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Senior General Than Shwe receives Thai Defence Minister

YANGON, 26 Nov — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, received visiting Thai Defence Minister General Thammarak Isarangura and party at the Credentials Hall of the Pyithu Hlutaw Building on Pyay Road here at 11 am today.

Present at the call together with Senior General Than Shwe were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Commander-

in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win, Brig-Gen Aye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, and Myanmar Military Attaché to Thailand Col Ko Ko Maung.

Thai Defence Minister General Thammarak Isarangura was accompanied by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Oum Maolanon and Military Attaché Col Kasam Nakpun.

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Senior General Than Shwe receives visiting Thai Defence Minister General Thammarak Isarangura and party at the Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hlutaw Building on Pyay Road in Yangon.

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All arrangements afoot for all-round development of Chin State Prime Minister inspects development projects in Chin State

YANGON, 26 Nov — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, left here by air and arrived in Kale, Sagaing Division, on 24 November morning.

They were welcomed there by Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Chairman North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye

of Kale Station, officials and members of social organizations.

The Prime Minister and party, together with the commander, proceeded to Tonzang in Chin State, where there were welcomed by Chin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Tin Hla, local authorities, service personnel, members of the social organizations and local national races.

The Prime Minister met with members of Township Peace and Development Council, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, townsenders and local people at Chin Shwe Pyi Hall in Tonzang.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Oo reported on regional devel-

opment projects including education, health and transport sectors of the region, arrangements for growing 840 acres of tea and breeding of domestic wild oxen and requirements.

Col Tin Hla reported on communication and electric power sectors of Tonzang, upgrading of Tiddim-Tonzang Road and the needs; Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, on assistance to be rendered for extended cultivation of paddy, corn, vegetables, orange and mulberry tree in the region; local livestock breeding entrepreneurs, on livestock breeding tasks; and the ministers, on assistance to be provided for regional development undertakings including tasks for upgrading the

roads in the township, extension of forest reserves and education sector.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements, saying that arrangements have been made for placing emphasis on tasks for development of Chin State and high-ranking officials occasionally make tours of Chin State and fulfil requirements for regional development.

Likewise, the purpose of the tour was to provide necessary assistance for the region. Chin State lagged behind in development due to various reasons. In the time of present government, priority was given to development projects for the border areas where armed groups had exchanged arms for peace, he added.

Later, the government

expanded the horizon of development projects in all the border areas including Chin State. The transport sector plays the vital role in regional development. Only when the transport sector has made progress, can other development tasks be carried out one after another, he remarked.

The government has spent a large sum of money on the tasks for better transport in Chin State. Measures are being taken for upgrad-

ing of Tiddim-Reed Road and Falam-Reed Road in addition to Tonzang-Tiddim Road and Tonzang-Kyikha Road in the region, the Prime Minister said.

With the development of transport sector, Tonzang and Tiddim will develop, he noted. So, efforts are to be made for raising the economic standard of the region. There are a lot of natural barriers in a bid to carry out agriculture and

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

PERSPECTIVES

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The role of literati in national development tasks

It is a custom of Myanmar people to pay due respect to their elders, to have proper regard for those who are of the same age as themselves and to be kind and sympathetic to those who are younger. And it is an age-old tradition that they honour their grandparents, parents, teachers and aged and experienced persons in various sections of the community, usually on days of significance.

One can become a cultured man, one can broaden his horizons and one can have a correct outlook on life by reading literature. Therefore, we can say that literati can widen the scope of knowledge of people, sharpen their outlook on life and vitalize their nationalism and patriotism.

It is the way to auspiciousness to honour those to whom honour is due. Therefore, the first waxing day of Nadaw, a Myanmar calendar month which roughly corresponds to November, has long been designated as the Sarsodaw Day to honour literati.

The ceremony to pay respects to the doyen literati, sponsored by the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, was held at the City Hall on the morning of 25 November and a total of 77 doyen literati was present on the occasion.

At the ceremony, ministers including Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, deputy ministers, the vice-mayor of Yangon City and responsible personnel presented K 75,000 in cash and kind to each of the doyen literati.

For this year's Sarsodaw Day ceremony, the State Peace and Development Council donated K 595,000, Press Scrutiny and Registration Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs K 8.2 million, the Ministry of Information K 250,000, the Yangon City Development Committee K 200,000, the Mandalay City Development Committee K 300,000 and well-wishers more than K 12.70 million.

Literati can promote the image of their nation and they should regard it as their profound duty to preserve the national prestige and integrity. And their role in building the nation cannot be overestimated.

In this regard, we would also like to urge all the new-generation literati to uplift the morale and morality of the entire nation and to actively take part in the nation-building tasks with the might of their pen.

ROK Ambassador calls on Culture Minister

YANGON, 26 Nov — Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Kyung Woo at his office here this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win

Maung, Director-General of the Department of Cultural Institute U Myint Thein Swe, Director-General of the Fine Arts Department U Kyaw Win, Rector of the University of Culture (Yangon) U Tin Soe and officials.

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Korean trade delegation arrives

YANGON, 26 Nov — A three-member Korean trade delegation led by Mr Han Joon-Ho, Chairman of the Association of Small and Medium Economic Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Korea, arrived here by air yesterday evening.

The Korean delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, Vice-President U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and officials. — MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann hosts dinner in honour of the Thai minister and party. — MNA

General Thura Shwe Mann hosts dinner in honour of Thai General

YANGON, 26 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann hosted dinner in honour of visiting Minister of Defence of Thailand General Thammarak Isarangura and party, at Zeya Thiri Beikman Hall on Konmyinthta, here, at 7 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen

Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Chief of Staff

(Navy) Maj-Gen Soe Thein, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Military Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Military Inspector-General Brig-Gen Thein Htaik, Vice Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Military Attaché Col Ko Ko Maung, senior military officers of the Ministry of De-

fence, Ambassador Mr Oum Maolanon and Military Attaché Col Kasam Nakpun.

During and after the dinner, vocalists sang songs to the accompaniment of orchestra to entertain them. After the dinner, artistes of the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture presented variety of dances at Thabin Hall. The Thai minister presented a basket of flowers to the artistes.

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General Thura Shwe Mann welcomes the Thai minister and party at the airport. — MNA

General Thura Shwe Mann welcomes Thai Defence Minister and party at Yangon International Airport

YANGON, 26 Nov — A goodwill delegation led by Minister of Defence of Thailand General Thammarak Isarangura arrived here this morning to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar.

The delegation was welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung

Htet, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Oum Maolanon, Thai Military Attaché Colonel Kasam Nakpun and members, and senior military officers.

The special aircraft carrying the goodwill delegation arrived at the airport at 9.30 am. General Thura Shwe Mann boarded the plane and greeted General Thammarak Isarangura.

Next, General Thammarak Isarangura greeted those who arrived there to welcome the delegation. Likewise, General Thura Shwe Mann also greeted the delegation members. Afterwards, General Thammarak Isarangura and General Thura Shwe Mann proceeded to the saluting dais and took the salute of the Guard of Honour. Next, Gen-

eral Thammarak Isarangura and General Thura Shwe Mann inspected the Guard of Honour. Later, the delegation and General Thura Shwe Mann went to the Tatmadaw Guest House by car.

Thai Defence Minister was accompanied by 26 delegation members including Supreme Commander General Sornthatt Attanand, Commander-in-Chief of

RTN Admiral Chumpol Pachusanon, Commander-in-Chief of RTAF Air Chief Marshal Kongsak Vantana, Deputy Permanent Secretary for Defence General Poonsak Nakabhat, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of RTA General Sirichai Thunyasiri and Myanmar Military Attaché to Thailand Col Ko Ko Maung.

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Home Affairs Minister visits book fair

YANGON, 26 Nov — To mark the Sarsodaw Day of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, the Book Fair and Centenary of Myanmar Novels Show continued today at the building No 379-383 on Bo Aung Kyaw Street here.

Minister for Home Affairs

Col Tin Hlaing visited the book fair this morning.

Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsuaung), Vice Chairman-1 U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) and central executive committee members, departmental officials conducted the minister round the booths. — MNA

Number of soldiers wounded in Iraq grow daily

LANDSTUHL (Germany), 26 Nov—Army Spc Jason Gunn doesn't recall hearing the explosion. "I felt all this tremendous pressure coming down on top of me," Gunn, 24, recalled from his hospital bed in Germany last week, after being evacuated from Baghdad and joining the growing list of wounded-in-action from Iraq.

There are thousands of them, and a new generation of disabled veterans promises to be among the painful, expensive legacies of the Iraq war, one that hasn't received much attention yet.

"Everything was just, like, real quiet. Everything got real dark and glazy, and then I just felt all this pain. And the next thing I knew, I could feel the Humvee just whipping around, and we hit the guardrail and we finally stopped, and that's when I opened my eyes."

Nov 15 had been just another Saturday for Gunn, of Philadelphia, who drove an Abrams tank into postwar Baghdad with the 1st Armoured Division. He had been shot at and mortared before, and sometimes he wondered what US troops were doing there. But he took solace in the laughter of Iraqi children and the visible improvement in his battalion's northern Baghdad

sector.

At the wheel of a Humvee that day, Gunn drove down the middle of the street in a failed effort to evade the sort of roadside bomb that had killed so many other soldiers.

"Everything was just smoky. I looked at myself—I was still smoking. There was blood all over the place, and I just thought, you know, just, I thought I was going to die."

One friend in the Humvee was already dead from the blast of the jerry-built 90 mm mortar round, and one would die later. Those two joined the ranks of the 421 US soldiers who've been killed in action since the Iraq war started.

Gunn, who was treated at the scene and flown out by helicopter, became part of a much larger, less scrutinized group: the wounded in action.

According to the Pentagon, 2,076

American soldiers had been wounded by hostile acts in Iraq as of Monday, including more than 1,200 who were hurt after major combat operations were declared over May 1.

Although that number is small compared, say, with Vietnam, it's growing at roughly 10 a day, meaning thousands more could be injured before the US occupation of Iraq ends. While the Pentagon regularly announces soldiers' deaths, it rarely identifies the injured, who often arrive in the United States at night and deplane out of sight of news cameras.

The attack on Gunn merited a four-sentence Army news release that didn't mention his name.

He was lucky. His arms and legs were torn by bits of jagged metal, and at the moment he can barely walk. But he still has all his limbs, and he's expected to recover fully.—Internet

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UN group to guide Iraq's future

UNITED NATIONS, 26 Nov—Kofi Annan, United Nations Secretary-General, is to set up a group of "UN friends" to consider the future of Iraq, bringing together the five permanent Security Council members, Iraq's six neighbours and Egypt.

The new group could also include four non-permanent Security Council members. Mr Annan hopes to hold its first meeting on December 1.

UN officials called it a kind of "political support group to help guide the whole process" in stabilizing Iraq, and the "most useful" political move the secretary-general could make while his international staff remained outside Baghdad.

"It is important that we try and build international consensus to work on stabilizing Iraq," Mr Annan told Abu Dhabi television. "We need to bring in the region. We cannot succeed without their support, their co-operation and their understanding of the issues."—Internet

433 US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 26 Nov—As of Tuesday, 25 Nov, 433 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 298 died as a result of hostile action and 135 died of non-hostile causes, the department said.

The British military has reported 52 deaths; Italy, 17; Denmark, Spain, Ukraine and Poland have reported one each.

On or since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 295 US soldiers have died — 184 as a result of hostile action and 111 of non-hostile causes, according to the Defence Department's figures.

Since the start of military operations, 2,088 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department's figures. Non-hostile injured numbered 349.

The latest deaths reported by US Central Command:

No new deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defence:

—Army Spc. Robert D. Roberts, 21, Winter Park, Fla.; killed Saturday when a tank collided with his vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to A Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armoured Division; Armstrong Barracks, Germany.

—Army Chief Warrant Officer Christopher G. Nason, 39, California; killed Sunday in a vehicle accident between Mosul and Dihok, Iraq; assigned to A Company, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Internet



Protesters carry a placard and banner while marching in a street during an anti-US protest and against the possible dispatch of Japan's own troops to Iraq in downtown Tokyo, on 24 Nov, 2003.—INTERNET

HK business owners show optimism about economy

HONG KONG, 26 Nov—Hong Kong business owners show a dramatic swing to optimism about the local economy, with the confidence index increasing from 30 per cent in 2002 to 51 per cent in 2003, according to a survey by the Grant Thornton International.

Kevin O'Shaughnessy, principal of Grant Thornton in Hong Kong, said that the survey result is extremely encouraging. "Despite the serious SARS impact, we are pleased to see that the Hong Kong economy is picking up very quickly and the local business owners are now much more confident in Hong Kong's business prospect."

This positive result also echoes with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government's recent adjustment of the GDP trend growth rate from 2.5 per cent to 3.5 per cent for the medium term in view of the growing signs of renewed recovery, he said.

According to the survey, Hong Kong business owners are much more optimistic toward most aspects of their business prospects including turnover (rising from last year's—7 per cent to this year's 44 per cent), exports (from 7 per cent to 25 per cent), employment (from -10 per cent to 16 per cent), profitability (from -27 per cent to 19 per cent), investment in new building (from -4 per cent to 15 per cent), and investment in plant and machinery (from 13 per cent to 33 per cent). Though the local business owners' expectation to selling prices is still low, which is -26 per cent, the result showed a significant improvement when compared with last year's figure of -52 per cent.

Among the 26 countries and regions being surveyed, India tops the league table in being the most optimistic country with an index figure of 83 per cent, followed by Australia (81 per cent) and the United States (75 per cent).—MNA/Xinhua

Chile, Germany strive for closer economic relations

SANTIAGO, 26 Nov—Chilean President Ricardo Lagos and his German counterpart, Johannes Rau, lauded on Monday the good relations between the two countries and agreed to reinforce their economic ties.

They said at a joint-Press conference that they agreed to push for more German investments in Chile. Lagos said Chilean exports to the European Union (EU) rose by more than 14 per cent in the first year after the association agreement between Chile and the EU became effective, he said.

Rau, who arrived here last Saturday, said the trip was intended to promote cooperation and he wanted to listen to "a clearer" voice of Latin America.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi man piles up spent artillery shells to recycle the metal in Fallujah, 60 kilometers west of Baghdad. Two shells crashed into a building near the former information ministry in the Iraqi capital and a third near the foreign ministry, a witness said.—INTERNET

US says Chinese firms dumping TVs in market

WASHINGTON/HONG KONG, 26 Nov—In the latest US-China trade dispute, Washington has made a preliminary finding that Chinese TV makers are dumping their products on the US market.

The US Commerce Department, in a ruling Monday, said four Chinese TV makers were pricing colour TVs in the United States at less than fair value.

It announced anti-dumping duties of 28 to 46 per cent on imported TVs from China.

Importers from China will post cash deposits or bonds pending announcement of final anti-dumping duties in April, a Commerce Department statement said.

It is unusual for duties not to be imposed once a preliminary decision has been announced.

MNA/Reuters

US says Iraqis sent letter to UN in error

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov — The Iraqi Governing Council has told the United States a letter it delivered to the UN Security Council on Monday asking for a resolution on its timetable for ending the US occupation was a draft version and was sent in error, US officials said on Tuesday.

The final version dilutes the Governing Council's request that the Security Council pass a new resolution enshrining the Iraqis' timetable for ending the US occupation, said one senior US official, who asked not to be identified.

"Apparently somebody dropped a draft in the mail and the final version doesn't have the same language," he said.

"They (the Governing Council) don't have a hard position on the time frame for seeking a UN resolution and they would want to reflect that in their final version," he added.

The Governing Council, a mainly advisory group of 25 people selected by the United States, sent the letter to inform the Security Council of its proposals for a timetable for gradually transferring power from the occupation authorities to an elected and sovereign Iraqi government. — MNA/Reuters

US-appointed Iraqi leadership bans Arab TV

BAGHDAD, 26 Nov — Iraq's US-appointed interim leadership has banned an Arabic television station, accusing it of inciting violence against the coalition.

Dubai-based Al-Arabiya confirmed its Baghdad bureau had been forcibly shut.

The current head of Iraq's Governing Council said Al-Arabiya incited murder through the voice of Saddam Hussein.

On 16 November the channel broadcast a recorded message said to be from Saddam which called for new "resistance".

Al-Arabiya rejected the allegation that its broadcast incited murder, and insisted its news coverage was "objective and precise".

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US soldiers man a checkpoint looking for weapons moments after a surface-to-air missile was fired at a cargo plane on 22 November 2003 in Baghdad. — INTERNET

Chinese Vice-Premier meets Philips Chairman

BEIJING, 26 Nov — China welcomes international companies such as Philips of the Netherlands to invest and conduct research and development in the country, Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju said here Tuesday.

Huang, also member of the Standing Committee of the political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, met with Philips Chairman Gerard Kleisterlee and his entourage at Zhongnanhai in Beijing on Tuesday morning.

MNA/Xinhua

China to promote military cooperation with New Zealand

BEIJING, 26 Nov — China holds a positive view towards further promoting friendly cooperation with the New Zealand Armed Forces, said Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan here.

Cao, also vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and a state councillor, made the remark when meeting with New Zealand's Chief of the Defence Forces Air Marshall Bruce Ferguson and his party.

Cao said China attached great importance to the co-operation with New Zealand since the two countries and two peoples shared traditional friendship.

MNA/Xinhua

Argentina hopes to promote friendly relations with China

BUENOS AIRES, 26 Nov — The Argentine Government hopes to promote its cooperative relations with China and President Nestor Kirchner is looking forward to a visit to China in 2004, Argentine Foreign Minister Rafael Bielsa said on Monday.

During an interview with Xinhua shortly before departing for his visit to China, Bielsa said China figures prominently in Argentina's diplomatic relations, especially in its economic and trade relations with other countries.

President Kirchner and his government want to enhance Argentina's cooperative relations with China in the political, economic, cultural, educational, and scientific and technological fields, he said.

The President hopes he can visit China in the first half of next year and diplomats from both countries are preparing for that, said the foreign minister.

Trade and economic exchanges have developed rapidly in recent years between the two countries and China is now one of the biggest buyers of Argentine products, he said.

Bielsa is to leave here on Monday on a visit to Japan and China. His delegation includes high-ranking officials from the industry, agriculture and foreign trade ministries and businessmen from more than 20 major companies.

The foreign minister said he would sign an agreement with Chinese officials to make Argentina one of the destinations for Chinese tourists.

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuelan economy to grow in 2004

CARACAS, 26 Nov — The economy of Venezuela will grow by somewhere between 5 and 6 per cent in 2004, Otto Boye, the standing secretary of the Latin American Economic System (LAES), said on Monday.

Boye was quoted by the state news agency Venpres as saying that within a couple of years, the Venezuelans will feel "the strength and results of the growth in the gross domestic product."

Boye, a Chilean, said there will be an improvement in the petroleum industry's productivity in Venezuela, the world's fifth biggest exporter of crude oil.

MNA/Xinhua

Export earnings of Bangladesh up 10% in July-September

DHAKA, 26 Nov — The export earnings of Bangladesh increased by some 10 per cent to 1.9 billion US dollars in the first quarter of the current fiscal, reported the Financial Express on Tuesday.

The export volume rose by about 13 per cent from July to September in fiscal 2003-2004 compared with that of the corresponding period in last fiscal, triggering the higher earnings of 1.9 billion US dollars against 1.7 billion in the first three months of last fiscal.

The value of exports, however, dropped by nearly 3 per cent, making the earnings still fall about 2 per cent short of the target.

Major export items including ready-made garments (RMG), home textiles, textile fabrics, tea, frozen food, agri-products, shoes and chemical products achieved the export targets. — MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers are seen near a wreckage of a helicopter in Shokhi, some 11 kilometers (7 miles) east of Bagram, Afghanistan on 24 Nov., 2003. — INTERNET

Israel halts sale of pool-bred fish for health reason

JERUSALEM, 26 Nov — The Israeli Health Ministry Monday ordered an immediate halt to the sale of fish bred in artificial pools for health reason, Israel Radio reported.

According to the report, the Health Ministry made such a decision after an Agriculture Ministry investigation found that some pool-bred fish containing a material of carcinogen, which has been banned by health authorities in Israel and abroad.

Oded Nir, head of the Israeli Agriculture Ministry's veterinary, said his service will fully investigate the use of the chemical.

If it is found that the banned substance was used, police will be asked to investigate possible criminal wrongdoings, he said. Nevertheless, head of the Health Ministry's veterinary services, Herbert Singer, said that there is no expected danger posed to eating those fish. — MNA/Xinhua

US FACES INTENSIFIED RESISTANCE IN IRAQ



Teens beat 2 soldiers; another killed in blast MOSUL, Iraq — Iraqi teenagers dragged two bloodied US soldiers from a wrecked vehicle and pummeled them with concrete blocks Sunday, witnesses said, describing the killings as a burst of savagery in a city once safe for Americans.—INTERNET



Iraqis hold an anti-US demonstration in Iraq Tuesday.
INTERNET



A US soldier uses his gun to pull barbed wire in the Baghdad suburb of Al Sadr city, previously known as Saddam City, mainly populated by Iraqi Shi'ites, on November 25, 2003.—INTERNET



British soldiers patrol following a blast in Basra recently.
INTERNET



Since guerrillas used donkeys to outwit the high-tech defences of the US military in Iraq, the life of the beast of burden has never been so miserable. File photo shows an American soldier pulling a donkey belonging to a group of suspects in Baghdad in June.—INTERNET



US soldiers, center background, inspect the site at which two fellow soldiers were killed by the Iraqi guerillas in Mosul, Iraq, on 23 November 2003.
INTERNET

All arrangements afoot...

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Local people reported on regional development work.

The Prime Minister attended to the needs, saying that the government has been striving for development of Kyikha, fulfilling basic needs and improving the living standard of local people. He called on respective departmental officials to systematically supervise the development tasks and carry out the tasks for enabling the region to possess characters of a city and greening and beautifying the region.

In an endeavour to ensure regional development and to raise the living standard of local people, working committees are to be formed and they are to carry out the tasks through cooperation.

Organizational measures are to be taken for active participation of local people in implementing tasks for betterment of transport sector, and raising the education, health and social sectors of local people, he pointed out.

Kyikha shares border with the Republic of India. Therefore, respective departmental officials are to discharge duties through unity and cooperation for regional development and prevalence of management and administrative machinery in the region, he noted.

The Prime Minister presented a computer set, a TV set, a video cassette player

and an inverter to Kyikha BEHS through Headmaster U Ni Pein and clothes to local people through U Aung Kyaw Than.

The Prime Minister and party went to Kyikha Station Hospital. Doctor Wai Phone and nurses welcomed and conducted them round the hospital. Afterwards, they inspected lecture rooms, the computer room and the audio visual room at Kyikha BEHS and fulfilled the requirements.

At the office of Gokha GAD, the Prime Minister met with departmental officials, members of social organizations, townsenders and local people. The head of the GAD reported on construction of office buildings and roads in the town, supply of more electric power and measures for education and health care services. Col Tin Hla gave a supplementary report. Dr Kyaw Swa Lin of Reekhawdar People's Hospital reported on common diseases in the region and medical treatment given to the patients; and an official of the Border Trade Department, on functions of the department.

No 2 Border Areas and Immigration Inspection Control Battalion in-charge Captain Ye Moe Than reported on tasks being carried out.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt fulfilled the requirements. He said border trade is being undertaken in Reekhawdar bordering India.



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspect the learning of students at multimedia classrooms of Tonzang BEHS.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspect Tonzang Township People's Hospital on 24 November.—MNA

He spoke of the need for departmental officials to under-

take the tasks on trade, immigration and commodities in accord with the law.

He said Myanmar and India maintain friendly ties and they are good neighbours. He said departmental officials working in the region are to pay attention to bilateral relations that can bring about benefits between the two countries through border trade.

He said the government has made arrangements for ensuring smooth transportation to Reekhawdar, Falam and Tiddim. The Prime Minister called on departmental officials to work in unity for systematic development of border trade and regional development.

Next, the prime minister presented a computer, a tel-

evision, a video cassette player and an inverter for Reekhawdar Basic Education High School to Headmaster U Monkio and clothes for local people to township officials.

The Prime Minister, the Secretary-1 and party went to Tiddim. They were welcomed there by members of State, District and Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials, social organizations, teachers, students, members of cultural troupes and local people. Next, the Prime Minister met members of Township Peace and Development Council, departmental officials, social organizations, townsenders and members of cultural troupes at No 1 BEHS in Tiddim.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Coun-

cil U Sai Maung Lu reported on location and area of the township, population, national races living in the region, agriculture, the raising of domesticated wild ox, education, health, communication and generating of hydroelectric power. Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Col Tin Hla gave a supplementary report.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements. He said he and departmental officials came to Tonzang, Kyikha, Reekhawdar and Tiddim to provide requirements. It is necessary for a region to develop infrastructures including road transport. The government is endeavouring for harmonious (See page 8)



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents clothes for local people of Reekhawdar through an official on 24 November.—MNA



Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe accepts four vehicles and 50 beds donated by U Thein Win-Daw Ni and family of Shwe Thanwin Trading Co Ltd to MMCWA.—MNA



Cash and kind donated to MMCWA

YANGON, 26 Nov — Wellwishers donated cash, vehicles and beds to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association this morning at multipurpose building of MMCWA in South Okkalapa Township.

MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe accepted four vehicles, 50 beds and K 4 million and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

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ASEAN and APEC do not accept the scheme of America and its allies

Aung Moe San

(Continued from yesterday)

Those are the constant stand and vision of the ASEAN leaders. Not long ago, the Ninth ASEAN Summit was held in Bali, Indonesia. It was the ninth to be held since 1986. At the Summit, matters of concern were discussed and the ASEAN leaders also held discussions with leaders of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea. Since 1997, ASEAN+3 meetings have been held, and the recent is the seventh. The leaders discussed political and economic development of the member countries and the problems of common concern. The leaders agreed to set up an ASEAN community not later than 2020. The ASEAN community includes the three sectors — the security community, the economic community, and the socio- culture community. These facts have been stated in the Bali Declaration. In the ASEAN+3 meetings, the leaders agreed to promote relations and cooperation between the dialogue partners — China, Japan and the ROK — and the ASEAN. The reaching of the Bali Agreement is the development milestone of the ASEAN. It is a pleasure for all of us to know that China and India signed the Southeast Asia friendship and cooperation agreement. The leaders also agreed to materialize the ASEAN Vision 2020, the Hanoi Action Plan, and the 1999-2004 ASEAN Integration Action Plan in accord with the ASEAN integration roadmap. They have viewed the Southeast Asia friendship and cooperation agreement as the code of conduct of the relations between the member countries. Their vision is for the emergence of an ASEAN common market; and they will also strive to link the economies of the ASEAN nations with the global economy through the ASEAN+3 work programme.

The political and security cooperation of the ASEAN nations will be promoted in accord with the plan to form the ASEAN Security Community. The Summit has agreed to solve all the differences between the ASEAN nations through peaceful means and to handle the regional terrorism and transnational crimes through cooperation between all member nations. Another agreement was also reached at the Summit to develop the economic competi-

tiveness of the ASEAN Economic Community, and to strive to increase the volume of investments and to narrow the economic gap between the member nations. The Summit also agreed to further strengthen cooperation between the ASEAN and the three countries — China, Japan and ROK — to address the regional and international political, security and economic problems. At the Summit, Prime Minister of Malaysia Mahathir Mohammad (now retired) he gave his farewell speech. He is included in the founders of the Association. In the conclusion of his speech, he said " Finally, I wish to stress that as we move forward, we must not disregard nor erode the principles that have kept us together. The principles of non-interference, of consensus-based decision-making, national and regional resilience, respect for national sovereignty, the renunciation of the threat or the use of force in the settlement of differences and disputes, must always be upheld by the ASEAN countries".

Among the world nations, the ASEAN nations have developed in unity, based on their own principles and codes of conduct. It has become famous as a region respected and set as an example by other countries around the world. America and its allies practising the policy of domination imposed harsh sanctions on Myanmar to make her accept their models of western democracy; moreover they also tried to force other ASEAN countries to make put pressure on Myanmar and to interfere in her internal affairs. But the ASEAN nations rejected their schemes, and unanimously welcomed the political developments of Myanmar. They all opposed the sanctions of America on Myanmar.

At the APEC meeting held in Thailand, America and its allies also tried to punish Myanmar. But they were not able to raise the Myanmar issue at the meeting. Hence, I would like to say that it is crystal clear that the ASEAN and the APEC do not accept the scheme of America and its allies.

(Concluded)

(Translation: TMT)

Kyemon+Myanma Alin: 25 November 2003.

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

Efficient use of electricity

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

Efficient use of fuel

- * Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- * Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- * The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River



Commerce Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Mr Peter Loh and U Khin Maung Latt open Myanmar Tong Tah Trade Fair. (News page 8)— H

Brazil eyes more satellite cooperation with China

BEIJING, 26 Nov — Brazil is eager to invest more money in a joint satellite programme with China and hopes to send two more jointly developed satellites into space by the end of 2008, Brazilian Defence Minister Jose Viegas said on Tuesday.

Brazil and China have launched two jointly developed research satellites so far.

"This is a cooperation to which we attribute a great value," Viegas told Reuters in Beijing. "We are ready to invest a meaningful amount of resources in that." Potential investment could probably run into the hundreds of millions of dollars, he added, but declined to say how much Brazil had already invested in the programme.

The latest joint satellite blasted off from a launch centre in northern China on October 21 — days after China became the third nation to successfully send a man into space and several weeks after Brazil's third space attempt ended in disaster.—MNA/Reuters

All this needs to be known

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

နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဥပဒေ

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All arrangements afoot ...

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development of all states and regions with the concept of bringing equitable development to all national races living in the Union.

He said due to transport difficulty in Chin State, the government has spent a large sum of money on development of roads linking townships in Chin State and plain regions, growing of tea and raising of domesticated wild oxen.

He said local people are to cooperate with local authorities, social organizations, and departmental officials for successful implementation of the tasks.

Only when there is smooth transportation, will development tasks be successful. So, he urged departmental officials to discharge their duties correctly with goodwill.

In implementing development tasks in Chin State, central level officials are to provide new methods and departmental officials are to

systematically implement them for progress of agriculture, livestock breeding and other economic enterprises suitable to geographical conditions and climate, he said.

In addition to tea, cultivation of seasonal crops and perennial crops is to be extended, he said. The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries has already made arrangements for raising of domesticated wild oxen and other livestock breeding tasks which are marketable in neighbouring countries. Therefore, local people are to change livestock breeding on manageable scale to commercial one gradually.

At a time when the government is giving encouragement to regional development in all sectors, departmental officials are to make efforts for uplift of economic and social standards of local people.

Only when there is narrow gap and equitable devel-

opment among the national races living in the Union made up of 14 states and divisions, will there be national solidarity and perpetuation of the Union, he said. The entire national races have been residing in the Union for thousands of years. There exist small communities in each state and division where national races live. He spoke of the need for them to live in unity.

With strong national solidarity the Union will be consolidated. If national solidarity becomes weak, alien instigations occur any time, he added.

He said national people have been living in unity in the course of history countable by thousands of years. Therefore, national solidarity is needed for existence of such noble tradition and unity among the national races, he added.

He said the government is making arrangements for consolidation of national solidarity and harmonious and equitable development of all regions of the Union. After realizing the goodwill and attitudes of the government, all the national races have to safeguard the State, for non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, perpetuation of independence and sovereignty and to prevent the nation from falling under the influence of others upholding the Union spirit and to participate in the tasks for successful implementation of seven-point future policy programme.

Next, the Prime Minister presented a computer, a television, a video cassette player and an inverter for No 1 and No 2 Basic Education High Schools to the Headmasters and clothes for local people to the Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council.

The Prime Minister, the Secretary-1 and party spent the night at the guest house in Tiddim. —MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents a set of computer, TV, video cassette player and inverter for Reekhawdar BEHS to Schoolhead U Ni Pein on 24 November. —MNA

Thai Defence Minister visits Drugs Elimination Museum

YANGON, 26 Nov — The delegation led by Minister of Defence of Thailand General Thammarak Isarangura, together with senior military officers and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, visited the Drugs Elimination Museum at the corner of Kyundaw and Hanthawady roads in Kamayut Township, here, this afternoon.

Myanmar Police Force Deputy Police Director-Gen-

eral Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Curator of the museum Police Lt-Col Se Maung and officials welcomed them at the museum. Conducted round there by Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win and officials, the visiting minister and party viewed the booths displaying drug eradication tasks and documentary photos there. The Thai minister signed in the visitors' book. Police Brig-Gen Zaw

Win presented books on drug elimination tasks to the visiting General who presented a souvenir in return.

Afterwards, the Thai General and party proceeded to Myanma Gems Museum on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road. Deputy Director U San Lwin of Myanma Gems Enterprise and officials conducted them round there. The visiting minister signed in the visitors' book. —MNA

Myanmar PGA & MGF President's Cup Golf Tournament continues



YANGON, 26 Nov — The opening of the Myanmar PGA and MGF President's Cup Golf Tournament, organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation, continued at Hanthawaddy Golf and Country Club in Bago Division this morning.

After the second round of the professional level event, Myint Shwe (Wilson) stood first with 140 (71+69) strokes. Runners-up were Zaw Zaw Latt (Pan-West) with 142 (68+74), Soe Kyaw Naing (Pan-West) with 143 (70+73) and Aung Win (YCDC) with 144 (71+73).

At the amateur level event, Zaw Zin Win led the

tour with 145 (72+73) strokes, followed by Yin Aung Latt with 146 (74+72), Myo Min Aung with 147 (74+73), and Aung Aung Kyaw with 148 (72+76).

After the first round of amateur level women's scratch event, Khin Khin Thu (YCDC) stood first with 77 strokes. Khin Mar Nyunt scored 79 to take the second place and Myint Myint Thein and Swe Swe Win shared the third place with 91 each. Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd mainly sponsored the tour together with Air Mandalay, Grand Slam (Munsing Wear), Loi-Hein (Alpine), KM Golf Centre, Maruman and Wilson, Canon, and UPG.

Sun Far Travels and Pro, Pan-West and Eastern Tour Enterprise Ltd will present hole-in-one prizes. Han Golf Event Management took responsibilities to hold the tour, which continues tomorrow. —MNA



Myint Shwe (Wilson) taking part in the golf tournament.

MGF

Myanmar Tong Tah Trade Fair' 2003 opened

YANGON, 26 Nov — Sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and arranged by Tong Tah Co Ltd, Myanmar Tong Tah Trade Fair 2003 was opened at the Yangon Trade Centre this morning, attended by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone.

Present on the occasion were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, deputy min-

isters, senior military officers, officials of social and economic organizations, President of Tong Tah Co Ltd Mr Peter Loh and members, Managing Director U Khin Maung Lat and officials.

Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Mr Peter Loh and U Khin Maung Lat formally opened the trade fair.

Next, the ministers, the deputy ministers, guests and officials viewed round the trade fair.

On display at the trade fair are foreign and local textiles, cosmetics and household goods, plastic wares, foodstuff, electric and electronic appliances, stationery, vehicles, air freshers, farm implements, lawn mowers, generators and various kinds of engines.

The trade fair will be kept open daily from 9 am to 5 pm till 30 November. Admission is free.

MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein speaks on the third and final day of Myanmar/ASEAN/Japan Follow-up Seminar on Industrial Relations. (News page 10). —MNA

Thai experts give talks on floriculture

YANGON, 26 Nov — Talks on floriculture, organized by the Myanmar Floriculturist Association and the Wildlife Conservation Society, was held at Pyidaungsu Ayeyekyine

Hall in People's Square and People's Park on Ahlone Road, Dagon Township here this afternoon. Vice President-1 of the MFA U Than Nwe extended greetings and introduced the two resource

persons from Thailand to those present. Associate Professor M L Charupant Thongtham of Kasetsart University and Assistant Professor Dr Patana Thavipoke (Ph D) of Mahidol Univer-

sity in Bangkok, Thailand, gave talks on floriculture and replied to queries. The two Thai experts together with MFA CEC member U Saw Lwin will observe flora in Chin State. —MNA

There will be better transport among Bago Division, Mon State and Taninthayi Division

Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends opening of Ye river rail-cum-road bridge

YANGON, 26 Nov— The opening of Ye River crossing bridge, built by Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation, was held yesterday morning in Ye Township, Mawlamyine District, Mon State.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony and made a speech.

Also present were Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister U Pe Than, Managing Director of Myanmar Railways U Min Swe, officials of the Ministry of Rail Transportation, local authorities, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, War Veterans Organization, Working Committee for Women's Affairs, Red Cross Society, Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people totalling over 10,000.

U Hla Win of Myanmar Radio and Television acted as master of ceremonies.

First, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech saying that the successful opening of Ye River crossing rail-cum-road

bridge will contribute much towards regional development and emergence of a modern nation. Moreover, it will also contribute to the convenience of local people. In the past, people living in Ye Township had to rely only on rail transportation to reach Mawlamyine. In 1972, a bridge across Ye River emerged. Ye-Dawei rail road that was opened in March 1998 did not reach right through Ye because of a natural barrier posed by Ye River. Today, the barrier can be overcome and thus it can be said that difficulties people had to face in the past in crossing the river by boat have been overcome. People living in Taninthayi Division that was adjacent to Mon State have to rely on motor road, water way and air route to reach other states and divisions. Although there were such transportation facilities, railway service, on which people could rely with reasonable price, could not be provided because of the railroads interrupted by natural barriers.

In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, new Ye-Dawei railroad was built, Ye-Dawei motor road upgraded and Dawei-Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin-

Kawthong Union Highway constructed.

These facilities will link Taninthayi Division with Mon State and it is sure that it will contribute much towards regional development.

On completion of rail-cum-road Thanlwin river crossing bridge (Mawlamyine) which will be the longest one in the country transportation among Taninthayi Division, Mon State and Bago Division will be swift and Mon State that is in a position of economic hub will be more developed.

Therefore, Ye bridge plays a key role in development of Taninthayi Division and the State.

With better transportation, there will be more contacts among national brethren and friendship among them will be further consolidated. Commodities will be transported from one region to another by various kinds of vehicles and thus it is safe to say that economic development of the region will be achieved.

Today, efforts are being made to uplift Union Spirit among national brethren who have been living in the country since time immemorial. Only when there are correct patriotism based on Union Spirit will the people be able to defend the country with

national awareness. With this end in view, roads and bridges are being built across the country.

As there are Gyaing (Zathabyin) bridge, Gyaing (Kawkareik) Bridge, Athtaran Bridge and Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an) in Mon and Kayin States, transportation in the states has improved more than ever. Similarly, Winwa Bridge, Palauk Bridge, Palaw Bridge, Pathaung Bridge, Taninthayi Bridge, Kyweku-Kyaukpya Bridge and Laynya-Mandaing Bridge were built in Taninthayi Division and



Lt-Gen Maung Bo addresses the opening ceremony of Ye river crossing bridge in Mon state.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung delivers an address. — MNA



Rail Transportation Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min makes an address. — MNA

thus there is better transportation in the division. One can reach Kawthong by car from Mawlamyine.

With the aim of ensuring the bright future of the Union, roads and bridges are

being built and they are the good foundations of the State.

As these foundations are laid by Myanmar engineers with own strength and own technical know-how, they are

the historical landmarks that reflect the national characteristics in which the entire national people can take pride. It can also be said that it is relaying not only good physical heritage but also noble spiritual heritage from old generation to new generation youths.

Now preparations are being made for emergence of new State Constitution that will ensure stability and development of the State which the entire people aspire to.

The political process for building genuine democratic nation including emergence of a new State Constitution are practical political arrangements for the State.

Destructive elements within and without the country are now criticizing the endeavours for national development. Therefore, it is the duty of all citizens to ignore these criticisms and march to reach the goal of national development. All the national people are to take part in nation-building endeavours.

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Ye river crossing bridge. — MNA



Those present at the opening ceremony of Ye river crossing bridge. — MNA

There will be better transport ...

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In conclusion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo honoured those who engaged in building the Ye Bridge and urged them to maintain the bridge for its durability.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min said transportation is the basic requirement for development of a region. As the Ministry of Rail Transportation has been constructing new railroads and infrastructures in accord with the guidance of the State, total length of railroads in the country rose from 1,976.35 miles before 1988 to 2,998.36 miles, up 1,022.01 miles of new railroads, he said. Plans are under way to build 515.05 miles length of new railroads. Since 1989, the ministry has constructed a total of 3,435 bridges of various sizes along the railroads. With the encouragement of the State, engineers of Myanmar Railways, relying on the skill and competence of their own, were able to construct a 5,610-foot long railway tunnel on Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad section.

Despite heavy rain and high tide, Ye river crossing bridge, the project of which started on 12 July 2001, had been successfully constructed by the staff of Myanmar Railways with the assistance of departments concerned, encouragement of the local people, and co-operation of Tatmadawmen.

Thanks to the opening of the bridge, trains can ply between Mawlamyine and Dawei within a day and national brethren who live in Mon State and Taninthayi Division can enjoy social progress and economic development. On completion of Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) in the near future, Mon State and Taninthayi Division will be accessible from other states and divisions by car or train.

In the past, people had to cross the Ye river by boat braving various kinds of dangerous situations every day. Now, he was pleased to see students and the local people

crossing the bridge safely.

In conclusion, the minister urged the local people to maintain the bridge for its durability.

Speaking on the occasion, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung said that the Ye river-crossing Bridge, opened today, will contribute towards the economic boost of local people of both Mon State and Taninthayi Division, and facilitate the social activities to a greater degree. In particular, the bridge serves as a major lifeblood of transport that will accelerate the development pace in economic, social, education and health sectors.

He also expressed his thanks to the Head of State, who initiated the project, and officials of Myanmar Railways and engineers, who extended themselves to the project.

He later called upon the locals to do their every bit for regional development by making the most of smooth and secure transport system and maintain the bridge for its durability.



A train of MR carrying local people starts travelling on the Ye Bridge after the opening ceremony of the bridge. — MNA

On behalf of the local people, U Kyaw Thura, secretary of Ye Township USDA, spoke words of thanks for the construction of the bridge.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented gifts to engineers and officials of MR through senior engineer U Hla Thwin.

Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min formally opened the bridge, and Lt-Gen Maung Bo unveiled the stone inscription of the

bridge.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party had a documentary photo taken together with local national people.

The Ye Bridge is a bridge which links Mon State and Taninthayi Division by the Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei railroad.

In line with the guidance of the Head of State Senior General Than Shwe for cementing the friendship among national brethren in Mon State and Taninthayi

Division, the MR of the Ministry of Rail Transportation started the construction of the bridge on 12 July 2001 and finished it on 21 October 2003.

The bridge is 857 feet and 6 inches long and has a 16-foot-wide motor road and railroad with a four-foot-wide pedestrian lane on either side.

The bridge is built of iron frames and can stand 60 tons of load.

MNA

Seminar on industrial occupational relation concludes

YANGON, 26 Nov — The seminar on industrial occupational relation, jointly organized by the Ministry of Labour, the ASEAN and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare of Japan, continued its programmes for the third and the final day at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here this morning.

The Deputy Director-General of the Labour Department presided over the morning session of the seminar. Representatives of respective subcommittees put into discussions their findings. The seminar came to an end with the concluding remarks of Brig-Gen Win Sein, Deputy Minister for Labour. — MNA

General Thura Shwe Mann meets...

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Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department, Military Attaché of Myanmar to Thailand Col Ko Ko Maun were also present.

Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Oum Maolanon and Military Attaché Col Kasam Nakpun accompanied the visiting defence minister and party.

MNA

Mahura Dam in Hlegu Township opened

YANGON, 26 Nov — The opening ceremony of Mahura Dam (Ngamoeyek Supporting Dam) was held at the dam near Bwetgyi Village in Hlegu Township, Yangon North (District), this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen

Myint Swe, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, departmental heads of the ministry, local authorities, members of social organizations, teachers, students and local people totalling about 2,000.

First, the commander spoke on the occasion. He said the dam was the 154th irrigation facility constructed during the time of the State

Peace and Development Council and the 13th facility in Yangon Division. The division cultivated over 1.17 million acres of monsoon paddy and 250,000 areas of summer paddy every year.

To meet the monsoon paddy cultivation target, about 600,000 acres of paddy fields had to be protected from floods by building irrigation facilities, he said. A total of 65,000 acres of summer paddy fields in the division were irrigated by the dams in the division. To fully utilize water of the creek, Mahura dam was constructed, he added. In conclusion, the commander thanked Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, who gave guidance to implement the dam project, and the minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, Director U Khin Maung Yu and staff of Construction Group-1 of the Irrigation Department, who constructed the dam and urged local people to maintain the dam for its durability.

Next, the minister made

a speech.

Afterwards, U Kyi Aung, on behalf of the people, expressed thanks for construction of the dam. The minister formally unveiled the stone inscription of the dam.

Afterwards, the commander and the minister formally opened the dam.

Next, the commander, the minister and guests posed for a documentary photo together with the staff who constructed the dam and the local people. Later, the commander and party inspected round the dam.

After the ceremony, the director of Construction Group-1 reported to the commander and party on salient points of the dam. The commander gave necessary instructions.

Later, the commander and the minister inspected the herbal plant garden established by the ministry, irrigation tasks of Ngamoeyek dam, Hlawga herbal plant garden and construction of a reservoir in the garden. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin formally open the Mahura Dam in Hlegu Township in Yangon North District. — MNA



Implementation of projects for socio-economic development of all regions in the country

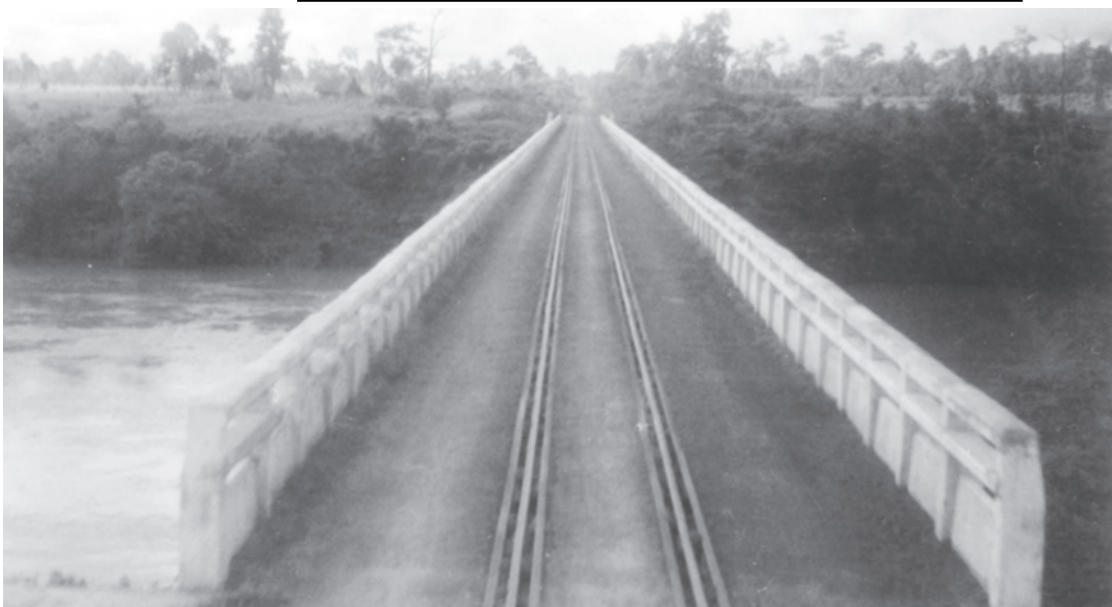
Tatmadaw men are engaging in nation-building endeavours. The photo shows Tatmadaw men building railroad at Namsam-Punchaung railroad section, part of Namsam-Saikkaung railroad in Shan State. The section is 55 miles long between Namsam and Punchaung.
PHOTO: YAY CHAN MYINT



Development of economic, social, education and health sectors of a region depends on easy access to it. Hence, it is accepted by all that better transportation leads to development. Nowadays, the government has been giving priority to ensuring better transportation of all the regions in the Union including far-flung areas. New railroads and motor roads are built all over the country. At the same time, existing ones are upgraded and renovated with the prodigal use of funds and machine power. The photo shows progress of the approach railroad to Ponnya Hill Mountain seen at Phyetmyaung Valley.— PHOTO: MNA



A bridge with over 100 feet was built across Kyaw Creek on Pakkokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad. The photo shows one of the bridges built on Pakkokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad. — PHOTO: MNA



The 595 feet long rail-cum-road Kabani Bridge was built across Manipur River between Kalay and Gangaw and it was opened on 16 June 1995.
PHOTO: MNA

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The WTO official arrived here last Saturday as part of a tour that will also take him to Honduras and Guyana.

Dated: 27th November, 2003

Rodrigues also spoke of the US resistance to discuss the agricultural issue during the FTAA meeting in Miami, saying that the United States refused to talk about its internal subsidies before the issue is addressed by the World Trade Organization (WTO).

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Statistics show that by the end of last year, the city had 1,180 private enterprises each with a registered capital of more than 10 million yuan (1.2 million US dollars), and three private firms each with annual output value of 10 billion yuan (1.2 billion US dollars). There were 20 private firms each with an annual output value of over one billion yuan. Currently, private businesses account for 80 per cent of the city's total wholesale enterprises and 90 per cent of the city's total retail and catering businesses.

From 1997 to 2002, more than 20,000 hectares of coca-leaf plantations were de-

The United States is leading a series of large-scale coca-leaf eradication programmes in Bolivia, Peru and Colombia, which are major producers of cocaine in the world.

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The surgical team at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore performs the second in a series of surgical procedures that will ultimately separate 19-month-old conjoined twins from the Philippines, Carl and Clarence Aguirre, in New York, on 24 Nov, 2003. A team of 16 doctors and nurses began the operation at 11:28 am, which included cutting through the skull and dividing and tying off some major blood vessels the boys share around their separate brains. —INTERNET

Study finds greater rich-poor gap among minorities in NY

NEW YORK, 26 Nov — There is a greater income gap among Hispanics, Asians and Blacks in New York State compared to Whites, a phenomenon experts link to poverty and immigration trends, reported *The New York Post* Monday.

The paper, citing an analysis of Census 2000 data by *The Associated Press*, said the gap between rich and poor Whites in New York is a bit narrower than the state's overall income gap. The income disparity for Blacks was closer to the state average, as it was for Asians and Hispanics. Put differently, the income levels of Whites in New York are more closely clustered than those of Blacks, Hispanics or Asians, the paper said. Roderick Harrison, a demographer at the Joint Centre for Political and Economic Studies, which focuses on issues concerning minorities, said income gaps would be greater among those non-White groups because a higher percentage of people have low incomes. —MNA/Xinhua

Time Warner sells music unit to Bronfman group

NEW YORK, 26 Nov — Time Warner Inc. on Monday said it would sell its Warner Music business to a group led by media mogul Edgar Bronfman Jr. for \$2.6 billion, in a move to trim the media group's debts and signalling a return of the former Seagram chairman to the music business.

The Bronfman group beat out a bid by EMI for the recorded music portion of the business for an estimated one billion US dollars. By choosing the Bronfman bid, Time Warner is forsaking 250 million US dollars to 300 million US dollars in cost savings it could have realized by combining with EMI, home to such acts as The Beatles and Radiohead. Warner Music artists include Madonna, Led Zeppelin and REM. On the other hand, Time Warner is getting more cash up front by selling the entire business, which includes the music publishing company, and will have an easier path to regulatory approval. In the past, European and US regulators have frowned on consolidation within the music business. —MNA/Reuters

Space tech to monitor China's huge water diversion project

WUHAN, 26 Nov — China has launched a two-year programme to monitor the ecological environment for a project to divert water from the country's Yangtze River to north China with remote sensing technology.

Wang Zhongfa, vice-director of the Yangtze River Water Resources Committee under the Ministry of Water Resources, said the monitoring programme, the first of its kind on the Chinese Mainland, would produce accurate information on the ecological environment relating to the project.

The middle route of the diversion project will be launched later this year, while the east route project through east China to Beijing was launched last year.

The water diversion project, known as the middle route project, will divert water from China's south to thirsty north China, and spans about 1,300 kilometres involving seven provinces and municipalities, including Henan Province in the central part of the country and Beijing, north China, said the official.

Remote sensing technology will be used to frequently monitor the quality of water in Danjiangkou Reservoir, the source of the water for diversion, the middle and lower valleys of the Hanjiang River, a tributary of the Yangtze River, and areas the water will be diverted to.

The reservoir embankment, soil erosion, water surface and vegetation in those areas will also be observed, said the official. He said the monitoring programme will enable decision makers to learn of the impact of the project on the environment and its development trend.

Approved in July of this year by the Ministry of Science and Technology, the monitoring project has been listed as part of China's State-funded high-tech programme. —MNA/Xinhua

Britain sets up new database to fight gun crime

LONDON, 26 Nov — The British Government launched a national database Tuesday to help police crack down on gun crime across the country.

The National Firearms Forensic Intelligence Database, which costs 1.1 million pounds, will store details of weapons used in incidents across the country, together with a description of the type of crime committed, and list matches, according to a BBC report. "Previously we were unable to undertake anything more than a local comparison which took several days. Now we are able to carry out a national check in a matter of hours," said Dave Werrett, chief executive of Britain's Forensic Science Service. The database will also store information such as the make, model and caliber of weapons used in crimes, plus details of any modifications or conversions.

It then uses an automated search system to analyze items such as gun cartridges and link together related incidents.

The system also compares fired ammunition from unsolved crimes with data from recovered weapons and suggests a list of possible matches.

According to the figures issued by the British Home Office last month, the number of gun crimes had increased to 10,250 by almost 3 per cent in the 12 months to March 2003. That was well below the 35 per cent rise in the previous year, when firearm offenses leapt from 7,362 to 9,974. The British Government has been facing pressure from the public and opposition parties to tackle gun crime after three shootings more than one month ago left two people dead and several injured. —MNA/Xinhua

World's oldest food store discovered in Germany

BERLIN, 26 Nov — Scientists in Germany have announced the discovery of a petrified hoard of 17-million-year-old nuts they say form the oldest known cache of stored food.

"These fossilized nuts are the oldest proof we have for mammals laying in food stores," Martin Sander, a palaeontologist from Bonn University, told *Reuters* on Tuesday. "In fact, they're the oldest store of food yet known from any animal."

His Bonn University colleague Carole Gee discovered the fossilized golden chinquapin nuts in a lignite mine near the western town of Garzweiler 10 years ago, but has only now gone public following extensive study of the findings.

"The nuts were very probably stored by a hamster or perhaps a ground squirrel," Gee said.

—MNA/Reuters

Household gas explosion kills two in Russia's South Urals

MOSCOW, 26 Nov — At least two people were killed and three others injured in a household gas explosion in Russia's South Urals Tuesday, the Emergency Ministry said.

The blast occurred at 12:30 pm Moscow time (0930 GMT) in a five-storey, four-section apartment building in the city of Kurgan, some 1,700 kilometres east Moscow.

"Early reports say gas exploded in an

apartment on the second floor. Five apartments caved in. Two persons were killed and three wounded," *Interfax* quoted a ministry spokesman as saying. Rescue operations are underway. —MNA/Xinhua

Italian blackout blamed on lack of market control

GENEVA, 26 Nov — A Swiss investigation into last September's crippling blackout in Italy has pointed to inadequate regulation of the European electricity market.

The Swiss Federal Office of Energy (FOE) also said on Tuesday that Swiss suppliers were slow to react to the Italian breakdown.

The FOE admitted that the Italian power outage was triggered by the rupture of a power line at the Lukmanier pass in central Switzerland.

But it said this had been triggered by an underlying lack of regulation in the European electricity market, with electricity suppliers failing to take into account the technical limitations of the power grid.

"There is clearly a need for binding regulations," the FOE report stated.

Investigators from the FOE also reiterated claims by the Swiss grid operator, Etrans, that the Italian operator was slow to react to a Swiss request to reduce electricity imports.

The slow response, coupled with a second line failure in San Bernadino, eventually led to the grid overload that cut Italy off from the rest of the European power network on September 28.

—MNA/Xinhua



Rudolf Schrape carves a shepherd figure out of lime-tree in his studio in Owschlag, some 140 kilometres (90 miles) north of Hamburg, northern Germany, on 25 Nov, 2003. The 76-year-old hobby carver produces creche art pieces according to the Christian tradition with a stable and the figures around the entire Holy Family. Schrape is one of the very few talents in northern Germany carving Christian sculptures, a handicraft that is more very well known in Bavaria. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Nuremberg coach Wolf hurt by spectator

BERLIN, 26 Nov—Nuremberg coach Wolfgang Wolf was injured by a spectator in his team's 1-0 defeat at leaders Alemannia Aachen in the German Second Division on Monday.

Wolf left the bench with a bleeding wound on the back of his head after being hit by an unidentified missile thrown from a section of the stands packed with Alemannia fans.

The incident happened when Alemannia striker Erik Meijer was sent off for dangerous play in the 71st minute after kicking Nuremberg goalkeeper Raphael Schaefer with his outstretched leg.

"This will have consequences," said Nuremberg president Michael A. Roth. The Nuremberg players left the pitch after the incident but the referee convinced them to come back and the game resumed following a five-minute break.

"I'm sorry if I was the cause for that," said Meijer. "What happened has nothing to do with football."

The German Football Association (DFB) was expected to launch a disciplinary investigation and Aachen could face a fine as well as a stadium ban for one or several games.

"We sincerely apologize to Wolfgang Wolf and to Nuremberg," said Aachen sporting director Joerg Schmadtke. — MNA/Reuters



Arsenal's Thierry Henry, right, celebrates the opening goal against Inter Milan's with teammate Ashley Cole, during their Champions League Group B soccer match at San Siro, Milan, Italy, on 25 Nov, 2003.

INTERNET

Deportivo move closer to last 16 with AEK win

LA CORUNA (Spain), 26 Nov—Deportivo Coruna took a step closer to the last 16 of the Champions League with a comfortable 3-0 win over AEK Athens in a Group C match at the Riazor on Tuesday.

They will qualify for the knockout phase of the competition as long as PSV Eindhoven do not beat them by a better score than 1-0 in their final match on December 10.

The result put Deportivo level on 10 points with leaders Monaco who drew 1-1 at home to PSV Eindhoven and ensured their qualification.

A 25-metre thunderbolt from defender Hector midway through the first half, a Juan Carlos Valeron strike at the start of the second and a simple finish from Albert Luque 20 minutes from time gave Depor an easy win against a disappointing AEK.

Anxious to erase the memory of their humiliating 8-3 defeat at the hands of Monaco three weeks ago, Deportivo made a positive start putting together a succession of slick attacking moves in the first half.

AEK, already out of the running for qualification after earning just one point in their previous four group matches, had little of the play and their only real chance came when Vassilios Tsiartas hit the top of the bar with a rising shot on 13 minutes.

Deportivo's Hector followed suit and tried his luck with a long range effort soon after, but only succeeded in hitting the top of the net with his dipping drive.

The defender had clearly found his range though and six minutes later he put the Galicians ahead with a spectacular rocket shot that hurtled into the net after he had pounced on a poor clearance from the AEK defence.

Depor eased up after the goal and although they continued to dominate for the

rest of the half they tended to over-elaborate in attack, giving the Greek side time to get men back in defence.

They moved up a gear after the break and Fran forced a sharp save from AEK keeper Christostomos Mihailides with a well-timed volley on 19 minutes, but Valeron hit the target in the very next attack.

Given space just outside the box, the Depor playmaker needed no second invitation before unleashing a fine drilled shot that spun under the keeper and into the net.

AEK appeared to lose heart after Valeron's goal and the game was effectively killed off in the 70th minute when striker Walter Pandiani sprung the offside trap raced unopposed towards goal and then laid off a neat pass to substitute Luque who guided in unopposed. — MNA/Reuters

FA charges striker Alan Smith with improper conduct

LONDON, 26 Nov—Leeds striker Alan Smith was charged on Tuesday with improper conduct by the English Football Association (FA) for throwing a bottle into the crowd during a game last month.

Smith, who threw an empty plastic bottle in Leeds' 3-2 defeat by Manchester United in the League Cup on October 28, had been arrested by police after the incident but released without charge.

The incident, however, cost him a place in the England squad on the eve of a friendly match against Denmark earlier this month.

Smith has two weeks to respond to the charges by the FA.— MNA/Reuters

Henry double leads Arsenal rout of Inter

MILAN, 26 Nov—Two goals from Thierry Henry led Arsenal to a 5-1 rout of Inter Milan on Tuesday, keeping the English side's Champions League hopes alive and sending Group B qualification down to the wire for all four teams.

Arsenal, badly weakened through injury, struck three times in the last five minutes to humiliate the Italians and become only the second English team to beat Inter at home in European competition.

Henry, outstanding throughout the game, opened the scoring in the 25th minute before Inter drew level eight minutes later through a deflected Christian Vieri shot.

Just four minutes after the interval Freddie Ljungberg restored Arsenal's advantage before Henry secured victory with a coolly taken goal on the break in the 85th minute.

Then came five minutes of madness as Inter's defence fell to pieces, with Brazilian Edu and Frenchman Robert Pires completing the scoring and leaving Inter facing an uncertain future in the competition.

After Lokomotiv Moscow beat Dynamo Kiev 3-2, all four teams know that a victory will see them through to the knockout stage. But Arsenal, who would have been eliminated with a loss at the San Siro, will fancy their chances as they have a home game against Lokomotiv to come while Inter, who must recover from one of their worst home results in European football, have the more testing task of travelling to Ukraine to face Dynamo.

The London side, missing French internationals Patrick Vieira and Sylvain Wiltord, went ahead with a beautifully worked goal. Pires fed the ball to Henry who slipped the ball inside the area to Ashley Cole and met the return pass with a perfectly executed shot from the edge of the area.

Inter drew level eight minutes later when Cristiano Zanetti robbed Ray Parlour in midfield and threatened the ball outside to Vieri whose left foot shot deflected off Arsenal defender Sol Campbell and looped over goalkeeper Jens Lehmann.

But Arsenal restored their advantage early in the second half when Henry burst down the left flank, cut inside and fed Ljungberg who coolly slotted past Toldo.

Inter lacked creativity in midfield and as they pushed forward looking for an equalizer they were caught out. The Arsenal defence cleared a corner and Henry raced clear before leaving Javier Zanetti standing and finding the bottom corner of the net.

That was bad enough for Inter but it was to get worse as they fell apart.

Henry set up Ljungberg whose mis-kicked shot squirted to Edu who drove in the fourth and substitute Jeremie Aliadiere made the fifth when his cross was buried by Pires at the second attempt.—MNA/Reuters

Ten-man Sociedad salvage 2-2 draw at Olympiakos

ATHENS, 26 Nov—Real Sociedad claimed a 2-2 draw away to Olympiakos in Champions League Group D on Tuesday despite having striker Darko Kovacevic sent off.

The Spaniards had to withstand a late barrage after losing Kovacevic to a second yellow card with 24 minutes to go and the score level at 1-1.

"I'm very happy to have got the point... We could have lost after losing a man," said Sociedad coach Raynald Denoueix. The Yugoslav striker got his marching orders after controlling the ball with his hand in the area.

The Greeks looked set to profit from the sending off when Uruguayan youngster Neri Castillo finished off a sweeping counter-attack by rounding goalkeeper Sander Westerveld to score three minutes later.

But Argentine defender Gabriel Schurrer produced a sumptuous strike to level proceedings in the 74th minute, volleying on the turn inside the box to leave goalkeeper Panis Katerynnakis no chance.

Sociedad stayed second in the group behind Juventus, whose game away to Galatasaray was postponed for a week and will be played at a neutral venue following the recent bomb attacks in Turkey.

The Spanish side took the lead on the half hour when Katerynnakis charged out of his area and left striker Igor Gabilondo with an open goal.

Olympiakos fought back in the second half to equalize with a thunderous long-range free kick from Ieroklis Stoltidis.

Late on the hosts pressed Sociedad back into their own box and had a succession of penalty appeals turned down as they pushed for a winner.

"Once again we didn't get the result we deserved," complained Olympiakos coach Oleg Protasov.

MNA/Reuters



Real Sociedad's Nihat Kahveci of Turkey, left, and Olympiakos' Christian Karembeu of France challenge for a high ball during a Group D Champions League soccer game between Olympiakos of Piraeus and Real Sociedad in Athens on 25 Nov, 2003.

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MRTV-3
27-11-2003 (Thursday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greetings
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 The Interesting Places
of Kachin State
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Fried Fermented Prawn)
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Myanmar Broom
9:25 National Dance "A
Dance to the Harvest"
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Ayeyawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-IV)
Song "Shadow of
Love"
9:40 Plaster Toys
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Myanmar Ramayana
(Human Weakness in
the face of Temptation)
(Part-XI) (Scene III)
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and see
Myanmar"

- 27-11-2003 (Thursday)**
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)
15:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanmar Sen-
timent"
15:36 The Interesting Places
of Kachin State
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Fried Fermented Prawn)
15:45 **National News**
15:50 Myanmar Broom
15:55 National Dances "A
Dance to the Harvest"
16:00 **National News**
16:05 Ayeyawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-IV)
Song "Shadow of Love"
16:10 Plaster Toys
16:15 **National News**
16:20 Myanmar Ramayana

- (Human Weakness in
the face of Temptation)
(Part-XI) (Scene III)
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
16:30 **National News**
16:35 Pakokku, the city on
the Western Bank of
the Ayeyawady River
Myanmar Cuisine
"Traditional moun bine
daunt"
16:45 **National News**
16:50 The Natural Beauty of
Inlay Lake Bird's Rest
Dance of the Maidens
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Travel & Description
(Lashio to Muse)
Song "Welcome to
Kachin State"
17:15 **National News**
17:20 Sri-Kestra Museum
(Pyi Cultural Site)
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greetings
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
19:36 Peaceful & Developed
Dawei
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Ridged gourd
and bean curd curry)
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Ayeyawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-III)
Fine Arts School, Fos-
tering of the Artists
20:00 **National News**
20:05 Myanmar Aspirations
for 22nd SEA Games
Song "Flower Alike"
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Thu Wana Tha Ma
JATAKA Scene (V)
Song "Dakukuku"
20:30 **National News**
20:35 Fisheries work in
Pyapon
Myanmar Cuisine
"Monhinga"
20:45 **National News**
20:50 Music for Your Ears
(Than Sann Lyric
Notes)
20:55 National Dance "Kay-
an Dance"
21:00 **National News**
21:05 Let's meet at the cafe!
Songs on Screen "Past
Merit"
21:10 Mogok, The Ruby
Land

- 21:15** **National News**
21:20 Kambozathadi Palace
of Conquerors
21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Myanmar Panorama &
Myanmar Sentiment"
21:35 The Interesting Places
of Kachin State
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the face of Temptation)
(Part-XI) (Scene III)
Song "Truth and
Beauty"

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22:45 **National News**
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23:00 **National News**
23:05 Travel & Description
(Mandalay to Lashio)
Myanmar Modern
Song "Welcome to
Kachin State"
23:15 **National News**
23:20 Sri-Kestra Museum
(Pyi Cultural Site)
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

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28-11-2003 (Friday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 01:30)
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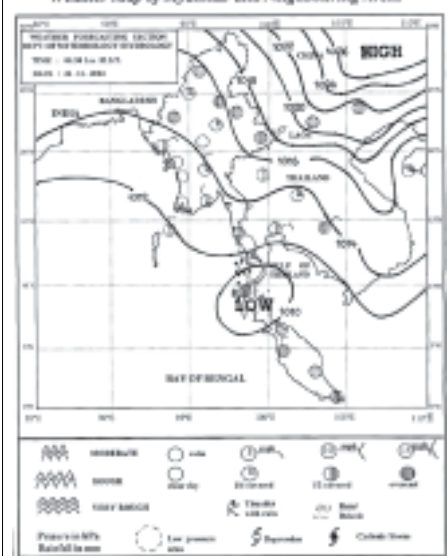
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(03:30 - 07:30)

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03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER**

Wednesday, 26 November, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were 6°C below normal in Ayeyawady Division, 3°C to 4°C below normal in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and about normal in the remaining states and divisions.

Maximum temperature on 25-11-2003 was 35.4°C (96°F). Minimum temperature on 26-11-2003 was 17.5°C (64°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 26-11-2003 was 65%. Total sunshine hours on 25-11-2003 was (8.9) hours approx. Rainfall on 26-11-2003 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 2211 mm (87.05 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2315 mm (91.14 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2394 mm (94.25 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from Northwest at (12:15) hours MST on 25-11-2003.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of the 27-11-2003:** Except for the possibility of isolated rain in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated rain in Southern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-11-2003:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-11-2003:** Generally fair.



Thursday, 27 November

View today:

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw U
Ottamathara
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:55 am
5. Dance of national races.
8:05 am
6. Dance variety
8:15 am
7. ရွာရွာချင်းစုစုလှည့်တံခွန်
8:30 am
8. International news

- 8:45 am**
9. Let's go
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:10 pm
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
4:25 pm
3. English for everyday use
4:35 pm
4. Musical programme
4:45 pm
5. အစားအသောက်သုံးစွဲခြင်း
စနစ်ပြောင်းလဲခြင်း
ပထမအပိုင်း (ရုက္ခဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒ၊
အကျဉ်း (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)
5:00 pm
6. Cute little dancers
5:15 pm
7. Musical programme
5:30 pm
8. (၂၂)ကြိမ်မြောက်အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ
အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲ အကြိုပြိုင်ဆိုင်
လေ့ကျင့်ပွဲ (အလေးစား)
5:45 pm
9. မြန်မာ့စာပေသင်တန်း

- 6 :00pm**
10. အေးလိမ္မော်ကလေးအနုပညာကဏ္ဍ
(လွင်စိုးမင်း၊ အောင်ကျော်စိုး၊ အောင်ကျော်စိုး၊
စိုးမြတ်နိုး၊ လှအောင်လိမ္မော်၊
ကြည်လင်းစိုး၊ ရွှေမိုးပွင့်
6:15 pm
11. ရဟန်းသွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်
6:30 pm
12. Evening news
7:00 pm
13. Weather report
7:05 pm
14. Milo success in
soccer
7:10 pm
15. ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်အကျဉ်းစနစ်ပြောင်းလဲခြင်း
7:25 pm
16. Musical programme
7:35 pm
17. အေးလိမ္မော် (အပိုင်း-၂)
8:00 pm
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. အဆိုအကန့်လန့်ချစ်စရာအသွင်
(အပိုင်း-၁)
21. The next day's
programme



Thursday, 27 November

Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
8.35 am Music
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music
8.50 am National news/
Slogan
9.00 am Music
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music
-Without youn
(Smantha Cole)
-I really miss you
(Scub 7)
9.00pm Aspects of Myanmar
- Sittwe Hotel
(U Aung Myo Thein)
9.10 pm Article/ Music
9.20pm Topics potpourri
-Spore develops flu
detective chip
Shanghai schools try
out bilingual
education see copy
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

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

**All arrangements afoot ...**

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livestock breeding tasks in the region. Emphasis must be therefore laid on cultivation of suitable strains of paddy and crops and high-land cultivation.

Tonzang Township needs to extend agricultural work to ensure regional food sufficiency and at the same time to grow tea on a commercial scale, he said.

In accordance with the

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt makes an address at the meeting with departmental staff, social organizations and townsenders at Chinshwepyit Hall in Tonzang, Chin State.

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guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe on ensuring Chin State to be a tea garden of the nation, endeavours are to be made to cross the tea growing projects.

The domesticated wild oxen thrive well in Chin State and thus the government is providing loans for the region. At a time when the government has been taking measures for ensuring development of the region in all-round sectors, local people, in their part, are to make strenuous efforts for regional development and raising the regional economic and living standards, he said.

Next, the General presented a computer set, a TV set, a Video Cassette Player

and an inverter set to Tonzang Basic Education High School through Township Education Officer U Htanhe and Headmaster U Hlyan Khant Hswin, and clothes to local people through the township chairman. On arrival at Tonzang Township People's Hospital, the Prime Minister comforted the patients and inspected the building of the hospital and fulfilled the requirements.

The Prime Minister, the Secretary-1 and party headed for Tonzang BEHS, where they were welcomed by the headmaster, teachers and students. The Prime Minister looked into construction of a two-storey building, audio room, language lab, computer skills room and computer aided instruction room and

attended to the needs.

Afterwards, they went to Kyikha where they were welcomed by officials, departmental staff, members of social organizations and local people. At Kyikha General Administration Department, the Prime Minister held a meeting with departmental officials, social organizations, townsenders and local people. On the occasion, the head of the GAD reported on regional development tasks including facts about location, area and population of the region, agricultural tasks, condition of regional food sufficiency, and livestock breeding, education, health and transport sectors. Col Tin Hla gave a supplementary report.

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Dignitaries at the meeting of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and departmental staff, social organizations and townsenders in Tonzang. — MNA

Myanmar-China tennis friendly continues

YANGON, 26 Nov — The third day final tennis matches between Myanmar and China took place at Theinbyu Tennis Court this morning. As double events, Yang Jing Zhu and Na Wei of China played against Khin Maung Win and Amy Tun of Myanmar; Li Can and Ma Jiang Ling of China against Zaw Zaw Latt and Chit Su Yi of Myanmar; Chen Xin and Jiang Ting of China against Min Min and Kyi Mya Zaw of Myanmar; and Tan Hai Yun and Ding Ying of China against Tu Maw and Moe Chit The of Myanmar. As single events, Li Can of China played against Tu Maw of Myanmar, and Tan Hai Yun of China against Zaw Zaw Latt of Myanmar. —MNA

General Thura Shwe Mann meets with Thai Defence Minister

YANGON, 26 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thura Shwe Mann met with Defence Minister Gen-

eral Thammarak Isarangura and party of Thailand at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall on Konmyintha at 2 pm today.

Present together with General Thura Shwe Mann

were members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy)

Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commaader-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Military Appointment General Maj-

Gen Hsan Hsint, Defence Services Inspector-General Brig-Gen Thein Htaik, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, (See page 10)



General Thura Shwe Mann receives Minister for Defence of Thailand General Thammarak Isarangura and party at Zeyathiri Beikman. —MNA