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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

59th Anniversary Independence Day to be observed with political essence in accord with four national objectives

**Secretary-1 addresses coordination meeting of Central Committee
for Observing 59th Anniversary Independence Day**



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses coordination meeting of Central Committee for Observing 59th Anniversary Independence Day. — MNA

Objectives of 59th Anniversary Independence Day

- All the national people to join hands forever for safeguarding the national independence and sovereignty of the State;
- All the national people to collectively safeguard non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity;
- All the national people to make concerted efforts for the emergence of an enduring constitution and building of a new, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation; and
- All the national people to work in concert for the success of the seven-step Road Map of the State with Union Spirit and the patriotic spirit.

NAY PYI TAW, 24

Nov — Chairman of the Central Committee for Observing the 59th Anniversary Independence Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address at the coordination meeting of the central committee at the hall of the Prime Minister's Office, here, this morning.

Also present at the meeting were members of the Central Committee Commander of Nay Pyi

Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, directors-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office and the Prime Minister's Office, departmental heads and subcommittee members.

First, the Secretary-1 delivered an opening speech. He said that it was the first coordination meeting for observing the 59th Anniversary Independence Day which falls on 4 January 2007.

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DR MYAT MYAT OHN KHIN (TMD)



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Increasing mutual cooperation attests to improving Myanmar-Thai friendship

Myanmar, adhering to independent and active foreign policy in the international relations, deals with other countries, especially with her neighbours and ASEAN members through friendship. She is also putting enthusiastic efforts into the regional development tasks and the economic and science and technology sectors in collaboration and in co-ordination with those congenial nations.

At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win, a goodwill delegation led by Thai Prime Minister General Surayud Chulanont paid a visit to Myanmar the other day.

During his goodwill visit, the Thai Prime Minister conferred with his Myanmar counterpart at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence in Nay Pyi Taw. The meeting focused on bilateral cooperation for mutual interests.

Sharing the common border, Myanmar and Thailand are working in concert in the sectors of energy, science and technology and human resource development and anti-narcotic drugs campaign.

It is believed that in accordance with the fine tradition of the improving friendship between the two countries, the goodwill visit of Thai Prime Minister General Surayud Chulanont will further enhance bilateral cooperation in the economic sphere and sector-wise mutual collaboration between Myanmar and Thailand.

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People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses Work Efficiency Enhancement Course (Officer) No 1/2006 of IPRD. — MNA

IPRD to strive for durability of over 50,000 self-reliant village libraries

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met with trainees at the Work Efficiency Enhancement Course (Officer) No 1/2006 of Information and Public Relations Department at Pyinmana District IPRD in Pyinmana this afternoon.

The minister was welcomed by Director-General of IPRD U Chit

Naing, Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodical Enterprise, Joint Secretary of Pyinmana District Union Solidarity and Development Association U Aung Khin and officials.

In meeting with the trainees, the minister said that altogether 53 train-

ees including 41 heads of township IPRDs are attending the course. A total of 14 work guidelines have been adopted for carrying out tasks of the Ministry of Information. The training courses were opened to enhance work efficiency. Trainees are to try their best to gain knowledge from the training courses and to apply them in the tasks in line with 14

points of work guideline. He stressed the need to undertake functions of the ministry conscientiously. IPRD is to strive for durability of over 50,000 self-reliant village libraries with designated ways and means.

Next, the minister cordially greeted the trainees and left necessary instructions to officials. — MNA

Eye surgical instruments donated to N Okkalapa Hospital

YANGON, 24 Nov — Under the Project of JGGA (Japan's Grassroots Grant Assistance), JGGA and Helen Keller International donated eye surgical instruments to North Okkalapa General Hospital on 22 November.

Second Secretary Mr Takashi Okuma of the

Japanese Embassy and Dr Roytjiong of Helen Keller International presented the surgical instruments worth \$ 92,238 to Director Dr Kyaw Lin of Health Department. Medical Superintendent of the hospital Dr Mya Thaung gave the gifts to the donors.

Professor Dr Mya

Cash and kind donated to Myaungmya Jail

YANGON, 24 Nov — Members of domestic non-governmental organizations visited the hostels and

Aung of the hospital expressed thanks for the donations. And the donors and officials viewed the eye surgical room of the hospital. — MNA

hospital of Myaungmya Jail on 17 November morning.

During their visit, they comforted the inmates and helped them send letters to their families. They provided food-stuff, clothes and medicines worth K 110,000 for the prisoners. — MNA

More substance must be added to India-China ties

NEW DELHI, 23 Nov—Suggesting that India and China take a long-term view of their relationship, President A P J Abdul Kalam Tuesday night said more substance should be added to the strategic relationship.

“The regional and global perspective of our ties further necessitates that we take a long-term and strategic view of our relationship. We need to add more substance and meaning to our strategic relationship,” he said in his speech at the banquet in honour of Chinese President Hu Jintao.

Kalam said the two countries could together strengthen the global quest for multipolarization and multilateralism and harness the positive forces of globalization for the

benefit of developing countries.

He said the traditional friendship and civilizational contact continued to provide a strong underpinning to the development of present day dialogue and interaction.

Favouring a joint mission in the area of trade for higher and more competitive output, he said “this will lead to a more prosperous and better world”.

“Our healthy economic growth and steady national development is a stabilizing factor in today's international economic order,” he said adding that positive trends in India-China relations promoted peace, stability and harmonious development in the region.

He said “close cooperation between us is imperative for the overall betterment of humanity”.

MNA/PTI

US Marine pleads guilty in slaying of Iraqi man

WASHINGTON, 23 Nov—A US Marine pleaded guilty to reduced charges Tuesday in the slaying of Iraqi civilian in April, becoming the fourth of eight soldiers to admit wrongdoing in the case.

According to CNN

Television, Jerry E Shumate Jr pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and conspiracy to obstruct justice at a military court in California. As part of his plea deal, the original charges of murder, kidnapping, conspiracy and related

offence will be dismissed.

A sentence will be announced weeks later. Shumate was on his first tour in Iraq when he and six other Marines and a Navy corpsman seized a

52-year-old Iraqi man from his home in the village of Hamdania, Iraq, bound and gagged him and then shot him to death.

MNA/Xinhua

Beijing policemen participate in an anti-terror drill organized by Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau in Beijing on 22 Nov, 2006. —XINHUA

Analysis says global warming already killing species

WASHINGTON, 22 Nov—Animal and plant species have begun dying off or changing sooner than predicted because of global warming, a review of hundreds of research studies contends.

These fast-moving adaptations come as a surprise even to biologists and ecologists because they are occurring so rapidly.

At least 70 species of frogs, mostly mountain-dwellers that had nowhere to go to escape the creeping heat, have gone extinct because of climate change, the analysis says. It also reports that between 100 and 200 other cold-dependent animal species, such as penguins and polar bears are in deep trouble.

“We are finally seeing

species going extinct,” said University of Texas biologist Camille Parmesan, author of the study. “Now we’ve got the evidence. It’s here. It’s real. This is not just biologists’ intuition. It’s what’s happening.”

Her review of 866 scientific studies is summed up in the journal Annual Review of Ecology, Evolution and Systematics. Parmesan reports seeing trends of

animal populations moving northward if they can, of species adapting slightly because of climate change, of plants blooming earlier, and of an increase in pests and parasites.

Parmesan and others have been predicting such changes for years, but even she was surprised to find evidence that it’s already happening; she figured it would be another decade away.—Internet



An Indonesian rescue team search for victims near a gas pipeline explosion in Sidoarjo, East Java Province, on 23 Nov, 2006. The Indonesian gas pipeline exploded near the city of Surabaya on Java island, killing at least eight people, officials said on Thursday.—XINHUA

Gas pipeline explosion kills five in Indonesia

SURABAYA (Indonesia), 23 Nov—An Indonesia gas pipeline exploded, killing at least five people and injuring nine others on Wednesday near Indonesia’s second largest city of Surabaya on Java Island, an official said.

Antara, the official state news agency, said the pipeline was part of state-owned Pertamina East Java Gas Pipeline that feeds gas to various companies.

“We have identified five people who died,” Win Hendrarso, chief of Sidoarjo Regency, near Surabaya, told Reuters. He said at least nine others were injured and there could be more victims.

Officials said most of those killed by

the blast, which occurred at around 7:30 pm (1230 GMT), were military and other government personnel involved in trying to secure a mud flow area and control damage from it.

Authorities have been struggling for months to plug a massive flow of hot mud experts say could have been triggered by a crack about 6,000 feet (1,800 metres) deep inside an exploratory well drilling operation near Indonesia’s second largest city of Surabaya on Java Island. It was not immediately clear if the mud flow was a factor in the pipeline explosion.

MNA/Reuters

Japanese robot maker Tmsuk President (R) introduces the robot “Ubiko” which can recognize human voice and speaks to guests as a guide or receptionist, at a press preview in Tokyo recently.—INTERNET





A new Airbus A380 plane takes off for a test flight after its arrival at Guangzhou's Baiyun Airport, south China's Guangdong Province, on 22 Nov, 2006. The new Airbus A380 plane landed here on Wednesday to start its test flights in China's inland.—XINHUA

China aims to export \$120b worth of vehicles in 10 years

BEIJING, 22 Nov—China aims to lift the value of its vehicle and auto parts exports to 120 billion US dollars, or 10 per cent of the world's total vehicle trading volume, in the next 10 years, said Vice-Minister of Commerce Wei Jianguo here recently.

Over the past few years, China's exports of vehicles and parts have grown rapidly. In 2005, exports reached 10.9 billion dollars, an increase of 34 per cent on the previous year, the official said.

Currently, he noted, China's exports of vehicles and auto parts made up only 0.7 per cent of the world's total vehicle trading volume.

MNA/Xinhua



101EX is the latest experimental model to come from Rolls-Royce, hand-built to explore a design direction for a modern coupé. Following the same uncompromising approach employed for the Phantom, the new car is an engineering-led design wrapped in a sleek, rakish coupé body.—XINHUA

Two Italians released shortly after abduction in Gaza

GAZA, 22 Nov—Two Italians working for International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) were released unharmed on Tuesday midnight shortly after their kidnapping in Gaza earlier in the day, Palestinian security officials said.

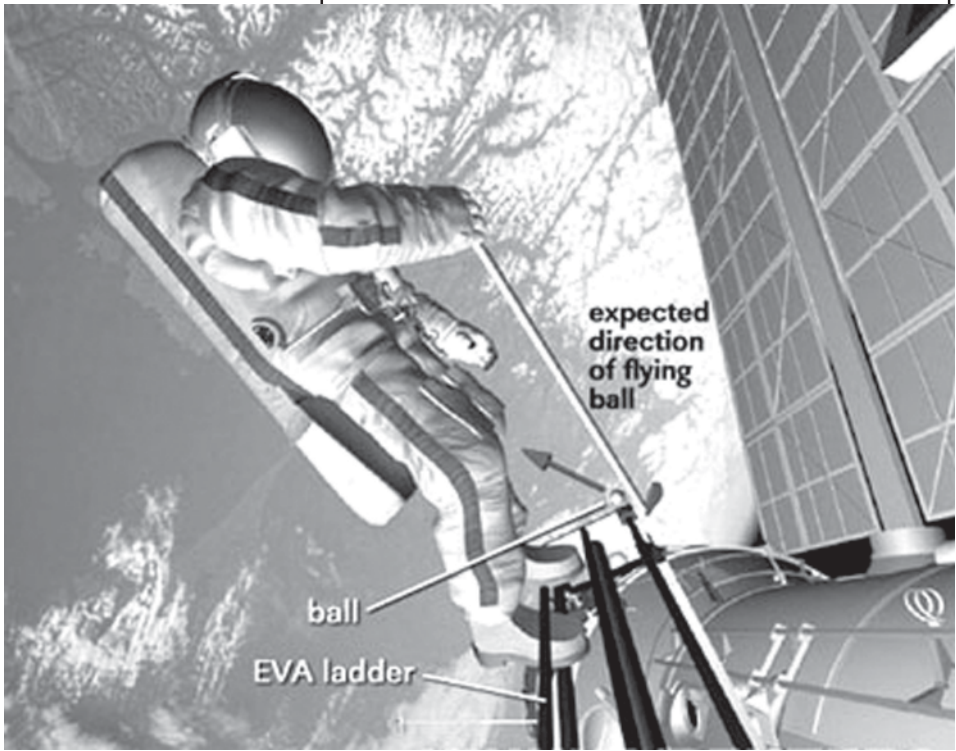
The officials said that the kidnappers had run

away after they dropped the two hostages, a male and a female, near a police station in central Gaza Strip. "Then the two walked towards the police station," they said, adding that security members who arrived the scene shortly after receiving the report from the police station have taken the two

to a hotel in Gaza.

However, the kidnappers' identity is still unknown as no one had claimed responsibility for the abduction, said the officials.

MNA/Xinhua



A NASA computer graphic shows the position of Mikhail Tyurin when he hits a golf ball during his spacewalk from the International Space Station, on 22 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Chinese court sentences bus hijacker to 12 years

BEIJING, 22 Nov—A Beijing court has sentenced a man to 12 years in jail for hijacking a bus in the city last December with two home-made guns, a state newspaper said on Tuesday.

The man Liu Meixiang from the eastern province of Jiangsu, said he had hijacked the bus to draw

attention to a "personal problem," the *Beijing Youth Daily* said.

It said he was protesting the police's seizure of an unregistered vehicle for non-payment of taxes and his subsequent arrest for threatening police with a knife while trying to recover the vehicle.

The newspaper showed pictures of Liu

struggling with police and security guards after the sentence was handed down, quoting him as shouting."

How will my problem be resolved? You can't just sentence me I don't agree!"

It did not say whether anyone was injured during the hijacking.

MNA/Reuters



Vietnam, Laos to strengthen bilateral cooperation

HANOI, 22 Nov — Vietnam and Laos agreed to beef up their bilateral cooperation, especially on legislation, economy, culture, and science and technology, their top legislators said Tuesday.

During their talks on Tuesday, Chairman of the National Assembly of

Vietnam Nguyen Phu Trong and his visiting Lao counterpart Thongsing Thammavong reached consensus on deepening and broadening bilateral cooperation between the two legislatures as well as fostering their coordination in regional and international forums.

They agreed to intensify exchanging visits, sharing experiences about law construction, and enhancing information dissemination about the Vietnam-Laos relations for the future of each country and their stable relation deve-

lopment. The two sides also agreed to accelerate the implementation of bilateral agreements on such spheres as economy, culture, science and technology and border.

Trong said the visit, the first overseas trip by Thongsing Thammavong as a Lao top legislator, will contribute to consolidating and promoting the special solidarity and comprehensive cooperation between Vietnam and Laos in general and the ties between the two assemblies in particular.

MNA/Xinhua

Boeing rivals protest Air Force copter pact

WASHINGTON, 22 Nov — Lockheed Martin Corp and United Technologies Corp have filed protests over an Air Force contract to Boeing Co for a 15 billion dollar combat-helicopter programme, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Tuesday. Lockheed and United Technologies' Sikorsky Aircraft Corp unit separately have asked the Government Accountability Office, Congress' investigative arm, to review the award to Boeing for 141 search-and-rescue helicopters, instead of appealing directly to the Air Force or in court, said the report.

Both companies bid for the contract with newer models than Boeing's variant of its Vietnam-era Chinook, which the Air Force said offered the "best value" and could enter service sooner than the two competitors, according to the report.—MNA/Xinhua



A marble bust titled "Medusa" sculpted by Gian Lorenzo Bernini is exhibited, after a restoration, at the Capitoli Museums in Rome on 22 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

Killers targeting blacks sentenced to life in prison

LOS ANGELES, 23 Nov—Three gang members were sentenced to life in prison without parole on conviction of deadly hate-crime attacks against African Americans, it was reported Tuesday.

They were convicted of carrying out a conspiracy that violated their victims' rights to live and walk in Highland Park, Los Angeles. The conspiracy included several killings, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

The convicts, members of the Latino gang "the Avenues", had been prosecuted for breaking federal hate-crime laws—statutes typically used against White supremacist groups.

Gilbert "Lucky" Saldana, 27, Alejandro "Bird" Martinez, 28, and Fernando "Sneaky"

Cazares, 25, were each sentenced to life imprisonment on Monday for their parts in the murders of two African American men.

A fourth gang member, Porfirio "Dreamer" Avila, 31, is scheduled to be sentenced 18 December.

MNA/Xinhua



A solar-powered Swiss catamaran sails in Guadalquivir River in Seville on 23 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET

Ten-month-old Chinese boy recovers from liver transplant

SHANGHAI, 23 Nov—A 10-month-old Chinese boy is recovering from a liver transplant last month and is expected to be discharged from a Shanghai Hospital soon, doctors said on Wednesday.

Liu Mingrui had progressed well, overcoming acute rejection and other difficulties since the transplant was carried out on 21 October, said a doctor with the transplant centre of the Shanghai

Renji Hospital.

Doctors spent 13 hours in surgery to transplant one-sixth of the liver of Liu's mother into his body. Liu was said to be the youngest person to have received a liver transplant in China. The organ was functioning well, said the doctor. Liu, from central China's Henan Province, became jaundiced started losing weight when he was three months old.

He was diagnosed with congenital atresia of the

biliary duct and underwent surgery in a local hospital to no avail.

Liu's father and mother feared for his survival after the failed operation, Liu's mother was quoted as saying by doctors.

On hearing that only a liver transplant could save his life, the couple came to Renji Hospital in Shanghai. Doctors carried out a thorough examination and conducted the surgery on 21 October.

MNA/Xinhua

India signs historic pact on setting up ITER

MUMBAI, 23 Nov—India and six other members of a global consortium Tuesday signed an agreement in Paris on establishing an experimental fusion reactor that will seek to emulate the Sun to produce energy.

India, China, Japan, South Korea, Russia, the US and the European Union signed the agreement of the International Fusion Energy Organization to build the 12.8-billion-dollar reactor after a decade of negotiations, officials of the Department of Atomic Energy said.

Atomic Energy Commission Chairman

Anil Kakodkar headed the Indian delegation to the ceremony held at Elysee Palace in Paris and hosted by French President Jacques Chirac and European Union President M Jose Manuel Durao Barroso.

The thermonuclear

facility originally known as the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor from now will be known by its abbreviation ITER which, incidentally, is a Latin word meaning 'the way'.

MNA/PTI



Microsoft Corp launched a digital video download service on Wednesday allowing Xbox 360 owners to buy television shows and rent movies, making the company the first console maker to offer such a service.—XINHUA

Manila stops real version of "Snakes on a Plane"

MANILA, 23 Nov—Manila Airport officials prevented a real life version of horror flick "Snakes on a Plane" this week when they stopped more than 130 reptiles, including poisonous cobras, from boarding a

flight to Bangkok.

Dozens of lizards, wearing diapers to conceal the stench of their urine, and 60 snakes concealed in water bottles, were discovered on Tuesday inside two suitcases belonging to a Filipino woman, airport officials said.

Security officers noticed something moving when her luggage was being X-rayed.

One of the nappy-clad lizards reportedly died due to heat.—MNA/Reuters



Magician David Blaine is suspended and handcuffed in a gyroscope above the Times Square in New York, the United States, on 22 Nov, 2006.

XINHUA

Hu savours world “Treasure” of Taj Mahal

AGRA (India), 23 Nov — Chinese President Hu Jintao put aside his official duties on Wednesday to soak up the beauty of the Taj Mahal, the centuries-old Indian monument to love that has dazzled world leaders and celebrities alike.

Hu, accompanied by his wife, Liu Yongqing, strolled around the white marble monument built by Mughal Emperor Shah-jahan in the 17th Century as a symbol of his enduring love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal.

“The Wonder of the World and a treasure for human beings,” Hu wrote in the visitor’s book after a 45-minute tour of the monument, accompanied by dozens of Chinese and Indian officials and watched over by scores of police in the complex.

As he entered the monument complex through its east gate, Hu stopped for a moment and took a step back as he

looked at the onion-shaped marble dome, as if struck by its beauty, and then smiled.

The Chinese leader, dressed in a black coat and trousers with a white

shirt, was taken to the tomb which houses the marble cenotaphs of Mumtaz and Shahjahan, below which lie their graves, side by side.

MNA/Reuters



China will invest 1.5 trillion yuan (190 billion US dollars) to increase the nation’s rail network to over 90,000 kilometres by 2010. —XINHUA



Contestants eat turkeys in the Thanksgiving Invitational Turkey-Eating Championship in New York on 22 Nov, 2006. While millions of Americans will sit down on Thursday to enjoy a traditional turkey roast, eight self-confessed gluttons instead set out eat an entire 12-pound turkey as fast as possible.—XINHUA

Doctors try to save China’s first “mermaid” baby

CHANGSHA, 23 Nov— With round-the-clock care from doctors and nurses, a baby born with a rare congenital defect known as sirenomelia, or “mermaid syndrome”, is still alive 2 weeks after being found abandoned outside a children’s hospital in central China’s Hunan Province.

The baby, 21 centimetres long and weighing 2.45 kg, is in a stable condition, said Xu Zhiyue, head of the intensive care department of the Hunan Provincial Children’s Hospital, based in the provincial capital

Changsha.

Ultrasonic tests show the baby is a boy. Doctors were keeping the baby alive via peritoneal dialysis, said Xu. Peritoneal dialysis is a treatment for people suffering kidney failure.

It does the work that healthy kidneys normally do, cleaning the blood and removing waste and excess water from the body. The baby was found in front of the hospital gate, apparently abandoned by its parents, and

admitted to the hospital on 12 November. A note found inside the baby’s clothes says only that the baby was born on 9 November. The baby’s two legs are joined together from thigh to heel. Doctors said the baby also suffers from severe internal defects — it has no kidney or urinary tract, its heart does not function properly, its anus and genitals are under-developed, its alimentary tract is deformed and its intestines obstructed.

“It is very difficult to conduct peritoneal dialysis on newborns, but the procedure is producing positive results,” said Zhu Yimin, president of the hospital, adding that dialysis was helping the baby discharge waste from its body and thereby creating better conditions for further treatment

MNA/Xinhua



Residents gather at the scene of bomb attacks in Baghdad’s Sadr City on 23 Nov, 2006. Six car bombs killed more than 140 people in a Shi’ite stronghold in Baghdad on Thursday, one of the bloodiest attacks since the US invasion and likely to inflame sectarian passions in a nation sliding toward civil war.

INTERNET

Wall collapse kills six, injuring 25 in eastern Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 23 Nov — At least six school children were killed and 25 others were injured when wall of their school collapsed after hit by a tractor-trolley in eastern Pakistan on Tuesday, state-run APP reported.

The children were studying under the shade of the wall in Muhammadia Mosque school at the city of Hafizabad in eastern Punjab Province.

The entire wall fell on children after the tractor smashed into it, killing six children on the spot.

The injured children were taken to a nearby hospital. One child in critical condition has been shifted to Lahore, capital of Punjab Province.

MNA/Xinhua

Gun shop explosion kills one, wounds four in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 23 Nov— Explosion at a gun shop in Afghanistan’s southern Kandahar Province killed one person and injured four others on Wednesday, a local police officer Abdul Ali said. All the victims are common civilians, police said.

“The incident took place at 12:30 pm local time in the old bazaar of Kandahar City,” Abdul Ali told Xinhua. Five gun shops were destroyed and a mosque was partially damaged, he added.

The reason for the explosion, the officer added, could be the gunpowder kept carelessly in a shop.

MNA/Xinhua

Suicide car bomb hits US patrol in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 Nov— A suicide car bomb struck a US military patrol in a town in western Iraq on Wednesday, witnesses said.

“A suicide bomber drove his explosive-laden car into a US patrol at about 9:00 am (0600 GMT) in the Haqlaniyah Town, some 170 kilometres northwest of Baghdad,” local witnesses told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The blast destroyed a US Humvee, causing undetermined casualties among the US soldiers aboard, they said.

The US troops cordoned off the area, blocking the bridge between the town and the nearby Haditha City, they said, adding American soldiers searched the nearby houses and detained some residents.—MNA/Xinhua

Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference

with the objective of benefiting traditional medicine

Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin (TMD)

The government has been holding the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference annually since 2000 to collectively lay down future work plans for the development of traditional medicine. In the past, Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners held their meetings in Mandalay and Kachin State in 1997, Shan State in 1998 and Ayeyawady Division in 1999. The Seventh Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference will be convened at University of Nursing in Yangon on 25 and 26 November with the lofty aims of developing Myanmar traditional medicine and uplift of the dignity of the traditional medicine practitioners.

We can witness leaders of the State giving priority to providing assistance to the conference. Thanks to the government's encouragement, the traditional medicine is on the rise again as it was during the time when Myanmar was under her own monarchs. However, the status of traditional medicine was in a state of decline during the colonial era because of the oppressions of the alien rulers. But only because of the efforts and enduring spirit of patriotic Myanmar people, the profession never died nor vanished.

Traditional medicine was born together with the Myanmar civilization. Because of the traditional medicine, ancient Myanmar people were fit and healthy and able to defend the nation well.

The first firm record of the traditional medicine was the participation of the physicians together with court officials and other guests in the ceremony to mark King Thadoe Zabudipa Dazayaza's accession to the throne. He was a king of the second Tagaung dynasty. According to the record, traditional medicine was flourishing and there were court physicians.

According to stone inscriptions, there was a large number of physicians in Myanmar during the Bagan era. And when King Anawratha tried to propagate Buddhism in his Bagan empire, the Buddhism treatises he used or referred to also included medical treatises.

Mostly, people of Bagan learnt the medical treatises by heart. So no written records of the traditional medicine of Bagan era can be found today, but those of Inwa and Konboug eras tell today's people about the medical terms used during the Bagan era and the regions where herbal plants thrived well.

Other historical records tell us about the high health standard and medical knowledge of people during Inwa era, luminaries of the medical field, rural health care services during the reign of King Alung Mintaya, the king's army that comprised a large number of physicians and medical staff and the emergence of court physicians and public health care

practitioners.

During the early and late Konboug era, the Myanmar traditional medicine was in its heyday and many prominent practitioners discovered new medicine and therapies. Thanks to the availability of theoretical and practical medical studies, public health care could be provided sufficiently in the whole nation then.

Mongkai administer and librarian Maha Thiri Zeyathu was able to collect about 160 different kinds of medical treatises at the time when upper Myanmar fell under colonial occupation. During the time when the country was under her own monarchs, there were court physicians specialized in the respective branches of medical science. Those specialists also treated commoners.

During the Konboug era, the Myanmar diplomatic missions visiting foreign countries included traditional medicine practitioners.

However, when the country fell under colonial subjugation, the occupiers began to suppress the Myanmar traditional medicine and the practitioners. Myanmar patriots fought back the colonialists, and when they were wounded in the battles to liberate the nation, traditional medicine practitioners were there to provide medical assistance. The colonial government made restrictions against the practitioners and coerced them into staying away from visiting patriots taking footholds in the faraway places of the nation. The colonialists then made systematic efforts to eliminate and oppress practitioners and Myanmar traditional medicine.

However, Myanmar people continued to place their reliance on traditional medicine and promoted the standard of Myanmar traditional medicine. So, there emerged many famous traditional medicine practitioners across the nation. Through the traditional medicine, they cured plague, small pox, and cholera that occurred as epidemics in the nation in the colonial period. After Taungtha Saya Hme had compiled "Plague Therapy Treatise" and Thonze U Pan Tha, "Bjadhivisela or Small Pox Therapy Treatise", other traditional medicine practitioners applied those therapies to cure the diseases. During the Fascist period, due to medicine shortage, medical staff of hospitals including Yangon General Hospital had to rely on traditional medicine practitioners and traditional medicines to cure various diseases except the diseases that needed surgical operations.

Realizing the value of Myanmar traditional medicine, the colonialists on 14 January 1928 formed a committee for assessing traditional medicine. In January 1930, the committee submitted a report to the British government and released it for public

information. However, the British government failed to pay due attention to the drive for promotion of the role of the traditional medicine.

In the post-independence period, the government took responsibilities for opening of traditional medicine clinics. It organized a seminar on traditional medicine in 1969, and a conference on traditional medicine in 1972. It sent delegate groups of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners abroad to deal with other nations in the field of traditional medicine.

In 1976, the Institute of Traditional Medicine (Mandalay) was established, and since then it has been producing qualified traditional medicine practitioners. In 2001, the international level University of Traditional Medicine was opened in Mandalay. Under the guidance of the Head of State, it has conducted the one-year course eight times. So far, the number of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners with certificates to practise medicine is 5,471.

In accord with the future tasks laid down by the traditional medicine practitioners' conference, the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association was formed in 2002. Up to now, nine herbal plants gardens have been established. The 135-acre herbal plant garden being established under the guidance of the Head of State in Nay Pyi Taw consists of six blocks of herbal plants used for medicines to cure the six major diseases — malaria, TB, diarrhoea, dysentery, diabetes and hypertension. The government conducted educative courses and seminars for enabling the traditional medicine practitioners and traditional medicine manufacturers to produce traditional medicines in accordance with GMP. To date, 8,149 kinds of traditional medicines have been registered and 1,444 production licences, issued under Traditional Medicine Law prescribed on 25 July 1996. The government is also releasing notifications to ban production of traditional medicines disqualified or unfit for human consumption.

In response to greater reliance the people have placed on traditional medicines, the government has opened 14 traditional medicine hospitals and 237 traditional medicine health care centres in states and divisions. Traditional medicine factories in Yangon and Mandalay are fulfilling the demands on traditional medicines.

With the aim of promoting and propagating traditional medicine and providing community health care, various courses on traditional medicine and health care with the use of traditional medicines are being constantly conducted township-wise.

Work programmes on traditional medicines are implemented with added momentum, attesting to effectiveness of the resolutions passed by the traditional medicine practitioners' conference that has been held annually since 2000.

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59th Anniversary Independence Day to be observed with political essence in accord with ...

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The ceremonies in commemoration of the Anniversary Independence Day are observed yearly so that the entire people, especially new generation youth, understand the essence of independence and value of the national unity and safeguard national independence and national unity.

The Government has formed the Central Committee for Observing the 59th Anniversary Independence Day for successful observance of the 59th Anniversary Independence Day 2007 and laid down four objectives for the Independence Day namely;

- (a) All the national people to join hands forever for safeguarding the national independence and sovereignty of the State;
- (b) All the national people to collectively safeguard non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity;
- (c) All the national people to make concerted efforts for the emergence of an enduring constitution and building of a new, modern, devel-



President of MWF Daw Than Than Nwe speaks at Workshop on Human Trafficking.

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oped and discipline-flourishing democratic nation; and

- (d) All the national people to work in concert for the success of the seven-step Road Map of the State with Union Spirit and the patriotic spirit.

The 59th Anniversary Independence Day will be observed with political essence in accord with the four national objectives. In commemoration of the Independence Day, arrangements are to be made to hold educative talks at factories, offices and schools before the Independence Day, to hoist the State Flag, to observe the State Flag Hoisting Ceremony, to organize sports meets and funfairs in cities of states and divisions, districts and townships, and to illuminate the offices, schools, buildings, Independence Monuments and parks.

By forming respective subcommittees, the Central Committee

Workshop on trafficking in persons concludes

YANGON, 24 Nov — The First Workshop on Trafficking in Persons organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation concluded at the federation on

Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township today.

Present on the occasion were President of MWF Daw Than Than Nwe, Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay,

heads of departments under the federation and others.

President of MWF Daw Than Than Nwe made a speech. Later, Vice-President of MWF

Daw Khin Thet Htay and an official of MWF presented the completion certificates to the trainees.

A trainee spoke words of thanks and the workshop ended. — MNA

is to make arrangements to organize the State Flag Hoisting Ceremony, the State Flag Saluting Ceremony and the Independence Day reception and dinner in Nay Pyi Taw.

The process of State Flag Hoisting Ceremony is to be accompanied by the Guard of Honour at 4:20 am on the Independence Day. After that, the State Flag Saluting Ceremony will follow at 7 am. At the ceremony, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command will read the message in commemoration of the Independence Day sent by the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council. In the evening, the reception and dinner will be held in Nay Pyi

Taw. Furthermore, it is necessary to put up the billboards bearing four national objectives of Independence Day before the Independence Day.

Authorities at state/division, district and township levels including Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Development areas are to cooperate with social organizations to hold educative talks on independence struggle of the State based on the national objectives at factories, offices and schools, and essay, poem and quiz contests on the national objectives of the Independence Day at universities, colleges, institutes and schools, to observe the State Flag Hoisting Ceremony at

4:20 am and the State Flag Saluting Ceremony at 7 am and to read the message sent by the State Peace and Development Council Chairman at the State Flag Saluting Ceremony, to illuminate offices, schools, buildings, Independence monuments and parks, and to organize sports meets, funfairs and exhibitions in townships, wards and villages with the cooperation of Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations.

The Secretary-1 stressed the need for the information subcommittee to coordinate with respective organizations to broadcast TV plays, songs and articles in commemoration of the Independence Day. The security subcommittee is to make security arrangements at the Independence Day ceremonies. The remaining subcommittees are also to carry out their respective tasks systematically.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 urged the Central Committee and subcommittees to harmoniously perform their tasks in order to organize ceremonies in commemoration of the 59th Anni-

versary Independence Day 2007 with political essence the whole nation.

Secretary of the Central Committee Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Prime Minister's Office reported on forming the subcommittees.

Member of the Central Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and officials of the subcommittees submitted reports on matters related to the Independence Day State Flag Hoisting Ceremony, the State Flag Saluting Ceremony, compilation of the message of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman, hosting of the Independence Day reception and dinner, matters concerning security and information, organizing of essay, poem, quiz and computer painting competitions at universities, colleges, institutes and schools, and holding funfairs and sports meets at states and divisions, districts and townships.

After holding discussions related to the reports, the Secretary-1 gave the concluding remarks.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects...

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necessary instructions. He presented medicines to the families and cordially greeted them.

Next, they viewed thriving teak plantations near Lwekhaw village in Myitkyina.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into

the road condition of Myitkyina-Waingmaw-Chibwe-Bamoh junction and gave necessary instructions. They inspected Washaung Sluice Gate and progress of the construction of new Myitkyina-Washaung-Sadone road.

Later, they looked into progress of the con-

struction of roads and bridges, building of retaining walls along the new Myitkyina-Waingmaw-Washaung-Sadon road and choosing of sites for building departmental offices at the junction of new and old Waingmaw-Sadon road. Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on progress of construction tasks and attended to the needs. — MNA

Indian goodwill delegation...

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Later, the Indian Air Chief Marshal and party observed gold embroidery and weaving industry in Mandalay. They also paid homage to Sutaungpyae Pagoda on Mandalay Hill and made cash donation. Next, they viewed the of Mandalay from Mandalay Hill.

In the evening,

the Commander and the Indian Air Chief Marshal exchanged gifts.

The Indian goodwill delegation visited Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace in Mandalay yesterday.

Next, they paid homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image and offered gold foils and cash donation to the image. Later, they also visited Yadana Pura Myanmar

Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife, senior military officers and departmental officials. On arrival at Bagan-NyaungU Airport, the Indian Air Chief Marshal and delegation members were welcomed by Magway Division PDC Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe and wife and officials. Col Phone Maw Shwe hosted a luncheon in honour of the delegation at



Indian Air Chief Marshal SP Tyagi, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC, Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of the Air Staff and wife donate cash to the Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA

the funds of the pagodas. Next, they viewed Bagan Archaeological Region and its scenic beauty from Nanmyint Tower. Col Phone Maw Shwe held a dinner in honour of the visiting Indian delegation at

They arrived at Yangon at 9:30 am. They were welcomed at Yangon Airport by Commander of Mingaladon Air Headquarters Brig-Gen Zin Yaw and officers of Tatmadaw (Air Force). The guests then vis-

goda and made cash donations. They paid homage to the Buddha Image made of jade and viewed the religious buildings. After that, the Indian Air Chief Marshal and wife and party paid a visit to Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road. Officials conducted them round the mart.

Later, the Indian goodwill delegation left here by air for home in the evening. Before the departure, at the lounge of the airport, Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Command Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win presented an album and a VCD on the goodwill visit to the Indian Air Chief Marshal.

The Indian delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by the commander and wife, military officers and their wives and the Indian Ambassador and Military Attaché.

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Indian Air Chief Marshal SP Tyagi, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC, Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of the Air Staff and wife and party view the sunset of Bagan from Nanmyint Tower in Bagan-NyaungU. — MNA

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife hosted a dinner to the goodwill delegation at the lawns of Central Command Headquarters. After the dinner,

Arts and Handicraft Beikman in Mandalay.

Before departure for Bagan-NyaungU, the Indian guests were seen off at Mandalay International Airport by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council

Thande Hotel. The guest then visited the Bagan Archaeological Museum and the Shwesigon and Arnanda Pagodas and made cash donations for

Eden BBB Hotel. They exchanged gifts.

Afterwards, Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials saw off the guests at Bagan-NyaungU Airport.

ited the air bases in Mingaladon Station together with Indian Military Attaché Col Jasvinder Singh Chopva. They also visited the Shwedagon Pa-

Pickpocket arrested by police and people

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—A man was arrested near the traffic lights on Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township, Yangon, for picking a passenger's pocket on 20 November morning.

The incident was that a man with the money he stole from a passenger got off a bus of No 80 bus-line and ran away from the bus at the traffic lights on Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road in Mayangon at about 9:45 am on 20 November. And hearing the voices for help from the bus, policemen on duty near the traffic lights and people arrested the man.

The pickpocket, Than Zaw Htay, 22, of Mingala Thukha Street in Wah Wah Win Ward, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon, was seized together with K 20,000 he stole on the bus along with a dagger with a 10-inch blade. Mayangon Township Police Station filed a lawsuit against the culprit. — MNA



Indian Air Chief Marshal SP Tyagi, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC, Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of the Air Staff visits Defence Services Academy Museum in Pyin Oo Lwin. — MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on inspection...

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In agricultural sector, local authorities and departmental personnel are to organize local people to grow quality strain paddy to ensure self-sufficiency while engaging in extended growing of industrial crops, rubber, tea and physic nut plants. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, departmental officials are to make efforts to be able to generate electricity from Nantnan Creek and Meihoke Creek, he added.

In the same way, they are to make efforts for development of education, health and social sectors of the region and to participate in the fight against drugs, he stressed.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win greeted those

present on the occasion.

After that, Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with executives of Tachilek District and Township USDAs at the Aung Myat Hall in Tachilek and gave instructions.

Executive U Soe Myint of Tachilek District USDA reported to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on measures being taken by the USDA and future work.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions, urging the USDA members to implement future work programmes laid down at the USDA Annual General Meeting for 2006 and to strive together with de-



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects departmental functions at the gate of Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge No 1. — MNA

partmental personnel and members of social organizations in carrying out nation-building endeavours and the five rural development tasks.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party proceeded to the gate of the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge where they looked into departmental functions, and called on officials concerned to carry out tasks in accordance with laws, bylaws and rules and regulations.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected the Passport Of-

fice under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Police Col Win Kyi reported to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on matters related to issuing of passport and Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing gave a supplementary report.

In response to the report, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on issuing of passport to those who are to work in Thailand in accord with rules and regulations.

Afterwards, they arrived to Naga Hnakaung Kyaungtaik in Tachilek where they presented of-fertories to Presiding

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Dhammasiri.

After supplicating on religious affairs, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party shared the merits gained.

Later, they viewed the thriving physic nut

plantation near Tachilek Airport and gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party left there and arrived Mongphyat in the evening.

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Meeting to publish Women's Affairs Magazine held

YANGON, 24 Nov — A coordination meeting to publish the Women's Affairs Magazine hailing the anniversary of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at the hall of MWAF on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township this afternoon.

Head of the Information Department Leader of the Women's Affairs Magazine Publication Team Daw Kyi Kyi Win presided over the meeting. Joint-Secretary of the team Daw Tin Hmwe (Hmwe Nge Nge) read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Deputy Leader U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) gave a speech. Secretariat Member of the federation Daw Mya Mya explained matters related to publication of the magazine.

Those present took part in the discussions. Leader of the magazine publication team gave necessary instructions.

The Women's Affairs Magazine No 10 will be published in December 2006.

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Daw Kyi Kyi Win addresses meeting to publish the Women's Affairs Magazine.

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Poppy fields destroyed in Shan State

YANGON, 24 Nov — A combined team including the staff of the various departments, members of Monghkat Police Station, led by Chairman U Nyein Htwe of Monghkat Township Peace and Development Council destroyed 2.5 acres of poppy plantations in Monghan, Hpar Ngan and Wanmahe villages in the township on 11 November 2006. Likewise, the combined team comprising Tatmadawmen, Keng-tung Anti-Drug Squads, members of Mongpying

Police Station and People's Militia rooted out 42.5 acres of poppy plantations in Nahlin, Wankon, Wankan, Wankhun and Konesa villages in Mongpying Township from 16 to 19 November 2006.

So far, 45 acres of poppy plantations in Shan State (East), 148.17 acres of poppy plantations in Shan State (North), 1,723.5 acres of poppy plantations in Shan State (South) totaling 1,916.67-acre poppy plantations, 775.37 hectares have been destroyed in the year 2006-2007. — MNA



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu accepts donations of Chinese Embassy.

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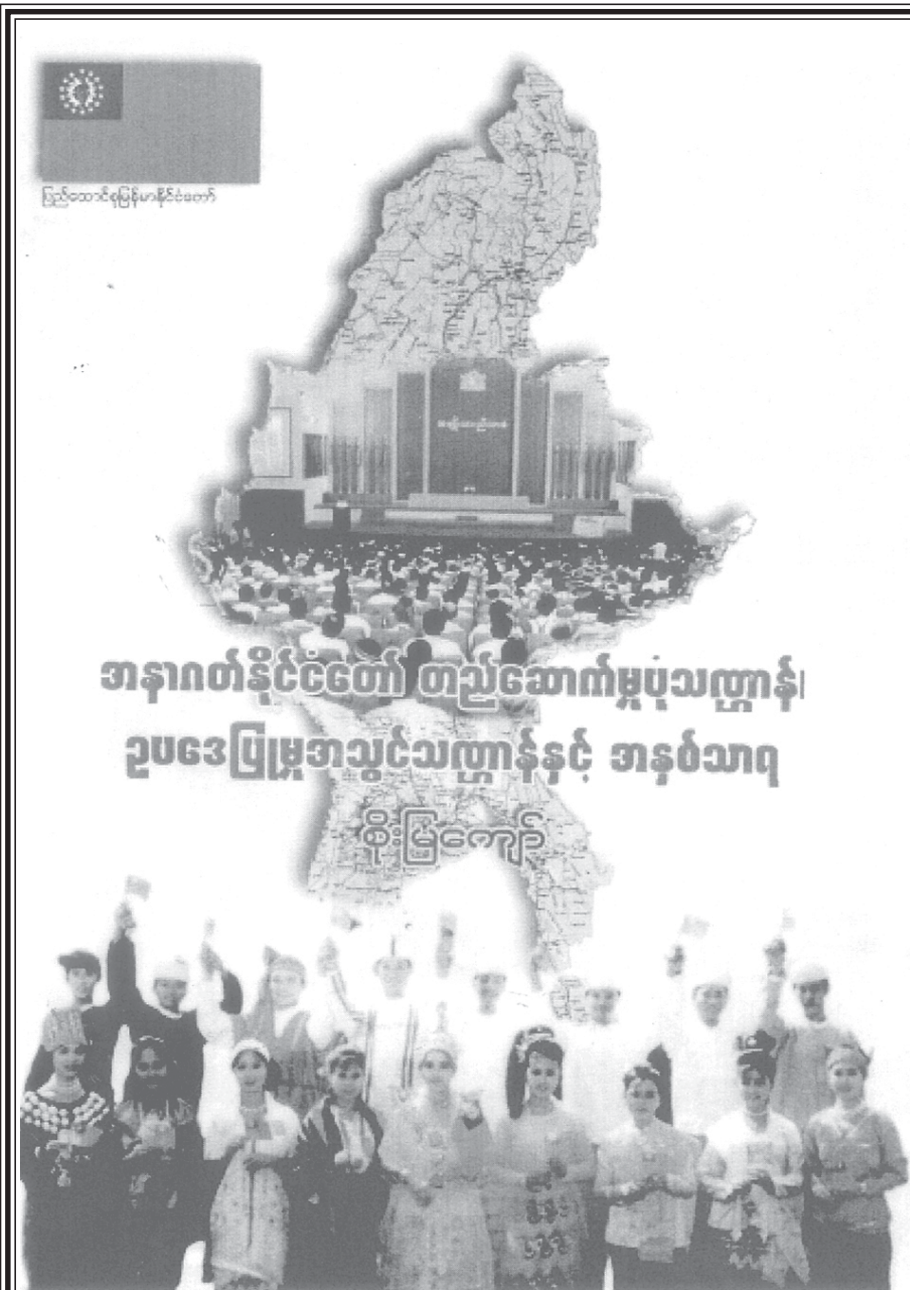
Computers, printers, air-conditioners and copier donated to MOFA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov — A ceremony to hand over 10 sets of computers and printers, five air-conditioners and one copier donated by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at Hotel Nikko Royal this morning.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu accepted the donations from Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu.

Also present were directors-general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials of the Chinese Embassy.

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Canadian police arrest 90 in organized crime sweep

MONTREAL, 24 Nov— Canadian police arrested 90 people on Wednesday in a series of raids targeting what officials said was traditional Italian organized crime.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said those arrested included Nicolo Rizzuto, 82, and other individuals who officials said were affiliated members of the Mafia. They face some 1,350 criminal charges, including illicit drug trafficking, gangsterism and attempted murder.

RCMP Corporal Luc Bessette said 700 police officers were involved in the Montreal-area raids, which stemmed from an investigation dubbed Project Colisee that began in 2004.

“Essentially, Project Colisee will show that six individuals are at the head of a crime organization whose principle activities are committing or facilitating the commission of serious crimes such as the import and export of illicit substances, bookmaking, extortion and the possession of the proceeds of crime,” he said.

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Indian “IT” company launches Global Delivery Platform in Britain

LONDON, 24 Nov— Zensar Technologies, an Indian IT and BPO firm with an office in Britain, has launched its Global Delivery Platform to support businesses looking to design, develop, implement and maintain business applications on British soil.

The GDP was a unique way of designing and implementing business processes, which will radically change existing consultancy methods, accumulate knowledge in-house and reduce time-to-market for new application implement, Zensar with an office in Slough, Berkshire, said in a statement.

As part of British GDP academic initiative, Zensar has joined hands

with the School of Entrepreneurship and Business at the University of Essex, where a Centre of Excellence, with 20 seats to start with, is being set up to utilize the GDP.

A stream of students will learn to use the system as part of their studies and will take the knowledge with them out into the business world, it said.

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Chemical plant explosion rocks Massachusetts’ town

BOSTON, 24 Nov — A huge explosion at a chemical plant rocked a suburb about 20 miles (32 kilometres) north of Boston early on Wednesday, sparking a massive fire that damaged about 30 homes and injured 10 people, local media reported.

The explosion just before 3 am (0800 GMT) at the privately held CAI

Inc in the town of Danvers was felt as far as 40 miles (64 kilometres) away but none of the 10 people injured were in serious condition, Boston's CBS News affiliate said.

Live television showed black smoke billowing from the debris of CAI's flattened factory.

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Best female model award winner Mo Wandan (R) and best male model winner Zhang Xinzhe at the closing ceremony of China Fashion Week International in Beijing, on 22 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

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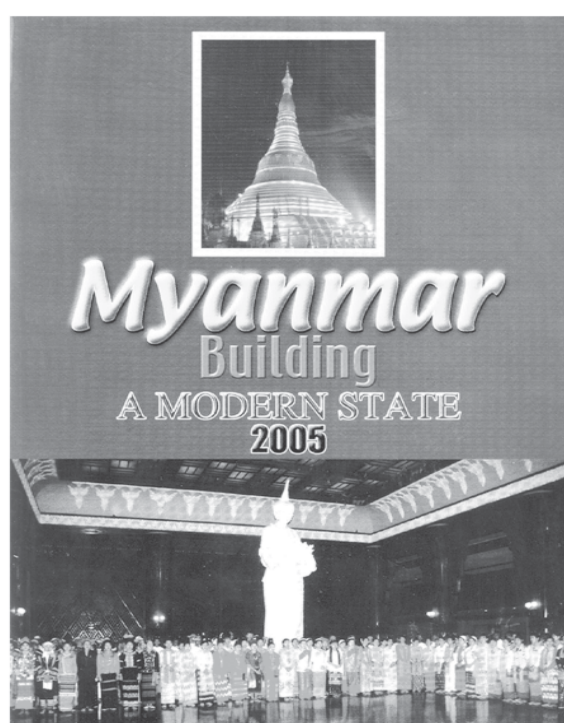
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Iraqi journalist killed in western Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 23 Nov—Gunmen shot dead a journalist working for Iraq's state-run newspaper *al-Sabah* in a Baghdad western neighbourhood on Wednesday, a police source said. "Ra'ad Jafar Hamadi, a journalist working for the *al-Sabah* newspaper, was killed in the al-Washash neighbourhood by unknown gunmen," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Al-Sabah and the Iraqiya state-television are part of the US-funded Iraqi Media Network. The newspaper's building had been targeted twice by car bombing attacks this year. According to the Journalistic Freedom Observatory, a local media watchdog, up to 55 Iraqi journalists and media workers have been killed so far this year in the war-torn country.

MNA/Xinhua

One in 12 schools performing badly in Britain

LONDON, 23 Nov—One in 12 schools in England has been judged to be performing poorly, a situation described as "unacceptable" by inspection body Ofsted in its annual report.

Figures on Wednesday from school inspections last year showed 13 per cent of secondary schools were inadequate, com-

pared to 7 per cent of primary schools.

"It is unacceptable that one in 12 schools was judged to be inadequate last year," said Christine Gilbert, the chief inspector of schools. "While we recognize the challenges faced by secondary schools, especially those in disadvantaged areas, the proportion of secondary

schools judged to be inadequate remains the greatest challenge to the education system," she said. Poor leadership from heads and senior teachers was generally the underlying cause of a school's slide towards failure, she added.

But teachers' unions criticized the report and accused Ofsted of

constantly changing its inspection criteria.

While 8 per cent of England's 23,000 state-maintained schools were judged by Ofsted to be poor, 11 per cent of schools were regarded as "outstanding" and 48 per cent were "good".

Compared with last year, the number of inadequate secondary and primary schools has risen, while the proportion judged outstanding has fallen. But Gilbert said this was because inspectors had "raised the bar" in their reports under a revised inspection regime, rather than because of an overall decline in school performance.

She noted that the number of schools in special measures — the most serious category — had actually fallen to 208 from 242 the previous year. — MNA/Reuters

Seven foreign oil workers taken hostage in southern Nigeria

LAGOS, 23 Nov—Gunmen have kidnapped seven foreign workers including one Italian from an Agip oil vessel off the Nigerian coast, industry and security officials said on Wednesday. According to a statement released by Italian oil company Eni, parent company of Agip, seven of its workers were taken hostage when 10 armed men attacked the

vessel where there were 83 crew members aboard.

The nationalities of the other hostages were not immediately known, the statement added, adding that "the remaining 76 members of the crew are in good health and no damage to the ship was reported". The vessel was about 50 kilometres off the coast of Nigeria's southern Rivers State when

attacked, Nigerian security officials said.

The kidnappings were the latest in a series of attack on oil installations in the volatile Niger Delta, where most of the country's oil is produced.

Since the beginning of the year, militant groups have constantly attacked oil facilities and taken oil workers as hostages.

MNA/Xinhua

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HK, Mainland sign agreement to enhance computer forensics software

HONG KONG, 23 Nov— The University of Hong Kong and Mainland's Shandong Academy of Sciences signed Tuesday a collaboration agreement for further research and development of Digital Evidence Search Kit (DESK).

The DESK, a multilingual computer

forensics software, was originated from one of the collaboration projects between the university and the Hong Kong Police Force and was first launched in 2001.

It is designed to assist law enforcement agencies to examine, acquire, analysis, search and document the digital

evidence of a computer system. It is a multilingual software which supports English, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese and Japanese.

According to the university, researchers from the university and the academy will work closely together under the agreement to further enhance and develop DESK with the rationale to better fit into the market of the Mainland in the near future.

MNA/Xinhua



A young lion hides in the tall grass of Nairobi's National Park on 22 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET

Scientists lose contact with Mars Surveyor

LOS ANGELES, 23 Nov— Scientists failed to contact the Mars Global Surveyor, which went missing in space, indicating that the surveyor's mission was at an end, officials said on Tuesday.

During the decade-long mission, the Mars Global Surveyor took more than 240,000 photos of the Red Planet, but the orbiter has been silent since 2 November.

Officials at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Los Angeles County said a problem with a solar panel has left the craft powerless to communicate with Earth.

"Realistically, we have run through the most likely possibilities for re-establishing communication, and we are facing the likelihood that the amazing flow of scientific observations from Mars Global Surveyor is over," said Fuk Li, Mars

Exploration Programme manager at JPL. "We are not giving up hope, though."

NASA's newest Mars spacecraft, the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, pointed its camera toward the Mars Global Surveyor on Monday, but found no trace of the craft.

Mars Global Surveyor was launched on 7 November, 1996, and began orbiting Mars from 11 September, 1997. It pioneered the use of aerobraking at Mars, using careful dips into the atmosphere for friction to shrink a long elliptical orbit into a nearly circular one, NASA officials said.

The spacecraft began its primary mapping phase

in April 1999. The original plan was to examine the planet for one Mars year, nearly two Earth years. Based on the value of the information collected by the spacecraft, NASA extended its mission four times. "It is an extraordinary machine that has done things the designers never envisioned despite a broken wing, a failed gyro and a worn-out reaction wheel," said Tom Thorpe, project manager for Mars Global Surveyor at JPL.

"The builders and operating staff can be proud of their legacy of scientific discoveries and key support for subsequent missions."

MNA/Xinhua



Hundreds of breastfeeding mothers protested at airports across the United States on 21 Nov, 2006 after Emily Gillette, 27, who was nursing her 22-month-old daughter before takeoff on board a Freedom Airlines flight, was kicked off by a flight attendant for nursing her child.—Internet

British drug watchdog backs new breast cancer drugs

LONDON, 23 Nov— Britain's medicines cost-effectiveness watchdog NICE on Wednesday approved a new class of drugs called aromatase inhibitors for older women suffering from breast cancer.

The decision by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) means breast cancer patients in

England and Wales with hormone-sensitive tumours will receive the drugs on the state-funded National Health Service (NHS).

The new guidelines posted on the NICE website (www.nice.org.uk) brings Britain into line with most other European countries where the drugs have become standard treatment.

"We have been waiting for NICE's guidance for nearly two years," said Professor Jeffrey Tobias of University College London. "Today's announcement should finally

put an end to the postcode lottery for aromatase inhibitors (AIs) such as anastrozole, which have been shown to greatly improve women's chances of not having a breast cancer recurrence, over and above the benefit seen with tamoxifen."

Tamoxifen has been the standard treatment following surgery for women with hormone-sensitive tumours but studies have shown that switching to an aromatase inhibitor helps patients live longer and improves their odds of remaining free of the disease.

Aromatase inhibitors suppress the production of the hormone oestrogen, which is linked to the development of breast cancer in post-menopausal women.

Tamoxifen works by preventing the action of oestrogen on the cells of the breast.

Anastrozole made by AstraZeneca <AZN.L> under the brand name Arimidex, letrozole sold by Novartis <NOVN.VX> as Femara and exemestane marketed as Aromasin by Pfizer <PFE.N> are leading aromatase inhibitors.—MNA/Reuters



Two senior citizens with a child plod against the heavy wind on the street of Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 22 Nov, 2006. —XINHUA

SPORTS



Liverpool's Steven Gerrard (3rd L) celebrates with team mates after scoring against PSV Eindhoven during their Champions League Group C soccer match in Liverpool, on 22 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Shakhtar retain qualifying hopes with 1-0 win

DONETSK (Ukraine), 24 Nov— Ciprian Marica's 61st minute header propelled Shakhtar Donetsk to a 1-0 win over AS Roma in the Champions League on Wednesday, keeping alive the Ukrainian side's remote hopes of advancing to the next phase.

The result handed Shakhtar, under fire for mediocre play in their European campaign, a lifeline as they now have five points, two less than Roma, and could still snatch second place in the group with one game to play. With Roma initially appearing intent on settling for a draw, Shakhtar seized control of the match after a dull first half, creating a long series of scoring chances. Romanian Marica headed home a lob from Jadson over several Roma defenders. —MNA/Reuters

Chelsea's loss leaves Barcelona back to the wall

LONDON, 24 Nov— Reigning champions Barcelona were left back to the wall after Chelsea lost 1-0 at Werder Bremen in a penultimate round group game of the European Champions League on Wednesday.

Liverpool secured top spot in Group C with a victory over PSV Eindhoven, and Chelsea will join them in the last 16 despite the loss.

The 1-0 defeat for Chelsea in Germany allowed the Bundesliga side to draw level with Jose Mourinho's outfit at the top of Group A, whilst leaving Barcelona's ongoing participation firmly in the balance.

The Blues' superior head-to-head record with Werder sees them safely through to the next round, but Per Mertesacker's 27th minute header means top spot is far from assured for the Premiership champions.

Werder's victory leaves Barcelona requiring a win against the Germans on the final matchday to keep alive their hopes of retaining the trophy, but Frank Rijkaard's side did all they could on Wednesday with a 2-0 win at Levski Sofia.

The Catalans took the lead after just five minutes when Ludovic Giuly picked up a loose ball in the box and blasted his shot through the keeper's legs, and Rijkaard's men had to wait a full hour for their second when Andres Iniesta converted after Deco's shot was spilled.

Liverpool ensured they will finish top of Group C after triumphing 2-0 in the winner-takes-all clash against PSV Eindhoven at Anfield.

The Reds had a difficult night on the fitness front

Spartak salvage 2-2 draw against Bayern Munich

Moscow, 23 Nov— Radoslav Kovac's second-half strike salvaged a point for Spartak Moscow as they drew 2-2 with Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Wednesday.

While the draw left Spartak with a slim chance of finishing third in Group B and qualifying for the UEFA Cup, it extended their winless streak to 22 matches, a Champions League record.

The match lacked the usual Champions League intensity, with the German champions already through to the last 16. The Russians drew first blood when Ukraine international Maxim Kalinichenko wrong-footed Bayern goalkeeper Oliver Kahn with a curling free kick into the bottom far corner from 20 metres in the 16th minute.

It was the first goal conceded by the German



Tiger Woods began the final round of the PGA Grand Slam of Golf three strokes behind world No 2 Jim Furyk, but by the end of the day Woods had won his record seventh consecutive title at the Poipu Beach golf course in Hawaii. Woods rallied to win the tournament by closing with a bogey-free 6-under 66 on 22 Nov 2006 to beat Furyk by two strokes. —XINHUA

champions in the Champions League this season. But Claudio Pizarro quickly restored order, striking twice in the space of 17 minutes to put Bayern 2-1 ahead.

Pizarro, who also scored in the 4-0 thrashing of Spartak in their first meeting in Munich two months ago, equalized in the 22nd minute after a quickly-taken corner, flicking a header past Spartak's third-choice keeper Alexei Zuyev.

The Peru striker then beat Zuyev with a 30-metre blast into the top corner in the 39th minute.

The Germans were content to play it safe after the break but Czech Republic international Kovac secured a point for the home side, hitting the target from close range after a corner in the 72nd minute.

Bayern lead the group on 11 points from five matches, two more than second-placed Inter Milan, who also qualified after beating Sporting Lisbon 1-0 at home. Spartak, bottom on two points, need to beat Sporting in a fortnight to reach the UEFA Cup by finishing third.

Spartak coach Vladimir Fedotov was pleased with the outcome, likening the opposition to a well-made German car. "We played against one of the best teams in Europe," he told reporters.

"Bayern are like a Mercedes-Benz, they never break down. Still, I'm very happy about how we fought to get that second goal. We never gave up. We still have an outside chance of finishing third, thus we'll fight to the very end."

Despite failing to get the three points to secure top spot in their group, Bayern still maintained their record of never losing to Spartak in the Champions League.

MNA/Reuters

Bordeaux beat Galatasaray 3-1 to reach UEFA Cup

BORDEAUX (France), 24 Nov — Girondins Bordeaux qualified in style for the UEFA Cup last-32 with a 3-1 thrashing of Galatasaray in their Champions League game on Wednesday.

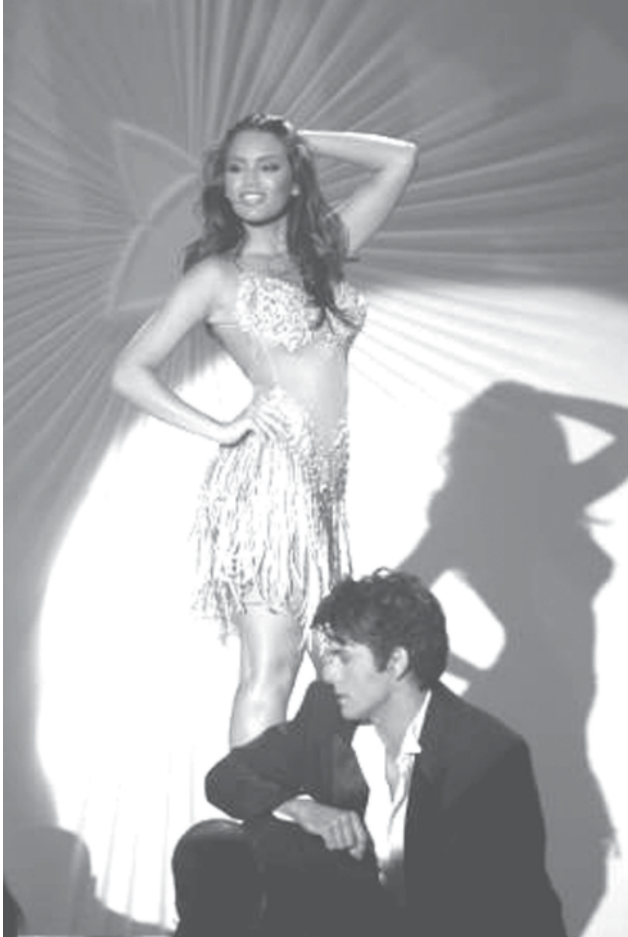
The French side, who were eliminated from Europe's top club competition before kickoff, made sure they would finish third in Group C with goals by Alejandro Alonso, Lilian Laslandes and Julien Faubert.

Galatasaray scored a consolation goal 17 minutes from time through Junichi Inamoto after having midfielder Turan Arda sent off on the hour.

Bordeaux, who have four points from five games, lead the Turkish side by three points and cannot fall behind as they held Galatasaray to a goalless draw in their previous meeting. — MNA/Reuters

China's Zhang Xiaoni (L) goes up for a shoot during a friendly match with Dandenong Club from Australia in Jiangyin, east China's Jiangsu Province on 22 Nov, 2006. China won the match 75-60.—XINHUA





Miss Universe 2006 Zuleyka Rivera performs at the Miss Puerto Rico Universe beauty pageant at the Puerto Rico's Convention Center in San Juan on 22 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

N-E China considers buying electricity from Russia

HARBIN, 24 Nov— A 500-kilovolt electricity transmission and transformation project will enable northeast China's Heilongjiang Province to buy power from Russia, said the provincial power corporation on Wednesday.

The project, under evaluation in the provincial capital Harbin, is expected to transmit 4.3 billion kilowatt hours of electricity every year from Russia when completed in 2008, the company said.

But the company would not reveal the price of the electricity.

Stretching 420 kilometres from Heihe to Suihua, the new grid will be directly connected with Russia's Far East power grid.

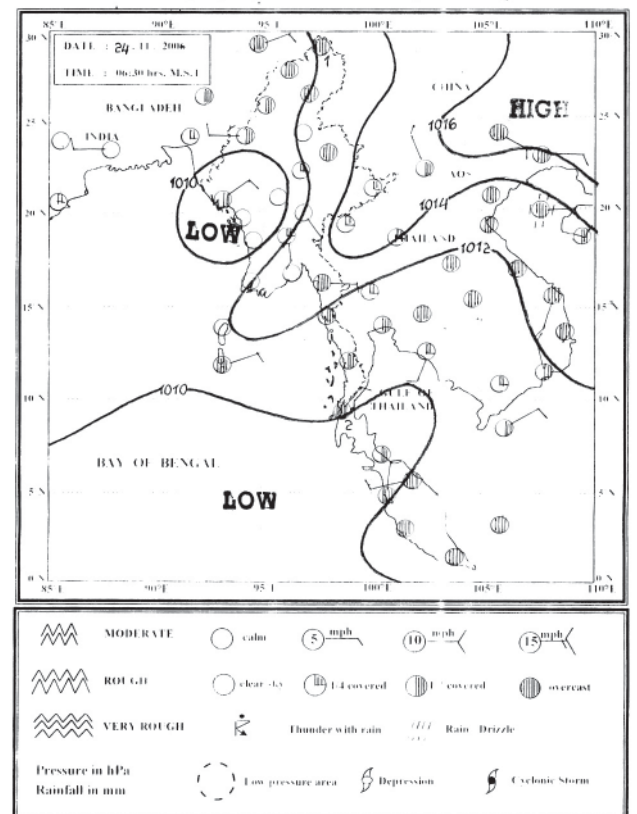
The company source said the gross investment was expected to be about 700 million yuan (87.5 million US dollars).

China's total electricity consumption exceeded two trillion kilowatt hours during the first three quarters this year.

Insiders said the project would help ease the power supply shortage in China's northeast areas.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 24 November, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Kachin and Taninthayi Division, (8°C) below normal in Magway Division, (6°C) below normal in Rakhine and Kayah States, upper Sagaing Division and (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (3°C) and Pinlaung (4°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Machanbaw (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 23-11-2006 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 24-11-2006 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 24-11-2006 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 23-11-2006 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 24-11-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (98.46) inches at Mingaladon and (111.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (116.69) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Northwest at 15:30 hours MST on 23-11-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 25-11-2006: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the Sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 25-11-2006: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 25-11-2006: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 25-11-2006: Fair weather.

Weather outlook for last weekend of November 2006: During the coming weekend, weather will be fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 25 November
View on 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. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. မိုးယုန်းကြီး ရေထိန်းတံခါး

8:10 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. Musical programme

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Grammar made easy

11:00 am

1. Martial songs

11:15 am

2. Musical programme

11:30 am

3. News

11:40 am

4. Games for children

12:05 pm

5. Round up of the week's TV local news

12:25 pm

6. ကြားမြင်သတိပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ

12:35 pm

7. “မပြောမပြီး မတီးမမြည်” (နေရလင်း၊ မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ ရှင်ဖုန်း၊ အိမ်ချယ်၊ ဖိုးစော်၊ နိုင်ဆူသွယ်)

- (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)

1:05 pm

8. သတ္တမအကြိမ်

- မြန်မာတိုင်းရင်းဆေး

- သမားတော်များညီလာခံ

- အကြောင်း သိကောင်းစရာ

1:20 pm

9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

1:30 pm

10. ရင်းငြိမ် ရေထိန်းတံခါး

1:45 pm

11. Dance of national races

2:00 pm

12. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:15 pm

13. စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်း ပုထိုးလုံးတံတား

2:30 pm

14. “အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစေ

- ဘေးရှင်းစေ”

- (လူမင်း၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း)

- (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

2:45 pm

15. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold

- National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English for everyday use

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

4:50 pm

5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညွှန်းရာ

- ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

- ဒုတိယနှစ်(ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု)

- (ရက္ခဗေဒ)

5:05 pm

6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွသံကြေးမှုအက

5:15 pm

7. နားဝင်ပီယံ သူ့လက်သံ

5:25 pm

8. Musical programme

5:35 pm

9. Games for children

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. အလှူရှာမယ် လှူကြွယ်

7:00 pm

13. Discovery

7:10 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “ဟောမန်ဆောင်းရဲ့

- နေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၂၇)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “လှပသော နေ့ရက်များ”

- (အပိုင်း-၁)

19. The next day's

- programme

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects regional development tasks along Myitkyina-Waingmaw-Washaung-Sadon Road

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and officials met with service personnel of District/Township level departments, members of social organizations and townselders at the city hall in Mogaung on 21 November.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports by local authorities and officials on arrangements for regional development. The commander made a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged them to extend livestock breeding and agriculture tasks in the region, to grow perennial crops, to use power-tillers and combine-harvesters in agriculture work.

He said that Kachin State blessed with natural resources has prospects for economic development. He also urged the local people to participate in the regional development task in cooperation with the government's

departments and social organizations.

He presented medicines and K 1.6 million to the medical funds of Mogaung Township People's Hospital through Dr Sein Lin and school uniforms to the schools through the township education officer.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed the development of the township in a motorcade, and inspected Mogaung Bridge on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.

At Mogaung Station, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with servicemen and their families and gave (See page 9)



Lt-Gen Ye Myint presents K 1.6 million to the medical funds of Mogaung Township Hospital through Dr Sein Lin.— MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on inspection tour of Tachilek

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence on 22 November morning met with chairmen of Tachilek District and Township PDCs, departmental officials, service personnel, townselders and those from social organizations

in Tachilek.

Also present at the meeting were Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, senior military officers, departmental officials, the

chairmen of ward PDCs in Tachilek Township, businessmen and others.

The chairman of Tachilek District PDC reported on conditions of Tachilek District and Township, departmental officials on progress of

work and future tasks and businessmen on work being carried out to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said that Tachilek is an economically, socially important region for the nation. This be-

ing so, in striving for prevalence of peace and stability in the region departmental officials at different levels are to make supervision to be in line with laws, bylaws and rules and regulations.

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Indian goodwill delegation winds up visit



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win sees off Indian Air Chief Marshal SP Tyagi, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC, Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of the Air Staff and wife at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—The goodwill delegation led by Indian Air Chief Marshal SP Tyagi, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC, Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Air Staff and wife together with Brig-Gen Zaw Tun of the Ministry of Defence, Indian Military Attaché to the Union of Myanmar Colonel Jasvinder Singh Chopra and senior military officers left here for PyinOoLwin on 22 November morning. They were welcomed at the Anisakham Airport by Rector of Defence Service Academy Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, senior military officers and officials.

At the hall of DSA in PyinOoLwin, the rector and officials gave accounts of the background history of the academy and academic matters to the goodwill delegation. The Indian Air Chief Marshal signed the visitors' book.

The rector and the Indian Air Chief Marshal exchanged gifts and posed for a documentary photo.

Next, the goodwill delegation proceeded to Defence Service Technology Academy in PyinOoLwin. They were welcomed by Rector Brig-Gen Win Myint and senior military officers. They also visited National Kandawgyi Gardens.

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