on record.

The two resolutions are as follows:-

- (1) The guidance given by Patron of the USDA Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the fourth day session of the USDA AGM 2007 on 16 November is to be followed as a work guideline of USDAs at different levels.
- (2) The USDA AGM 2007 laid down the following nine future work programmes:-

All the USDA members are:

- to join hands with the people for making efforts to ensure stability and development of the State upholding the national policy — Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.
- to actively participate in the successful realization of the 12 State objectives together with the people for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed new nation that all the national people aspire.
- to organize the entire national people to actively take part with Union Spirit in the successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map adopted for perpetual existence of the State and sustainable development.
- to guard against internal and external destructive elements trying to harm the stability and development of the State through the united strength of the people.
- to actively take part in the tasks for peace and stability of the State, robust economy of the State and the people and uplift of national education, which are essential requirements in building a new nation.
- to participate in the tasks for successful

implementation of the fourth five-year short-term plan and development of agriculture, electric power and industrial sectors.

- to try to become brilliant and efficient members and to strengthen the membership in all regions of the State with a view to serving the interest of the national people.
- to actively take part in undertaking development tasks including five rural development tasks for uplift of living standard of the rural people, and
- to follow the guidance of the USDA Patron as a work guideline.

One matter approved is as follows:-

The report of USDA CEC members put forward at the first day session of the AGM 2007 on 13 November is approved.

Three matters put on record are as follows:-

- (1) The matter of condolences message on the demise of member of the Panel of Patrons of USDA Central and Vice-Chairman General Soe Win is put on record.
- (2) Objectives of the USDA AGM 2007 in the CEC report submitted on the first day session on 13 November to the USDA AGM are put on record.
- (3) Accomplishments of the tasks implemented by the State and Division USDAs submitted on the first day session on 13 November are put on record.
- (4) Organizational and administrative sector, education, of social and cultural sector, economic sector, the sector of new generation youth who will realize the State national policies, the sector to organize the entire people to firmly support the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles adopted by the National Convention for the emergence of a constitution and the sector to guard against the dangers posed by internal and external destructive elements through united strength of the people with the patriotic spirit risking lives are put on record.

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The attendees chanting slogans at final day session of Annual General Meeting 2007 of Union Solidarity and Development Association.—MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence views paddy harvesting in Kengtung. — MNA

Kengtung Township marks monsoon paddy ...

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rates of edible oil and rice, and progress of highland reclamation. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Speaking on the occasion Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said that Shan State (East) had enjoyed paddy surplus, calling for maintaining the development momentum and extensive reclamation of vacant lands and highlands for the agricultural purpose. He urged local farmers to work hard for sufficiency of edible oil. He instructed the officials to make field trips

to the grassroots level to organize departments, social organizations and local people to meet the target of growing physic nut.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected the harvesting of paddy in the four-acre field of farmer U Aik Tun, and paddy, display of industrial crops, edible oil crops, and kitchen crops.

The rice sufficiency of Shan State (East) is 215.47 per cent.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected the road sections and rubber plantations along Kengtung-

Mongyawng Road. At Mongyawng Basic Education High School, Township Education Officer U Salai Chit Sein gave an account of the township's education improvement. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win called for hard work for turning out outstanding students.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win donated TV and computer sets to the school through the headmistress.

At the venue, he had a meeting with service personnel, social organizations and townsenders.

Officials reported on facts about the region. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win fulfilled the requirements, calling for extensive cultivation of paddy. The township PDC chairman

and the manager of Shan State (East) Myanma Agriculture Service are to disseminate opportunities of growing rubber to be bestowed upon the growers.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win visited Mongyawng People's Hospital and donated K 300,000 to the

medical superintendent.

In the meeting with servicemen and their family members of local regiments and units at Mongyawng Station, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on regional development tasks.

MNA

Workshop on Tsunami commences

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov — Jointly organized by Meteorology and Hydrology Department of Ministry of Transport and ESCAP, a workshop on Tsunami Alert Rapid Notification System (TARNS) and Concept of Operations (CONOPS) and Monsoon Forum commenced at the ministry, here, this morning.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe made an opening speech.

Next, Ms Kareff May L Rafisura, manager of ADPC, and expert Mr SHM Fakhruddin gave talks on Tsunami. The workshop continues till 23 November, and discusses

measures successfully taken for overflow prevention in Ayeyawady River and Chindwin River in monsoon season this year, prevention tasks of Myanmar for Tsunami, and matters to take immediate actions and rapidly response to the notifications of ADPC.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and others.

MNA

Energy Minister visits Mann oilfield

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met with employees at Yenangyoung oilfield in Yenangyoung on 18 November.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister stressed the need for the employees to make concerted efforts for producing oil and gas to meet the target.

Then, the minister fulfilled the need of the employees.

Next, he inspected the functions of No 3229 Oil Well of Gold Petro Co Ltd which is being undertaken joint venture with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise at Yenangyoung Oil Field.

In the afternoon, the minister held a meeting

with employees of Mann Oilfield of MOGE in Mimbu.

Next, he inspected functions of No 664 oil well being undertaken by Myanmar Petroleum Resources Limited, drilling of No 663 oil well with the use of Asia Drilling 1 and left necessary instructions.

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200-bed teaching hospital (Magway) commissioned into service in Magway

YANGON, 21 Nov — Under the leadership of the State Peace and Development Council, the Ministry of Health opened the 200-bed teaching hospital (Magway) on 18 November for development of Magway region.

Joint Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association in-charge of Magway Division Minister for Electric Power No 1 U Zaw Min, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe formally opened the hospital. Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint unveiled the plaque of the hospital and sprinkled scented water on it. Next, they visited the rooms, intensive care unit,

patient wards and lecture hall.

The government has spent K 1,547.826 million on the two-storey reinforced concrete teaching hospital that comprises the emergency unit, out-patient unit, in-patient unit, the lab, X-ray room, physiotherapy unit, ICU, delivery room, operation theatre and lecture halls.

There are three teaching hospitals namely the 200-bed teaching hospital (Magway), Magway General Hospital (200-bed) and Minbu General Hospital (200-bed). At present, a total of 38 teaching hospitals and 839 other hospitals have been set up in the entire nation.

MNA



Opening ceremony of the new 200-bed teaching hospital (Magway) in progress. — HEALTH

Wen Jiabao vows to strengthen ties with Vietnam

SINGAPORE, 20 Nov — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said on Monday China and Vietnam are major partners for co-operation and pledged China's efforts to further strengthen ties with Vietnam.

China is willing to promote bilateral relations with Vietnam, guided by the principles of long-term stability, orientation toward future, good neighbourliness and all-round cooperation, Wen said while meeting Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung. The

economic and trade relations between the two countries have been developing smoothly, Wen said. China and Vietnam should explore possibilities for co-operation projects in two economic corridors and one economic belt in the region, he said.

The two corridors link southwestern China and Vietnam and the economic belt is located around the Beibu Bay.

The two countries should also promote cooperation in industry, infrastructures and

energy, Wen added.

On territorial issues, Wen expressed hope that the two sides will speed up the demarcation of terrestrial border and solve the South China Sea issue under the principle of joint exploitation while putting aside the differences.

Dung said Vietnam and China have witnessed comprehensive growth of bilateral ties in recent years with frequent high-level exchanges and fruitful economic and trade cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua



A crusher crane destroys a disc manufacturing machine, used to produce pirated DVDs and CDs, during an anti-piracy media event in Nilai, Malaysia, on 1 Nov, 2007. Cinema chiefs have announced that local authorities have busted a 52 million dollar secret optical disc burner lab — the biggest pirate lab ever to be found in Malaysia.—INTERNET

Iran to consult about uranium enrichment in neutral country

RIYADH, 20 Nov — Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said here on Sunday that he would consult with other Arab nations on a plan to enrich uranium in a neutral country, Sky News TV channel reported in a rolling caption.

Ahmadinejad made the remarks on the sidelines

of the third summit of the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries' (OPEC) in the Saudi capital of Riyadh.

Earlier this month, the Iranian President announced that Iran has made 3,000 centrifuges operational. The UN Security Council has already adopted two sanction

resolutions against Iran's nuclear programme since last December, but both of them failed to persuade the Islamic Republic to give up uranium enrichment work. Iran insisted that its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes only and voiced hope for talks to defuse the nuclear standoff, while the United States and some other Western countries fear Iran may try to develop atomic bombs under a civilian cover.

MNA/Xinhua

An Iraqi security guard secures the site of a car bomb in the northern city of Mosul. Insurgents killed at least 18 people across Iraq on Sunday, including nine in a car bomb attack targeting a top finance ministry official, security officials said.

INTERNET



ECONOMIC NEWS

IMF cancels \$82m of debt for Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 21 Nov — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has cancelled 82 million US dollars of debt owed by Cambodia, a senior official said here on Monday.

The debt cancellation is for the National Bank of Cambodia, because "we have worked with good results and our achievements are great", said Keat Chhon, Minister of Finance and Economy, at a workshop on national

budget preparation for 2008.

IMF has the principle of deleting debt for the national banks of some countries like Cambodia, he said. "IMF wants to encourage us to work better, so it omitted our debt," he added.

Since the 1990s, Cambodia has borrowed money from IMF to strengthen its financial balance.

Half budget of the kingdom used to be met

by donor countries and international institutions like IMF.—MNA/Xinhua

A street vendor looks on while selling magazines in Moscow, on 19 Nov, 2007.—INTERNET



China begins 16 express rail projects

BEIJING, 20 Nov — China has started building 16 new express rail projects, including a 115-kilometre line that will cut Tianjin-Beijing travel time in half ahead of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Xinhua news agency reported on Sunday.

Work began several days ago on the Tianjin-Beijing line, and trains with maximum speed of 300 kilometres per hour (185 miles per hour) will

shorten the journey from 70 minutes to around 30 minutes, Liu Rong, director of the Ministry of Railways construction project, was quoted as saying. China aims to have 12,000 kilometres (7,500 miles) of express-rail lines by 2020, linking provincial capitals and large- and medium-sized cities, as well as cities in the booming Bohai Sea, Yangtze and Pearl River regions, Xinhua said.

China's State Council has also approved a feasibility study on a planned 1,318 kilometres (818 miles) high-speed railway to link Shanghai and Beijing, a plan that has been in the works for nearly 10 years. It would be the longest high-speed rail line in the world and would cut travel time between the two cities from around 10 hours at present to about five hours, according to the report.—MNA/Reuters

Kidnapped Iraqi reporter freed, says no ransom paid

BAGHDAD, 20 Nov— An Iraqi TV journalist who was kidnapped last week in a busy Baghdad neighbourhood said he was released unharmed before dawn on Monday. Muntazer al-Zaidi, a correspondent for the independent al-Baghdadiya television station, said he spent more than two days blindfolded, barely eating and drinking, after armed men forced him into a car as he walked to work on Friday morning in the bustling Bab al-Sharji area

of central Baghdad.

“My release is a miracle. I couldn’t believe I was still alive,” Zaidi, 28, told *Reuters* by telephone.

Zaidi said the kidnapers had beaten him until he lost consciousness.

They used his necktie to blindfold him and bound his hands with his shoelaces.

He never learned the identity of the kidnapers, who questioned him closely about his work but did not demand a ransom.

The captors later told Zaidi he would be released, throwing him on to a dark street, still blindfolded, around 3 am (0000 GMT) on Monday.

He was then picked up by his brother.

At least 122 journalists and 41 media support staff have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003, according to the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists. About 85 per cent of those killed were Iraqis.

MNA/Reuters

Lebanese parties urged to agree on presidential candidate

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Nov— UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called on Lebanon’s political factions on Monday to work toward a consensus on a presidential candidate.

The Secretary-General, who just returned from a nearly two-week overseas trip which included a brief stop in Lebanon, told reporters that he had met with a wide range of political leaders in the country.

“I have urged them that, for the future of their

nation, they should elect the president in accordance with their constitutional procedures,” Ban said, stressing that the President should be elected without outside interference and on the basis of international legitimacy.

Ban said the United Nations will support any President who will be elected on a broadest possible basis with the strong commitment to international legitimacy.

“I am still concerned that they have not been

able to agree on a consensus on a presidential candidate,” he said, voicing hope that political leaders in the country can find out “a common solution which will be acceptable to all Lebanese people”.

MNA/Xinhua

Moderate quake hits iran, 30 reported hurt

TEHERAN, 21 Nov — Some 30 students were lightly injured as they rushed out of classrooms when a 5.1 magnitude earthquake jolted Iran’s oil-rich southwest on Tuesday, an Iranian news agency said.

Official media reported only minor damage to buildings. The quake occurred at 0520 GMT near the town of Ghaleh-tal in eastern Khuzestan Province. It was felt in the provincial capital Ahvaz and elsewhere.

“Some 30 students were slightly hurt as they were trying to leave schools when the earthquake happened,” *ISNA* news agency quoted a local official, Shapour Rostami, as saying.

State television earlier said 20 people were injured. — MNA/Reuters

Car bombing wounds 5 in northern iraq

TIKRIT (Iraq), 21 Nov — A car bomb went off in a village in Salahudin Province north of Baghdad on Monday, wounding five-family members, a provincial police source said.

The blast occurred early in the morning near a house of a police officer in the Albu-Jawari Village outside the town of Beiji, some 200 kilometres north of Baghdad, injuring the five-family members, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

MNA/Xinhua



Gold swan heads from the second millennium BC, discovered in a royal tomb in the Syrian city of Homs, are displayed at the National Museum in Damascus on 19 Nov, 2007. — INTERNET

Iraq says 43 arrested over Baghdad shooting

BAGHDAD, 20 Nov— An Iraqi Government spokesman said on Monday that Iraqi security forces had arrested 43 people, including two Americans and 31 other foreigners, over a shooting in which a woman was wounded in central Baghdad.

“This is a message to security companies that no one is above the law,” government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh told *Reuters*.

Dabbagh said those arrested would appear before an investigating judge in Baghdad on Tuesday.

“Those involved will be put on trial and the innocent will be released,” he said.

Dabbagh said a convoy of workers being escorted by guards working for an Iraqi-registered security company was travelling through Baghdad’s Karrada District on their way to the airport when they opened fire at civilians, wounding the woman.

The four-vehicle convoy included 21 Sri Lankans, nine Nepali and one Indian worker.

The security guards included 10 Iraqis and two Americans.

It was not clear who fired at the woman.

Foreign security guards have been under the spotlight in Iraq since 17 Iraqis were killed in a shooting involving US firm Blackwater in September.

MNA/Reuters

80 killed, 20 missing in Ukraine’s coalmine blast

KIEV, 20 Nov — The death toll in Sunday’s coalmine blast in eastern Ukraine has climbed to 80 while the fate of 20 others is still nuclear, Ukraine’s Vice-Prime Minister Andry Kliuev said on Monday.

Kliuev, heading a governmental commission probing into the accident at the scene, said that 66 bodies have been brought to the ground by now, according to the *Interfax-Ukraine* news agency.

He said there have 30 injured miners in hospitals, one of them was in a very serious condition, others were diagnosed with gas poisoning.

The methane explosion occurred at the Zasyadka mine in the Donetsk region at a depth of more than 1,000 metres at 3:11 am local time (0111 GMT) on 18 November.

The Donetsk region is about 640 kilometres

southeast of the capital, Kiev.

Local authorities declared three days of mourning for dead miners in the Donetsk region from 19 November.

The Zasyadko mine, one of Ukraine’s largest, produces up to 10,000 tons of coal every day. But several deadly accidents took place at the coal mine in recent years.

A gas leak at the Zasyadko mine in Sep-

tember 2006 killed 13 miners.

In 1999 an explosion there claimed 50 lives, while in 2001 another blast claimed 55 lives.

Before this Sunday’s explosion, Ukraine’s most deadly mine accident was in March 2000, when 80 miners were killed in an explosion at the Barakov coalmine in the eastern region of Luhansk.

MNA/Xinhua

Strollers make their way through the snow after sunset on 18 Nov, 2007, on the Schauinsland mountain, in southern Germany. — INTERNET



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Indonesia launches "Stop Child Abuse" campaign

JAKARTA, 20 Nov—The Indonesian Government in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund launched on Monday a "Stop Child Abuse" campaign to counter the increasing number of

violent acts against children.

The campaign, launched on the occasion of World Prevention of Child Abuse Day, was aimed at making parents more aware of children's rights, State Minister of Women's Empowerment Meutia Hatta Swasono said.

"The campaign is also designed to change the mindset on the part of some people that child abuse in any form is not justified," Antara news agency quoted the minister as saying at the function.

Mutia said the campaign which would among others be carried out through advertisements in the mass media, would be very strategic to inform the public about the impact of child abuse.

"That's why I hope the message of this campaign will be heard not only by people living in major cities but also by people from all walks of life in Indonesia," she said.

MNA/Xinhua

Traffic accidents claim more lives in Vietnam in first 10 months

HANOI, 20 Nov—Traffic accidents killed 10,892 people in Vietnam in the first 10 months of this year, up from 10,436 in the same period last year, local newspaper *Pioneer* reported on Monday.

In the period, the country experienced 12,128 traffic accidents, which also injured 9,124 people, the paper quoted the country's National Traffic Safety Committee as reporting.

In October alone, the country reported 1,095 traffic accidents which killed 973 people and injured 733 others, down 11.2 per cent, 11.1 per cent and 42.3 per cent respectively over last October. Of the total accident cases, 1,036 were road incidents.

The Vietnamese Government has recently instructed relevant agencies to focus on asking motorbike drivers to wear helmets, strictly dealing with traffic law violators, and intensifying propagandizing on traffic safety.—MNA/Xinhua

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Residents of Brazil's Amazon Basin try to help a Minke whale reach deeper water after it swam some 1,000 km (621 miles) from the Atlantic Ocean up the Amazon River and into the tributary Tapajos River, in the village of Belterra near Santarem, on 14 Nov, 2007.—INTERNET

Malaysian oil giant signs new deal to supply Japan with LNG

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Nov—Malaysia's state-owned oil company Petronas signed a deal here on Monday with Japan's Osaka Gas Co Ltd to supply 920,000 tons of liquefied natural gas (LNG) each year to the latter over the coming 15 years beginning in April 2009.

The sale and purchase agreement was signed by Malaysia LNG Sdn Bhd (MLNG), a subsidiary of Petronas, and Osaka Gas, said Petronas in a Press release.

The LNG would be transported from the Petronas LNG Complex in Bintulu, Sarawak in East Malaysia, to Osaka Gas' receiving terminals

in Senboku and Himeji, Japan.

Osaka Gas is the second largest gas company in Japan, supplying household and industrial gas to more than 6.8 million users in the Kansai area, Petronas said.

In March this year, MLNG signed a sale and purchase agreement with Japan's Saibu Gas Co to supply up to 390,000 tons of LNG per annum to Saibu Gas Co for 15 years beginning from October 2013.

MLNG and Saibu Gas Co first signed a 20-year supply contract in 1990, under which Saibu Gas receives 357,000 tons of LNG per annum from MLNG.—MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia's Sriwijaya Air to open Malaysia, Singapore routes

JAKARTA, 20 Nov—Indonesia's budget carrier Sriwijaya Air plans to open its first overseas routes to cities in neighbouring Malaysia and Singapore early next year.

The company said the new routes would link overseas destinations with Indonesian cities other than Jakarta.

"We will fly Malaysia and Singapore from Medan, Surabaya and Makassar," Sriwijaya director Chandra Lie was quoted Monday by economic daily *Bisnis Indonesia* as saying.

"For our overseas routes, we choose to fly from Indonesia's second cities. We have considered it (good) for the business," he said, specifying the destinations in Malaysia as Ipoh, Penang and Kuala Lumpur.

Sriwijaya will rent four Boeing 373-series from a France-based company to serve the routes, he said. Sriwijaya currently operates 17 B-373 planes.

MNA/Xinhua

China aims to double satellite life expectancy by 2010

BEIJING, 20 Nov—China is likely to double the life expectancy of its homemade satellites by 2010, a Vice-Minister in charge of the Commission of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence said on Sunday.

Sun Laiyan, also chief of the China National Space Administration, said the country would strive to boost the life expectancy of its satellite designs in sun-synchronous orbit to four to five years by the end of the 11th Five-Year period (2006-2010). Currently, it is two to three years.

The life expectancy of satellites in geo-stationary orbit is expected to nearly double to 15 years from eight years at present, Sun said at the country's third civil space work conference.

MNA/Xinhua

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UN slashes AIDS estimates in latest report

WASHINGTON, 21 Nov — The United Nations has slashed its estimates of how many people are infected with the AIDS virus, from nearly 40 million to 33 million.

In a report to be issued on Tuesday, the UN says revised estimates on HIV in India account for a large part of the decrease.

The agency admitted it overestimated how many people are infected with the incurable virus, and said better methods of collecting data show it is not quite a

common as feared.

“The single biggest reason for this reduction was the intensive exercise to assess India’s HIV epidemic, which resulted in a major revision of that country’s estimates,” the report said.

After originally estimating some 5.7 million people were infected in India, the UN more than halved that estimate, to 2.5 million.

“These improved data present us with a clearer picture of the AIDS epidemic, one that reveals

both challenges and opportunities,” UNAIDS Executive Director Dr Peter Piot said in a statement.

“Unquestionably, we are beginning to see a return on investment — new HIV infections and mortality are declining and the prevalence of HIV leveling. But with more than 6,800 new infections and over 5,700 deaths each day due to AIDS, we must expand our efforts in order to significantly reduce the impact of AIDS worldwide.”

MNA/Reuters

Migraine brains ‘are different’

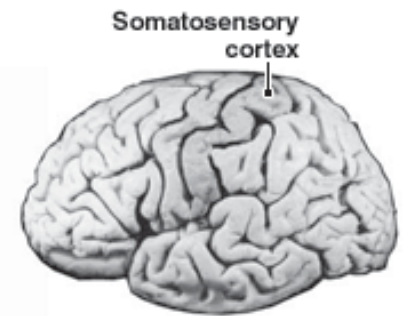
LONDON, 20 Nov — Scientists have discovered differences in the sensory areas of the brains of people who develop migraines.

They found a part of the cortex is thicker than in people who are free from the debilitating headaches.

What is not clear is whether the difference causes, or is the result of migraine attacks.

The Neurology study, by Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, suggests the changes may make patients hyper-sensitive to pain in general.

The researchers, from the hospital’s Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging, compared 24 people who get migraines with 12 who do not suffer the condition.



Brain

They found the somatosensory cortex area of the brain was up to 21% thicker in the migraine sufferers.

Lead researcher Dr Nouchine Hadjikhani said: “Repeated migraine attacks may lead to, or be the result of, these structural changes in the brain.”

Internet



A humpback whale off the coast of Australia. Japan’s whaling fleet set off Sunday for the Antarctic Ocean trailed by environmentalists for a hunt that will include famed humpback whales for the first time. — INTERNET

13,000 Nepali children die due to contaminated water

KATHMANDU, 20 Nov — About 13,000 Nepali children die every year due to contaminated water and lack of cleanliness, and constructing toilet and maintaining hygiene still remains a great challenge to the country, especially in rural areas.

According to *The Kathmandu Post* Monday’s report, Nepal is to mark World Toilet Day on Monday to

take action, increase awareness of the toilet user’s right to a better toilet environment, and to demand it from toilet owners. According to 2003 national census, about 17 million people in the country defecate in the open every morning.

Issuing a state ment here Sunday, the Nepal Water for Health said, “To maintain hygiene, the toilet user’s duty is to contribute to maintenance, cleanliness and hygiene of toilet.”

The government in 2003 had declared that 80 per cent of diseases in the country was due to lack of

safe drinking water and cleanliness. Diarrhoea is the second main cause of children’s death, after pneumonia.

The statement said that construction of toilet alone is taken as the indicator of cleanliness in the country.

It also said that due to lack of proper toilet, girl children remain absent from school during menstrual period. Of 130 million children who do not go to school, 60 per cent are girls. “Improved toilet in the school can increase the number of girl children’s enrollment in school,” the statement added. — MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh says reaches all cyclone-hit areas

DHAKA, 21 Nov — Relief workers and the Bangladesh military on Tuesday reached the last remaining pockets of the country devastated by a cyclone that killed nearly 3,500 people along the Bay of Bengal.

It has taken some five days to gain access to the hardest hit areas in an operation involving helicopters, planes and boats, as well as thousands of ground troops and aid workers.

Two US C-130 transport aircraft and two American naval vessels were poised to join the effort.

“We have reinforced relief efforts by adding more helicopters and cargo planes to fly food, medicine, water and other essential goods to the survivors,” said an Army

official.

But food supplies were still woefully inadequate.

“Hundreds of hands go up to grab just one food packet. This is a mad rush but a tragic reality on the entire

coastline ravaged by the cyclone,” said a relief operator in the Patuakhali District.

The Category Four cyclone struck late on Thursday with 250 kilometres per hour (155 miles per hour) winds that

whipped up a five-metre (16-foot) tidal surge.

The disaster was the worst in the impoverished country of 140 million since 1991 when a cyclone and storm surge killed around 143,000 people.

MNA/Reuters



Members of a family rest amid the wreckage of their home in Raniganj, 330 km (205 miles) southeast of the capital Dhaka, on 19 Nov, 2007. — INTERNET

Four indicted in Florida in huge 2004 drug seizures

MIAMI, 21 Nov — Four men have been indicted in connection with two of the largest drug seizures in US history, more than 22,000 kilos (48,500 pounds) of cocaine found aboard two ships in the Pacific Ocean, officials said on Tuesday.

One of the suspects, Heberto Yesquen Estupinan, was captured by Colombian police on Sunday at a cemetery in Cali while he was attending the funeral of his son, the US Attorney’s Office in Tampa said. The United States is seeking his extradition.

The seizures of 12,000 kilogrammes (26,460 pounds) and 10,500 kilogrammes (23,150 pounds) respectively from the fishing vessels “Lina Maria” and “San Jose” a week apart in September 2004 are among the largest maritime seizures ever by the US Coast Guard.

The combined drug haul had an estimated street value of more than 345 million US dollars.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS



Colombia's Dayro Moreno (R) scores their second goal past Argentina's goalkeeper Roberto Abbondanzieri in their World Cup qualifying soccer match in Bogota on 20 Nov, 2007. —INTERNET

Venezuela score three late goals to beat Bolivia

SAN CRISTOBAL (Venezuela), 21 Nov — Venezuela scored three times in the last 10 minutes to beat Bolivia 5-3 in a World Cup qualifier on Tuesday, their last two goals coming after an injury to Bolivia goalkeeper Carlos Arias.

Arias, barely able to move and with Bolivia already having made their three substitutions, was slow coming off his line as Giancarlo Maldonado headed Venezuela 4-3 ahead in the 89th minute of an extraordinary game.

Arias then went off and was replaced by left back Luis Gutierrez, who was caught off his line by a Maldonado lob in injury time. The result left Venezuela, who have never played at a World Cup, with six points from four games in the South American group and Bolivia with one.

Bolivia, who failed to score in their first three games in the group, led three times and appeared set for their first away win in a World Cup qualifier for 14 years before coming undone late in the game.

Marcelo Martins put Bolivia ahead for the first time in the 19th minute with an individual goal after Venezuela had lost possession trying to play

their way out of defence.

Daniel Arismendi levelled one minute later after Jorge Rojas's cross found him at the far post but Bolivia needed only seven minutes to regain the lead when Juan Carlos Arce turned in Joselito Vaca's

low cross at the near post.

Venezuela equalized just before halftime when Juan Arango's lobbed pass forward inadvertently hit Maldonado on the back of the head and fell perfectly for Arismendi to score.

MNA/Reuters



Brazil's Andre Heller (R) and Andre Luiz da Silva Nascimento (C) block the ball during the 1st round match against Egypt at 2007 FIVB Men's World Cup in Matsumoto, Japan, on 20 Nov, 2007. Brazil won the match 25-18, 25-14, 25-17. —XINHUA

Terry boosts England before crunch qualifier

LONDON COLNEY (England), 21 Nov — Injured England captain John Terry trained with his squad on Tuesday, boosting morale before their final Euro 2008 qualifier against Croatia.

A bullish coach Steve McClaren, convinced England would earn the point they need to reach next year's finals alongside Croatia, said Terry would not be fit to play at Wembley on Wednesday but described his presence as "fantastic".

McClaren said he had picked the team for the final Group E game but would not say whether David Beckham, Terry's predecessor as captain,

was in the starting lineup.

"You need players with big match experience for these games, but you also need the innocence of youth," he said.

Until Israel beat Russia 2-1 in Tel Aviv last Saturday, England's chances of reaching the finals in Austria and Switzerland looked slim but Israel's victory meant they needed only to draw their last qualifier.

"When we play as a team then we can beat anyone," McClaren told reporters at England's training base just north of London.

"I have no doubts we are going to do the job and qualify and take this team forward and get even better." Croatia come to Wembley leading the group with 26 points from their 11 matches.

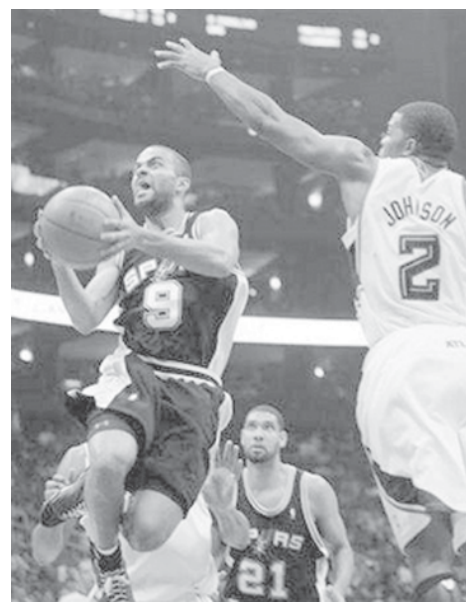
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Bosnia striker Muslimovic to miss Euro qualifier against Turkey

SARAJEVO, 21 NOV — Bosnian striker Zlatan Muslimovic has been ruled out of Wednesday's Euro 2008 Group C qualifier against Turkey in Istanbul because of injury, the national soccer association said on its website.

The injured Atalanta player and Bosnia's top scorer will be replaced by home-based striker Sanel Jahic of Zeljeznicar, the association said on Tuesday, although it failed to elaborate on the Muslimovic's injury.

European champions Greece, who have already qualified for the finals, top the group on 28 points. Turkey, on 21 points, are vying for the second qualifying spot alongside Norway (20). Bosnia are in fourth place on 13 points. The finals will be co-hosted by Austria and Switzerland. —MNA/Reuters



San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker (L) goes up for a layup past Atlanta Hawks forward Joe Johnson (R) in the second half at their NBA basketball game in Atlanta, Georgia on 20 Nov, 2007. At rear is San Antonio Spurs Tim Duncan. —INTERNET

Modise double gives South Africa morale-boosting win

DURBAN, 21 NOV — Teko Modise scored two goals in the space of five minutes at the end of the first half to give South Africa a morale-boosting 2-0 win over Canada in a friendly on Tuesday.

The midfielder broke the deadlock with a long-range shot in the 39th minute after the 2010 World Cup hosts had squandered two earlier chances in the opening minutes. Modise added a second from the penalty spot after Canada captain Paul Stalteri had brought down striker Theminkosi Fanteni on the stroke of halftime. Stalteri was sent off 11 minutes from time for swearing at a linesman.

The result eased the pressure on South Africa coach Carlos Alberto Parreira after a run of just one win in their last seven matches, including a home defeat by the United States in Johannesburg on Saturday. —MNA/Reuters

Injured Chivu to miss Albania qualifier

BUCHAREST, 21 NOV — Romania skipper Cristian Chivu has a muscular lesion and will miss the team's final Euro 2008 qualifier against Albania on Wednesday.

"Chivu suffered leg muscle damage during today's training session," Romania coach Victor Piturca told reporters on Tuesday.

Romania have already qualified for next year's finals from Group G with the Netherlands.

Chivu will join injured Fiorentina striker Adrian Mutu on the sidelines for the game. Piturca also said Banel Nicolita was doubtful for the match in Bucharest. —MNA/Reuters



Roger Federer of Switzerland, wearing traditional Korean clothes, hits a ball to spectators after winning an invitational exhibition tennis match against Pete Sampras of the US in Seoul on 20 Nov, 2007. XINHUA

Nigeria defeat sees Swiss end year with negative balance

ZURICH, 21 NOV — Euro 2008 co-hosts Switzerland suffered a disappointing end to an indifferent year when they lost 1-0 at home to Nigeria on Tuesday.

Already qualified for Euro 2008 because of their status as tournament hosts, Switzerland have won four of their 10 friendlies this year — drawing one and losing the remaining five.

Nigeria, currently ranked by FIFA as Africa's top side and coached by former Germany trainer Berti Vogts, were without injured Portsmouth strike pair Nwankwo Kanu and John Utaka for Tuesday's match.

Newcastle United forward Obafemi Martins was also absent, after failing to secure a visa for Switzerland.

With the home side also depleted upfront by injuries to top scorer Alex Frei and his regular attacking partner Marco Streller, the game was understandably short of firepower.

Aptly it was a defender who eventually broke the deadlock, Marseille left-back Taye Taiwo firing in a fierce left-footed 79th minute strike from just outside the area following a neat lay-back by Peter Odemwingie. Switzerland's fellow co-hosts Austria are set to end their own difficult year of friendlies on Wednesday when they take on Tunisia in Vienna.

The Austrians are in even poorer form than the Swiss, having won just once — against a 10-man Ivory Coast side — in 11 matches this year. — MNA/Reuters

Iran argues nuclear case in letter to "world"

TEHERAN, 21 Nov — Iran sent a letter to the world's top diplomats on Tuesday to argue its case in the deepening nuclear row with the West, official media reported.

"I would like to emphasize that Iran's nuclear programme is completely peaceful," Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki wrote in the letter, published by news agency IRNA in Farsi. "This programme is not a threat against any

country." The agency said the letter was sent to "the world's foreign ministers" but did not specify whether it went to the United States and Iran's other Western foes, who fear the Islamic Republic wants to use the programme to pursue

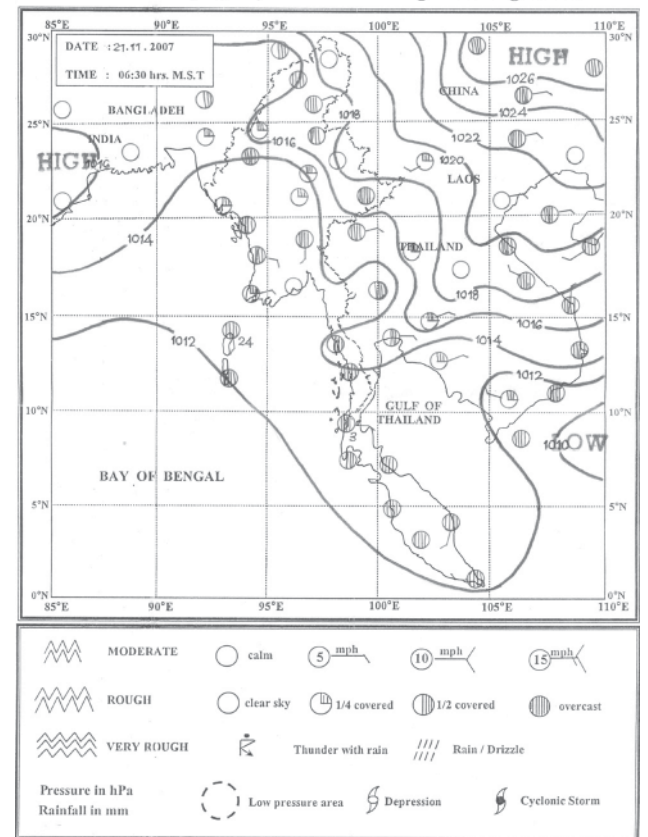
nuclear weapons. Teheran says it only aims to generate electricity so that, as the world's fourth-largest crude producer, it can export more oil and gas. Mottaki said Iran had shown goodwill "even beyond its legal

commitments" to remove ambiguities about its atomic activities, working with the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). "All Iran's nuclear activities... are based on the agency's charter and the NPT (nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty), under the agency's full and continuous supervision," said his letter, which ran to four pages on.

The IAEA said in a report last week that Iran had made important strides towards clarifying past nuclear work, as part of an August agreement between the two sides.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 21 November, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) above November average temperatures in Mon State and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were CoCo Island (1.18) inches and Kawthoung (0.12) inch. The significant night temperatures was Haka (2°C).

Maximum temperature on 20-11-2007 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 21-11-2007 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 21-11-2007 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 20-11-2007 was (6.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 21-11-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (136.46) inches at Mingaladon, (140.94) inches at Kaba-Aye and (144.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from East at (14:30) hours MST on 20-11-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 22-11-2007: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Taninthayi Division, isolated in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60)%.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-11-2007: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40)%.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-11-2007: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40)%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-11-2007: Partly cloudy.

Two soldiers killed in Iraq helicopter crash

BAGHDAD, 21 Nov — A coalition forces helicopter crashed in Iraq on Tuesday, killing two soldiers and injuring 12, the US military said.

Major Brad Leighton, a US military spokesman, said initial reports indicated the crash near the town of Salman Pak, 45 kilometres (28

miles) southeast of Baghdad, was not the result of enemy fire.

He declined to say if the casualties were American or give details on the type of aircraft. The number of soldiers on board suggest it was a Black Hawk helicopter, the workhorse of the US military, which is used to transport troops

around Iraq. Two US military helicopters crashed in Iraq in August, killing a total of 19 US service personnel. Nearly 70 helicopters have crashed in Iraq since the 2003 invasion to topple Saddam Hussein, about half of them because of hostile fire.

MNA/Reuters

UN urges investment to improve sanitation for poor

UNITED NATIONS, 21 Nov — Investing 10 billion US dollars a year could halve the proportion of people without basic toilet facilities by 2015, an issue that affects 2.6 billion people worldwide, the United Nations said on Tuesday.

"An estimated 42,000 people die every week from diseases related to low water quality and an absence of adequate sanitation," UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in a statement announcing 2008 as the Year of Sanitation.

The world body is calling for a renewed effort to improve sanitation to meet international commitments made in the UN Millennium Development Goals in 2000.

Lack of clean and safe sanitation leads to diarrhoea and other diseases and has a particular impact on women and girls in developing countries who can be vulnerable to attack or deterred from going to school because of a lack of proper facilities, the UN statement said.

MNA/Reuters



Thursday, 22 November
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music -Promises
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music -Never far away
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music -With you
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music -Walking my baby back home
- 1:30 pm News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -Love song -Let you love flow
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar (Inlay lake)
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pouri 1. Smoking not linked to more advanced breast cancer 2. New study shows smoking in creases risk of psoriasis
- 9:30 pm Songs of your choice -Evergreen tree
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 22 November
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓဇမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓဇအဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် 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. Dance of national race

- 8:05 am 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am 7. Dance variety
- 8:30 am 8. International news
- 8:45 am 9. Let's go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for everyday use
- 4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
- 5:15 pm 6. gute little of dancers
- 5:30 pm 7. Musical programme

- 5:45 pm 8. ကြွယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 11. "ငှက်တစ်သောင်း" (ကင်းကောင်၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ ထူးမွန်၊ အကယ်ဒမီစိုးရွှေ၊ ဦးမြင့်စိုး၊ တိမ်ညွန့်.) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်သိ)
- 6:50 pm 12. Musical programme
- 7:10 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေး တတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 8:00 pm 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူများ" (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 18. The next day's programme

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People's Desire

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

Kengtung Township marks monsoon paddy harvest

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Nov—Kengtung Township held a ceremony to mark harvesting of monsoon paddy at plot No 107 in the township yesterday morning.

It was attended by Member of the State Peace and

Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Shan State (East) PDC Chairman Triangle Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, departmental officials and farmers.

Manager U Aung Khin of Shan State (East) Myanma Agriculture Service reported on progress of harvesting monsoon paddy, the region's sufficiency
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Bago Division, Yangon Division and Shan State (East) Delegate Groups of National Races, Monhin/Monha People's Militia (Local) Group, Monekoe/Phaunghsai People's Militia (Local) Group and Peinhsar (Lahu) People's Militia (Local) Group issue announcements

NAY PYI TAW, 21 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, national race armed groups, which have returned to the legal fold and State/Division delegates of national race delegate groups are releasing announcements to express their disagreement and objection to the points in the statement.

Among the announcements sent to the dailies, those of Bago Division delegates, Yangon Division delegates and Shan State (East) delegates of the Delegate Group of National Races, Monhin/Monha People's Militia (Local) Group, Monekoe/Phaunghsai People's Militia (Local) Group and Peinhsar (Lahu) People's Militia (Local) Group are as follows:-

Announcement of national race delegates from Bago Division to National Convention

Date: 21 November 2007

Bago Division is home to 30 national races, and our delegate group representing these national races attended the National Convention. Our delegate group had the opportunity to freely express our opinion at the National Convention and cordially participated in the discussions to formulate the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that most of the delegates accept.

Therefore, we firmly believe that at present, the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles unanimously approved by over 1,000 delegates from eight delegate groups are the most appropriate for the Union of Myanmar and all the national people.

Now, we firmly state that we do not agree to all the hints lacking recognition of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles which all the delegates in addition to national race delegates have already discussed and adopted.

Our group hereby announces that we welcome the Commission for Drafting State Constitution and invite the groups that did not attend the National Convention to join hands with us in realization of the remaining steps of the seven-step Road Map.

**Delegates from Bago Division
Delegate Group of National Races**

Announcement of national race delegates from Yangon Division to National Convention

Date : 21 November 2007

Since the Union of Myanmar regained its independence, the country has become a member of the United Nations and has cooperated with the UN.

Therefore, we view that appointment of U Aung Kyi as Minister for Relations as advised by Mr Gambari, special adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and meetings held between U Aung Kyi and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to be a move to the national reconsolidation.

We believe that Mr Gambari understands the objective conditions of Myanmar and will stand by the truth and will help remove the pressure being put unfairly on the country.

We hereby announce that we fully support the clarification of the Spokes Authoritative Team of the State Peace and Development Council in meeting with Mr Gambari at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 November and it reflects the wishes of the delegates from Yangon Division to the National Convention.

**Delegates from Yangon Division
Delegate Group of National Races**

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